

Hidden Passages

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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 in the same direction (across or down). Each trapdoor letter is part of four answers: Two will use it as an entrance and two will use it as an exit. Solvers need to map out the hidden passages to obtain the final answer, which is not an anagram of the six trapdoor letters.

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ACROSS

- 1 Taken in by vampiric creature, I switch partner
- 4 Abandon 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 Voluntary choice to gird little that's left with luxury (2 words)
- 16 Giant bird beheaded crazy man
- 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 Spanish man swallows small detection device
- 31 Attempt for one 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 remnant Nazis wrapped in thin sheet
- 40 Promise to behead medieval killer
- 41 Deal from right to left 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 Punch to right half of chin - it burns
- 5 Evil creatures from central Paris captivated by rings
- 6 Judge left former wives, triggered reactions
- 7 Help expunge half of all the letters
- 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 Bury a bit of hair 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 cry
- 35 Sen. Kennedy follows 101, is ticketed
- 37 Morally corrupt king under attack