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Chart your path through the stars Piece by Piece Welcome to the fascinating world of the unseen:



This guide book will help you get the most out of this unique product. Our Fortune Jigsaw Puzzle" Series was developed to present various fortune telling topics from a historical, unbiased and entertaining perspective. Your level of belief will not hinder you from enjoying this item; you are sure to enjoy the tour through the solar system and finding your place within it. The next section will tell you how to get started and then describes the many interesting aspects of Astrology you can explore with this puzzle. Following the instructions is a list of Frequently Asked Questions and a number of easy-to-read Planetary Position Charts.

How to begin

First assemble the jigsaw puzzle. You will find a puzzle diagram on the inside flap of the box to use as reference. Using the completed puzzle as a tool, you will cast a complete birth chart, indicating the position and significance of your personal planets, assess your relationship compatibility, even predict the future! As you complete the puzzle, you'll encounter the signs of the Zodiac, the constellations which comprise each sign and the charts and indexes which you'll use to uncover the planetary forces at work in your life.

Separate the components. Sort the 12 Sun Sign cards (brown) and 12 Compatibility cards (blue) into separate decks. Punch out the 11 Planet Marker disks, the Moon Card and the House Dial from the cardboard form.

Plot your Birth Chart. You are ready to begin your Astrological reading. The first step is to mark on the puzzle the positions of the planets at the time of your birth*. The instructions lead you through this process planet by planet. As you discover all your planetary signs, mark their positions on the Zodiac with the Planet Marker disks as shown in the diagram. Each band of the Zodiac represents either a Planet or Rising Sign. The outermost band is labeled Sun and the innermost band is the Rising Sign. The Zodiac is divided into 12 quadrants, each representing familiar constellations, like Leo and Pisces. When your Birth Chart is complete, you will have one Planet Marker disk on each band. You may have several planets in one constellation, or sign, or no planets in several signs. The significance of all this cosmic positioning is explored on the puzzle. When all your positions are charted, you will have a full horoscope to be read as a whole. You may find the results very enlightening!

*Point of Astrological Interest. Astrology is based on the characteristics of an individual. It was developed at a time when the popular belief was that the Earth was the center of the universe. Therefore, Astrology is very earth-centered. You'll see this when you assemble the jigsaw puzzle. We put things like the sun and other planets in orbit around the earth. Astronomically, this is obviously completely wrong, but it makes sense Astrologically because Astrology is based on the position of planets with respect to a certain person, at a certain time, and is not a study of the universe. Also, in Astrology, the Sun and Moon, though they are not planets, are referred to as such. In Astrology, a planet is any body which "moves" against the fairly static background of the stars.

What's your sign? Most people can answer this pretty easily - "Aries, Cancer, etc.", but what does it really mean? The question refers to your

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Sun Sign, and means that on the day you were born, the sun (as viewed from Earth) was passing through one of the 12 constellations of the Zodiac. For instance, if you're an Aries, the sun was passing through Aries. Since the Earth orbits the Sun in much the same way each year, the dates of our Sun Signs don't change very much. That's probably why everyone knows his "sign" which is what is usually referred to when you read your horoscope in the paper. The Sun Sign, while very important, only gives a part of the picture. Each of us actually has a number of signs and we'll be figuring out all your planetary signs on this puzzle. The Sun Sign. If you don't

already know your Sun Sign, refer to the Sun Sign Chart on the Puzzle for the dates. For example, let's say you were born on April 10th. Your Sun Sign is Aries Υ (March 20th-April 18). Place the Sun Marker on the Zodiac band of the Sun (this is the outside orbit, the yellow oval) in the section marked with the constellation Aries, the Ram (see diagram A). The

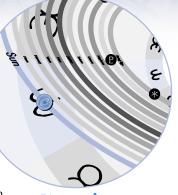


Diagram A

text there describes briefly the significance of being an Aries: "You are highly energetic, adventurous, a leader, but may be selfcentered and inconsiderate". If you are a typical Aries, this should describe you pretty well.

The Moon Sign. Your Moon Sign gets plotted on the puzzle in the same way, but it's more complicated to figure out. On the puzzle is a chart labeled Moon Ruler. To use it, you need the Moon Sign Card. First, find the year you were born on the table labeled Moon Sign Index. Next to each year is a sign symbol. Find this symbol

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To find your Moon Sign ()): 1. Look up the sign next to the year of your birth on the Moon Sign Index 2. Align the black triangular tick above the sign to the red arrow nearest to your birthday on the moon ruler (for red years, use the line between the two ticks) 3. The sign on this card belawyour birthdate is your moon sign									x ;		X S X S P S									

on the Moon Sign Card. Using the Moon Sign Ruler at the top of the puzzle, align the black triangular ck above this symbol n the card with the red row nearest to your irthdate (If your birth

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year appears in red, you will see two sign symbols. In this case, align the red arrow nearest your birthdate on the Moon Ruler to the line halfway between the two black tick marks corresponding to those signs on the Moon Card). The black line indicating your birthdate on the Moon Sign Ruler will now be pointing to your Moon Sign on the Moon Sign Card. For example, let's say you were born on April 10th, 1958. The Symbol on the Moon Sign index for the year 1958 is Cancer (O) (see diagram B). We find this symbol on the Moon Sign Card and align it with the red arrow nearest to April 10th on the Moon Sign Ruler which is the one close to March 28th (see diagram C). Holding the Moon Sign Card in place, we see the tick mark at April 10th points to Capricorn (\r{N}). That's the Moon Sign! To learn the significance of your Moon Sign, place the Moon Marker on the Moon band on the Zodiac (it's the next one in from the Sun's orbit) and see what it tells you about yourself. The Moon is thought to influence Emotion and Habits, so it will generally describe your mood.

Predicting the Future using your Moon Sign. Your Moon

Sign is also used to describe any particular day in the future. You've probably already noticed that the Moon Card says things like "a great day for gardening" beneath each sign. Because the moon influences emotions, its pull on any particular day can describe how your mood will affect your actions and what activities might best compliment that mood. To make a daily forecast, calculate a Moon Sign according to the example above as if today were your birthday, and read the information on the card under the sign. Remember, these are just Moon-effected mood indicators, so take them in context of the rest of your horoscope.

The rest of the planetary positions. You will figure out the remainder of your ruling planets using the charts in this booklet. Each chart is read similarly. Find the year of your birth in the left most column. Moving to the right, look for the range of dates which contains your birthdate. Read your sign for that planet directly to the right of your birthdate range. We'll use the example of April 10, 1958 to illustrate

reading the Mercury chart. Find the year 1958 in the left column, and look right until you reach the dates which read 4/3-4/10. In that same column you will find the Taurus sign (\circlearrowright), which is your Mercury sign (see diagram D).



Mark each planet's sign on the puzzle using the Planet Marker on the band of the section of the Zodiac corresponding to that sign and planet. You may find that several planets share a constellation which means the planets are in alignment. The positions of the individual planets have significance in very different aspects of your life and habits which are discussed below.



Mercury. Your Mercury sign influences the way you communicate and think.

Venus. Venus is thought to influence your approach to love, and your appreciation of beauty and art.

Mats. Mars is the planet of action and aggression. How you deal with these forces is indicated by your Mars sign.

Jupiter. The charts for Jupiter, and the remaining planets are read the same way as the previous planets. However, because these planets move through their signs much more slowly, they change less frequently. Jupiter, being so large, influences growth, ideals, and optimistic tendencies.

Saturn. Saturn's chart is similar to Jupiter's. Saturn is considered a planet of restriction; that is, as Jupiter is expansive, Saturn is restrictive. Your Saturn sign indicates how you experience restraint, order, discipline, and structure in your life.

Uranus. Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto often spend years in one sign before going on to the next. Their charts are of the same format as Jupiter's and Saturn's, but, to save space, we listed only the years they changed. For example, on the Uranus chart, if your birthdate is anywhere between June 25, 1969 and December 31, 1973 the Uranus sign is Libra. As many people born in different years share the same signs for these planets, they are often considered "generational" or common to a generation. The socalled generation gap could be caused by this phenomena. Uranus is a planet of new ideas, idiosyncrasies and eccentricities, and your sign for this planet indicates how you (and your peers) express those.



Neptune. Neptune is a planet of dreams and imagination. It indicates the common goals of your generation.

Pluto. Pluto, perhaps because of its eccentric orbit (it sometimes moves inside the orbit of Neptune and its orbit is on a much different plane from the other planets) is considered an influence of transformation and rebellion.

The Birth Chart Reading, or Horoscope. Now that all

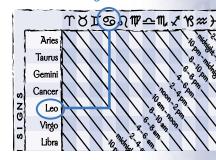
your planets are charted in their proper constellations on the Zodiac, you have a full picture of how the planets were positioned on the day you arrived. All these forces have amassed to influence your life in many ways. The planetary positions give you a much more complete and nuanced portrait of your individuality than your Sun Sign alone. Read the information on the Zodiac and consider it as a whole, keeping in mind what segment of your life each planet influences.

Rising Sign. Your Rising Sign is the Constellation that was rising over the Eastern horizon at the time of your birth, and basically indicates the rotation of the Earth with respect to the stars. While the positions of the planets describe you as an individual, the Rising Sign is interpreted as how you are perceived by others. To determine your Rising Sign, you need to know approximately what time of

day you were born. Use this as an opportunity to talk to your parents. The Rising Sign changes about every 2 hours, so even a rough idea will often suffice. To find your Rising Sign, we use the time of your birth*, your Sun Sign, and the Rising Sign Chart on the Puzzle. Find your Sun Sign on the left column of the Rising Sign Chart. Move to the right until you come to the diagonal line which is marked with your birth time. Directly up from this intersection of

your Sun Sign and Birth Sign is your Rising Sign. For example, consider a Leo born at 3:15 am. The Rising Sign is Cancer (see diagram E). Find your

Diagram E



Rising Sign and plot it on the puzzle using the Rising Sign Marker. Read the information on the band. You can further explore the significance of your Rising Sign, using the Astrological House Dial.

*Note: If you were born during Daylight Savings Time, subtract one hour from your birth time. Since 1966, DST has been standardized to begin in the U.S. at 2:00 am on the 1st Sunday in April and end at 2:00 am on the last Sunday in October. This has also been the general practice since the early 1900's, but there have been exceptions. A good site for information on Daylight Savings Time is http://webexhibits.org/daylightsavings/index.html

The Houses. You may have wondered what it means "When the Moon is in the Seventh House..." Houses are areas of life which have significance to everyone in varying degrees. Each planet that you plotted on

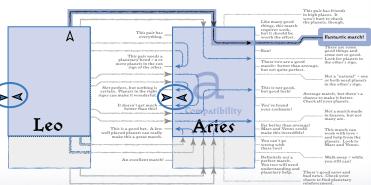
your chart is not only within a sign, but also within a House. Each House rules a certain area of life, from your Personal Appearance to Romance to Money. If you have multiple planets in a particular House, it generally indicates that those areas of life are proportionately prominent in your life. If you have no planets in a particular House, it likewise indicates a lack of interest or natural ability in those areas. To

Diagram F

determine which House a planet is in, we use the Astrological House Dial. Place the Dial on top of the Earth on the puzzle and align the red arrow to your Rising Sign (\star) (see diagram F). Your Rising Sign is always in your First House. Subsequent houses are then defined in order, counter-clockwise from the First House. You can now see what Houses your Planet Markers fall under. To determine the effects of the Houses, follow each path in the center of the House Dial to the planet indicated. For instance, the first path starts "You are expressive regarding...(to Sun)". With the House Dial in place, follow the arrows around to the position of your Sun Marker and read the qualities indicated at that position. So if your Sun Marker is in the 7th House, you are expressive regarding... personal and work relations and marriage. The First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth Houses are considered especially potent.

Romantic Compatibility. One of the most common uses of astrological tendencies is to assess them with regard to a relationship. Maybe Astrology can uncover an area of concern in a relationship, something to work on, or something to look forward to. To assess your existing (or future) relationships we use the Sun Sign Compatibility Chart on the puzzle and the two card decks. First, find your Sun Sign Card (brown). This will have a description typical of someone with your sign, and also lists your birthstone, colors traditionally associated with that sign and other interesting facts. Now, find the Compatibility Card (blue) of your partner. Place your card on the left side of the chart so that the arrow on the left side of the card aligns with the red indicator on the chart. Place the relationship card on the right side, again aligning the red arrows. Then, follow the yellow arrow off your Sun Sign Card to the Compatibility Card. Continue to follow the yellow line through the Compatibility Card and then to the red line which leads you to your compatibility assessment. As an example, you are a Leo and your spouse is an Aries. Find the brown Leo card and place the card on the left side, aligning the red arrows. Find the blue Compatibility Card for Aries and place it on the right side of the chart aligned with the arrow. Now follow the yellow arrows through the path (see diagram G), from Leo to Aries, and out to an assessment which says "Fantastic Match!".

Diagram G





Some Aspects of Astrology.

You may have noticed the red, black and green areas on the House Dial, which say Trine, Conjunction, Sextile, Opposition, and Square. These are indicators for relationships between planets, known as aspects. To interpret these using your chart, align the thick black line which says Conjunction on House Dial to a planet which is of interest to you. If there are multiple planet markers within that sign, there may be a Conjunction between them. If the green mark labeled Trine now points to another planet, there may be a Trine relationship between them. There may similarly be a Square, Sextile or Opposing relationship indicated. Trine and Sextile aspects are "good" and emphasize the positives of two planets. Square aspects denote instability and difficulty within the two. Conjunctions reinforce the planets' influences and Oppositions indicate barriers (usually external) between the two planets' effects. If you are interested enough in Astrology to consider planetary aspects, you will no doubt get a computer generated chart which includes the aspects. This Dial demonstrates these aspect relationships more visually than those on a traditional birth chart.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. How Accurate are your planetary charts?

A. For the vast majority of people, the charts and data listed in this booklet will be 100% accurate. However, for some people who are born at a time when a sign is changing (from Pisces to Aries for instance), who are right on the border or cusp of a sign, these tables could give the wrong sign. Why? Well, for one thing, Astrological sign data may differ based on where a person was born (his latitude and longitude) and his time zone. For the charts in this book, we used US Central Time and a latitude and longitude roughly equivalent of living in Chicago. We took each planet's sign at midnight and used that for our charts. Again, no matter where you live on earth, these charts will still apply to the overwhelming majority of people. For everyone else, they could be off by 1 sign at most. If one of your signs is right on the cusp of a change, most Astrologers would think that you share traits of both signs anyway. Because we wanted this foremost to be an entertaining activity, we didn't want to bog things down by having to correct for time and location. If you are looking for your definitive signs, go to www.alabe.com and request one of their charts (the basic natal charts are free!).

Q. What else does Astrology cover? (or, what did we leave out?)

A. Astrology - a Fortune Jigsaw Puzzle" is pretty complete, but in some ways doesn't scratch the surface of some of the finer points of Astrology. Here are some things we didn't include: Retrograde motion of planets (this is when planets appear to move backwards through the Zodiac), minor aspects, alternate House systems, Nodes, the midheaven and descendant signs, advanced synastry, and a few other details. In the compatibility chart, we considered Sun Sign Elemental data (Earth, Air, Fire and Water) and didn't actually compare two people's birth charts. This comparison is best done with the help of a computer. Fortune Astrology is a great introduction and beyond to Astrology, but there's a lot more to learn for those who are truly interested.

Q. Are there other editions of Fortune?

A. Yes, check our website www.buffalogames.com for the latest.

Q. Does Astrology work?

A. Believing that the planets don't have any effect on people is like saying the Moon has no effect on tides. Many Astrological profiles seem so "on the mark" that Astrology can be extremely convincing. Whether this is attributable to planetary forces is perhaps not such an important question. If it describes you, it works. We believe in tendencies, but people have the will to behave and present themselves however they wish.

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