FLAPPY BIRDS

Hidden in the wordsearch grid are ten birds that are ‘flappy’, i.e. they’re not in a straight line. All the birds are five letters long and pivot about their middle letter, except in the case of ROBIN, which is in a straight line.

Down the right hand side of the grid is the word SEMAPHORE, which indicates that the shapes of the birds should be translated into semaphore letters. EGRET turns into the letter A, for example. When they are put in reading order of where their pivot letters are located, the message ‘AND AMAZONS’ is revealed. This is a book title missing one word, SWALLOWS (and Amazons) by Arthur Ransome, making SWALLOWS the answer to this puzzle.

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