



Hidden Passages

If you're unfamiliar with how cryptic crossword clues work, there are some good resources on the Internet explaining them, including http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptic_crossword and <http://www.biddlecombe.demon.co.uk/yagcc/>.

All clues are normal cryptic clues, but some of their answers follow hidden passages as you enter them into the grid. The hidden passages work as follows. Six of the squares on the grid are trapdoors. As you're entering an answer, if you reach a trapdoor then the answer stops there (entering a passage) and continues at another trapdoor (exiting the passage). Each trapdoor letter is part of four answers: Two will use it as an entrance and two will use it as an exit.

Enumerations are withheld to obscure which answers go into the grid normally and which follow hidden passages. Note that even if an answer is the appropriate length to be entered normally, it may still follow a hidden passage.

The final answer is not an anagram of the six trapdoor letters. You need to map out the hidden passages to obtain the answer.

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ACROSS

- 1 Taken in by vampiric creature, I switch partner
- 4 Give up wager against a bit of sunshine
- 11 Strangely regal withering look
- 12 He will inherit the wind, as you say
- 13 A course between French and English
- 14 Iron Man able to bear children
- 15 Ability to choose to release Mr. Rogers (2 words)
- 16 DiCaprio movie is really big
- 17 To get feet wet, you and I get promotion
- 18 Most frequent member of audience walks into insults and tricks by performer
- 21 Hold down an endless job
- 24 Put on paper tie
- 25 Gifts without normal factory configurations
- 27 Short pedestrian moved fast
- 30 To compensate for the speed of light, TV editor uses second device in Star Trek
- 31 Attempt for me to have pain in the throat
- 32 Ladies love, foremost, bathing in oil product
- 34 Sounds like a war cry for twisted tree
- 36 Study of the bottom third of stylus by sibling
- 38 Rearrange it into art wear
- 39 Ancient find Nazis wrapped in thin sheet
- 40 Promise to behead medieval killer
- 41 Deal counterclockwise then hit, period
- 42 Run from piece of meat containing rare part
- 43 Man with all the answers wants Live Travel

DOWN

- 1 Steer dinner gathering to make things fail
- 2 Confuse Ryan and objectivist (2 words)
- 3 Speeches given initially in reverse order
- 4 Cutter punch to right part of chin
- 5 Evil creatures from central Paris captivated by rings
- 6 Judge left former wives, triggered reactions
- 7 Help expunge the first half of every letter
- 8 Fraction of people who succumb to informant in the following counter-narcotics organization (2 words)
- 9 Garnish creation in a new way: instead of eggplant starter, use head of lettuce
- 10 Work party about sports network launched in 2006
- 17 Middle Washington is second in state
- 19 Put something underground to secure mesh
- 20 Quickly heats up store
- 22 Ajax is one programming language with lists and a couple of errors
- 23 Guy at a party embraces a guy who won't keep a secret
- 26 Gail does a flip and infiltrates enemy plants
- 28 Expert to name elementary particle
- 29 Hors d'oeuvre is able to replicate
- 33 Beast of burden is tiller's first aid
- 34 We heard Lucille sob
- 35 Police investigator goes in reverse following 101, is ticketed
- 37 Morally corrupt king under attack