

Tough as Nails Mini Cryptic #8—Explanations

ACROSS

1. SAFER is both the surname of *60 Minutes* “Journalist Morley” and “more secure.”
4. METAL is the “music genre” you get from placing T (“Tango” in the NATO Phonetic Alphabet) in MEAL (“spread”).
5. ATLAS is the “reference book” you get from deleting the last letter (“not finishing”) of AT LAST (“Finally”).

DOWN

1. SAMBA (“dance”) = SAM (“Smith,” i.e., the singer Sam Smith) plus BA, which is a type of “degree.”
2. FETAL (“early in development”) is FETA, a type of “cheese,” plus the letter L (“Limburger, at first,” or the first letter of LIMBURGER). The parentheses in the clue are there to trick you and should be ignored!
3. ROLES (“parts”) is a homophone (“for an audience”) of ROLLS (“twirls”).