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Introduction

Treasure Hunt-A Book of Clues for Parties was designed for any party, for any occasion, where a gift or gifts are to be given. Why just sit a person down and hand them their gifts, when you can have so much more fun making them find their gifts with clues?

All throughout history, people have been looking for ways to make their parties more fun by incorporating hunts to add an aspect of difference and action. Easter egg hunts and scavenger hunts are just two successful examples of turning a regular occasion into something more appealing and adding a sense of anticipation for the final result, which in the case of this book is the actual finding of the gifts. At a "Treasure Hunt" party, this sense of anticipation is carried over to all the guests because they have an opportunity for participation that isn't available at your standard gift giving party. A treasure hunt can also have an ice breaking effect at a party because the action involved helps to alleviate any possible discomfort of having a lot of people come together in a situation where they might not know each other well enough for conversation alone to carry the day.

In most "Treasure Hunt " parties, the gifts are for a single individual, but the clues provide a sense of participation for the guests, and with some of the clues, actual participation for everyone. A variation of a "Treasure Hunt" party can actually include all the guests in cases where multiple people are receiving gifts, for instance at a Christmas party. I had the opportunity to try out the book at a Christmas party for co-workers from my place of employment. In this example, the host of the party (Shirley) was given the beginning clue in a card. The beginning clue took Shirley to the next clue which

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had written on the outside of it, Do not open-Give to John. The clue was given to John, who opened it and read it, taking him to the next clue on which was written, Do not open-Give to Van and so forth and so on to different employees until at the end, all the gifts that were hidden together, were found and opened by all. The party was videotaped to be enjoyed over and over.

In "Treasure Hunt-A Book of Clues for Parties", there are beginning and ending clues, action clues, clues for every room in the house, as well as clues for the garage, attic and outside. There are also a few for use at Christmas. The concept is simple, and as most parties need only a half dozen or so clues to be a success, a book with over a hundred clues can be used many times for party giving fun.

The "Treasure Hunt" parties I've had so far were for adults (who enjoyed acting like children), but can be given for children as well, as long as they are old enough to read and comprehend the clues.

From here on the person giving the party will be referred to as the host, and the person the party is being given for, the seeker.

Now it's time to move on to planning your very own "Treasure Hunt" party. Here's wishing you much fun on your quest.

Planning your party

Planning your “Treasure Hunt” party is just the beginning of the fun. You can do it alone, or sit down with friends or family members. However you choose to plan, it should be thought out carefully, keeping several things in mind. First and foremost, you must always keep your seeker in mind. All people are different, with unique personality types, and while one clue may be appropriate for some types, they might not fit others at all. The whole point of your Treasure Hunt party is for everyone, guests and seekers alike, to have fun. For instance, if the seeker is someone who is very shy, singing clues or some of the action clues may cause unnecessary embarrassment or humiliation, which would never be your intention. On the other hand, if the seeker’s personality is outgoing and attention loving, those types of clues would be perfect for them. Know your seeker well and select clues accordingly.

Timing is equally important when planning your party. The first clue should lead the seeker smoothly to the second, the second to the third, and so forth. Some of the clues require more space than others, such as the clue that requires the seeker to be taught a dance by the host, and then has to teach the dance to the guests. The clue previous to that one should take the seeker and guests to a room or place where enough space is available, music can be provided, etc. Some clues also require helps or props, so make sure you allow adequate time for preparation for your party. Suggestions and reminders are included as footnotes with clues that require more thought.

Now is the time to choose which clues you want to use. A half a dozen works well, not including the beginning and ending clues, but it’s all up to you how many you want to use.

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Choose one beginning clue, one ending clue, and five or six of any of the clues in the book. There are instructions with the beginning clues to help you get started. The rest of the clues should be written on a separate piece of paper (all the same color, so the seeker knows what to look for) to be folded and hidden, or just follow the footnote directions with each clue. You may want to number and write instructions on the finished clue in pencil that can be easily erased so that you don't become confused as to where each goes.

I should also note that none of the clues are set in stone, so as the host, feel free to use your own talents and imagination to change or modify clues to fit your seeker. Don't forget to allow time to put all clues in place. You might want to somehow remove the seeker from the premises prior to your party in order to make preparations without being observed. Send them on an errand, or have someone take them out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, depending on what time your party is.

Most clues can be used for couples, or even groups, by alternating clues from one person to the next as previously described in the introduction. Write on the outside of the finished clue: DO NOT OPEN-GIVE TO _____. The person named will then open the clue and proceed from there.

Sometimes there will be more than one clue on a page. The clues will be separated by bullets.

Keeping all that in mind, have fun planning your "Treasure Hunt" party, and make sure to videotape it for future enjoyment.

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