

 Find every hidden word, then fill the blanks in the quote.

6 words · 9×9 grid · across, down, diagonal — and some run backwards

E	I	G	E	I	S	M	X	H
E	L	H	K	L	A	U	U	O
S	N	O	A	L	T	M	H	H
R	O	S	N	R	O	T	G	O
A	R	T	F	U	D	V	I	P
I	A	L	R	C	A	L	V	L
S	U	Y	S	E	A	S	O	N
E	Q	E	V	R	Y	C	N	R
R	E	A	D	E	R	S	G	I

THE QUOTE

I have endeavoured in this _____ book, to _____ the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my _____ out of _____ with themselves, with each other, with the _____, or with me.

— Charles Dickens

WORDS TO FIND

GHOSTLY

READERS

LITTLE

HUMOUR

RAISE

SEASON

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

— *Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)*

🎯 Fill every white square — across and down.

5 across · 5 down · art, quotes & literary history

1	2	3	4	
5				6
7				
8				
	9			

ACROSS

- 1 Rhythm of a drum or a poem
- 5 Came to a close
- 7 Sculptor's raw material
- 8 Curt and to the point
- 9 Marsh plant used in clarinets

DOWN

- 1 Finest of all
- 2 Walk into a room
- 3 Love deeply
- 4 Past, present, or future, in grammar
- 6 Heroic act

 Unscramble the 5 missing words and put the quote back together.

5 words · every letter you need is in the boxes above its line

START HERE — BLANK 1

F	H	A	I	T
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THE QUOTE

¹	F	H	A	I	T
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²	T	O	U	S
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³	F	C	T	A
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⁴	N	Y	C	F	A
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Let

let

oust

⁵	E	R	M	M	O	Y
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I look deep down and do believe.

— Herman Melville

Divine Image

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love,
All pray in their distress,
And to these virtues of delight
Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love,
Is God our Father dear;
And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love,
Is man, his child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart
Pity, a human face;
And Love, the human form divine;
And Peace, the human dress.

Then every man, of every clime,
That prays in his distress,
Prays to the human form divine:
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

And all must love the human form,
In heathen, Turk, or Jew.
Where Mercy, Love, and Pity dwell,
There God is dwelling too.

— William Blake

The Sulking Spirit

WEDNESDAY · 9 CLUES · 6 GUESTS

Every Seeker at the caravan minds a lesser vault-spirit, polishing its doorknob, hearing out its complaints. This morning one spirit is sulking in the wrong doorknob and hexing the porridge lukewarm, and its minder won't admit they left the little door open. Auntie is sorting who minds which spirit among the 6 Seekers, and only the careless minder will lie. The rest tell it straight.

Find the liar. Close the case.

	Glim	Nib	Rustle	Sprocket	Whisk	Hollow
Anne						
Baldric						
Dan						
Elanna						
Ivan						
Minty						

Mark each cell: ✕ ruled out · ● confirmed.

The clues

AUNTIE PEARL'S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

- Whoever is behind this doesn't mind Sprocket or Hollow.
- Whoever is behind this minds Rustle, Glim, Whisk, or Nib.
- If Minty minds Nib, then Dan minds Sprocket.

WHAT THE SEEKERS SAID

- Anne says: "Anne, Elanna, and Baldric mind Hollow, Whisk, and Glim, in some order."
- Minty says, palms up like an honest woman: "Ivan doesn't mind Nib."
- Dan says flatly, not lowering the spyglass: "Elanna, Minty, and Anne mind Whisk, Nib, and Hollow, in some order."
- Elanna says: "Either Anne or Ivan minds Rustle."
- Ivan says: "Baldric, Elanna, and Dan mind Sprocket, Glim, and Hollow, in some order."
- Baldric mutters "By the stone," then says, leaning on his hoe: "Ivan doesn't mind Rustle."

The Goblin’s IOU Affair

WEDNESDAY · 22 CLUES · 7 GUESTS

Auntie Pearl had 7 Seekers at the table when the goblin’s IOU went missing from the ledger sleeve. One of them took it, and that one will lie; the rest are honest. Three ledgers tonight (who sat in which seat, who grew which crop, and who ate which dish), and the clues braid across them all. Square the grids. Find the liar.

 Find the liar. Solve every grid.

	 Banquet seat							 Crop grown							 Dish eaten						
	Seat 1	Seat 2	Seat 3	Seat 4	Seat 5	Seat 6	Seat 7	Yam	Pea	Leek	Corn	Turnip	Squash	Gourd	Stew	Tart	Roast	Wurst	Hash	Cake	Fritter
 Anne																					
 Baldric																					
 Dan																					
 Elanna																					
 Ivan																					
 Kattia																					
 Minty																					
 Dish eaten																					
Stew																					
Tart																					
Roast																					
Wurst																					
Hash																					
Cake																					
Fritter																					
 Crop grown																					
Yam																					
Pea																					
Leek																					
Corn																					
Turnip																					
Squash																					
Gourd																					

Mark each cell: ✕ ruled out · ● confirmed.

The clues

- ✧ Seat 1 is the head of the table; “nearer the head” means the lower seat number.
- ✧ Each grid is solved a different way:
- ✧ Banquet seat: order and distance. Who came before whom, and by how far. Almost every clue is a flat fact.

※ *Crop grown: nothing handed over. No clue names an answer outright. Work from what the denials and if-thens rule out.*

※ *Dish eaten: described, not named. Most clues point at a Seeker by what they hold. Work out who first.*

AUNTIE PEARL'S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

1. The Seeker who ate the Tart sat in Seat 7.
2. Whoever is behind this didn't eat the Fritter, the Cake, the Stew, or the Hash.
3. If Minty sat in Seat 2, then Anne grew the corn.
4. If Ivan sat in Seat 7, then Dan ate the Stew.
5. The Seeker who ate the Hash sat nearer the head of the table than the Seeker who grew the turnip.
6. The Seeker who ate the Wurst sat in Seat 2.
7. Baldric sat further from the head of the table than Anne, but nearer than Elanna.
8. Baldric, Dan, and Elanna ate the Roast, the Hash, and the Stew, in some order.
9. Minty sat exactly one seat nearer the head of the table than Anne.
10. Either Dan sat in Seat 3, or Ivan sat in Seat 7, or both.
11. Either Elanna ate the Stew, or Minty sat in Seat 2, but not both.
12. Either Anne ate the Roast, or Ivan grew the squash, but not both.
13. Either Minty grew the gourd, or Elanna grew the corn, or both.
14. Either Anne grew the yam, or Kattia grew the pea, or both.
15. If Elanna ate the Roast and Dan ate the Stew, then Anne or Minty ate the Cake.

WHAT THE SEEKERS SAID

16. 🧠 *Anne says: "Minty sat nearer the head of the table than Kattia."*
17. 🦋 *Kattia says: "Baldric didn't grow the corn."*
18. 🍷 *Minty says: "Elanna didn't sit in Seat 6."*
19. 🦋 *Dan says: "Dan, Ivan, and Anne grew the yam, the squash, and the corn, in some order."*
20. 🛠️ *Ivan says: "Either Anne or Kattia grew the pea."*
21. ✂️ *Elanna says: "Dan sat in Seat 6."*
22. 🎺 *Baldric whistles a bar, then says: "I didn't sit in Seat 2."*

Spoilers below — keep this page face down until you're done.

Wise Word Finder

E	I	G	E	I	S	M	X	H
E	L	H	K	L	A	U	U	O
S	N	O	A	L	T	M	H	H
R	O	S	N	R	O	T	G	O
A	R	T	F	U	D	V	I	P
I	A	L	R	C	A	L	V	L
S	U	Y	S	E	A	S	O	N
E	Q	E	V	R	Y	C	N	R
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Mini Crossword

1	B	2	E	3	A	4	T	
5	E	N	D	E	6	D		
7	S	T	O	N	E			
8	T	E	R	S	E			
	9	R	E	E	D			

- 1A BEAT 1D BEST
 5A ENDED 2D ENTER
 7A STONE 3D ADORE
 8A TERSE 4D TENSE
 9A REED 6D DEED

Anagram Ladder

Let faith oust fact; let fancy oust memory; I look deep down and do believe.

— Herman Melville

- 1 FAITH 4 FANCY
 2 OUST 5 MEMORY
 3 FACT

Daily Logic Puzzle

The Sulking Spirit

The liar: Baldric ★

Guest	Vault-spirit minded
Anne	Whisk
Baldric ★	Glim
Dan	Sprocket
Elanna	Hollow
Ivan	Rustle
Minty	Nib

Dani's Diabolically Difficult Deduction

The Goblin's IOU Affair

The liar: Elanna ★

Guest	Banquet seat	Crop grown	Dish eaten
Anne	Seat 3	the corn	the Cake
Baldric	Seat 4	the leek	the Hash
Dan	Seat 1	the yam	the Stew
Elanna ★	Seat 5	the turnip	the Roast
Ivan	Seat 7	the squash	the Tart
Kattia	Seat 6	the pea	the Fritter
Minty	Seat 2	the gourd	the Wurst