

# **“The (Mis)Fortunes of Saint Ilia’s School for Gifted Girls, In No Particular Order”**

## ***Paper Fortune Teller Version***

by Catherine Tavares

### **Instructions**

#### **How to construct your fortune teller:**

1. Print the fortune teller onto foldable paper. The side with the names, numbers, colors, and images is considered the “front” and, if you print double-sided, the title page will be considered the “back.” If you do not print double sided, then the blank side is the back.
2. Cut along the dotted line so the fortune teller is a perfect square.
3. With the front side facing you, fold the square in half first horizontally and then vertically, opening it back to a square in between the two folds. You will now have two creases that make a cross on the sheet.
4. Open the fortune teller back into a square and flip so the back side is facing you. Take a corner and fold it inward toward the center where the creases made in step three meet in a cross. Two numbers and a color should now be facing you. Repeat for all four corners until you have a smaller square with all four colors and all eight numbers facing you.
5. Flip the fortune teller over so that the side with all the names is facing you. Take a corner and fold it inward toward the center, same as you did in step four. Two numbers should now be facing you, covering two of the names. Repeat for all four corners until you have an even smaller square with all eight numbers facing you.
6. Fold the fortune teller in half first horizontally and then vertically, same as you did in step three, opening it back into a square between the two folds, but keeping it folded in half after the last fold. You should now have a small rectangle with two colors on one side and two colors on the other side. Each color should have an opening on the bottom and side so you can slightly lift the paper and fit your fingers underneath the flap.
7. Hold your rectangle in one hand from the bottom, pinching with your forefinger and thumb in the middle where the creases meet, careful not to pin down the paper flaps with the colors on them. With your other hand, pinch together all four points on the top created by both sides of the fortune teller (two on the left and two on the right) and bring them slowly together. Your fortune teller should come together in its 3D shape with four hollow inserts on the bottom for your fingers and the top coming to a single point. All four colors should be the only things visible from the top.
8. If you are having difficulty getting the fortune teller to come into its 3D shape, it could be because the creases are still too stiff. Press to sharpen the creases along each fold. As you use your fortune teller more, it will become easier to transform from flat to 3D.

## Instructions cont.

### How to Play:

1. Be sure you have access to the story “The (Mis)Fortunes of Saint Ilia’s School for Gifted Girls, In No Particular Order.” It is free to read on *The Dark*’s website via the QR code included on the paper fortune teller title sheet and/or via the link in the newsletter email where you downloaded this PDF.
2. Hold your fortune teller in two hands, fingers in the hollowed inserts, one hand pinching together the left top and left bottom finger inserts and one hand pinching together the right top and right bottom finger inserts.
3. Choose a color: Select (or ask another player to select) a color. Spell out the color name with the fortune teller by pushing your fingers on both hands apart vertically and pulling apart horizontally, alternating direction each letter.
4. Pick a number: Whatever section is open on the last letter of the color chosen is the section you will then pick a number from. Select a number from the four visible and count it out with the fortune teller in the same way you did the letters in step three.
5. Pick another number: once you have counted out the number, pick another number from the four visible now. Lift the flap of that number to reveal a name. You will be able to see two names there, but only proceed with the name that is directly beneath the number you have chosen.
6. Read: Find that name in the story and read the text underneath it.
7. Repeat: repeat steps 3-6 until you have read all eight names. Then, read the section of the story labeled “The End.”
8. Congratulations! You’ve solved the murder of Saint Ilia’s!

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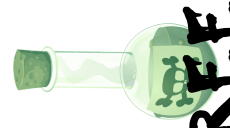


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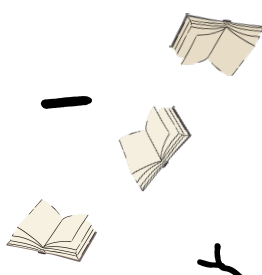
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