

# Ginger Bredman

# Player Booklet

## How to Play the Game

This room is full of crime suspects – and you are one of them! You must try to figure out who the criminal is tonight, by both accusing your fellow players and also trying to convince everyone else that you are innocent.

This game has four rounds, each round revealing new pieces of information about each character. Do not turn the page in your player's booklet until the host tells you to do so.

On the top of each page is information you are to share with the whole group. You can either ad lib or read directly from the page, but make sure that before moving on to the next round, you share all information on the top of each page with the whole group.

On the bottom of the page, you will see hidden information about your character. Do not reveal this information until you think it is the appropriate time. You may not lie if someone asks you about this information, but you do not need to offer incriminating evidence about yourself without a direct question. However, if you find out that you are the criminal, DO NOT TELL! If asked about it, you should say, "I am not aware of that information at this time," or just lie if you have to. Likewise, if someone asks you a question you do not know the answer to, just say, "I am not aware of that information at this time." The guilty party is the only one permitted to lie at any time in this game.

There are also 8 secret clues that different players will reveal throughout the night. Make sure you do not look at your clue until your player's booklet tells you to look at it and pass it around to the group. When that time comes, just detach it and pass it around. You may also use the next page to take notes throughout the evening.

At the start of the game, the killer is not aware of his or her identity – it could even be you! Be suspicious of everyone's motives, and remain in character throughout the evening. After dessert, you will be given a chance to make your accusation. You may accuse any player of being the killer, including yourself. However, you must give evidence from the clues, and again, DO NOT TELL if the booklet says you are responsible for the abduction! Have fun!

### The Characters

Mindy Sue Lewis - This former child actress holiday movie star is now on a mission to bring Christmas joy to the world. She knits non-ugly sweaters and custom Christmas cardi's for a little jingle in her stocking. However, when her Christmas fantasy starts to unravel, let's just say she emotionally comes apart at the seams!

Jolly Gimballs - This emo elf pronounces her name "Jolie," as jolly she is anything but! She *loves* wearing black and grey as it matches her outlook on life. Jolie couldn't care less about Christmas spirit. In fact, she's been begging Mr. and Mrs. Claus to cut out commercialized Christmas for years. But has she gone so far as to cut out Santa?

Martha Mayfield - This gaudy gal believes she is the single greatest example of Christmas spirit the world has ever seen, and she loves nothing more than boasting about what wonderful things she's doing in the name of Christmas. But pride comes before the fall, and this time she's done something she's not proud of!

**Misty Pinch** - This judgmental, cranky librarian is utterly indignant that no one can seem to remember the true meaning of Christmas these days! She believes a little Dickens would do us all some good, and wags her finger at anything that doesn't meet her high and lofty standards. But is the prim and proper Pinch only *playing* innocent?

**Devon Mack Alister** – This has-been Christmas hero with Peter Pan syndrome doesn't have many friends these days, as most people just can't handle his wisecracks and practical jokes (which have been known to go way too far!) But with so much riding on the line tonight, could he have another trick up his sleeve?

**Jacque Frostier** - This self-made billionaire tech mogul, made himself rich and famous by inventing the coolest high tech tools to predict the weather and harness the energy of the aurora borealis for intercontinental flight. But hold it right there, freeze, there's a chance of mystery in the forecast that will put Christmas on thin ice!

Robert Ratchet – This humble, kind-hearted man works long hours at the office to keep food on the table for his family of nine children, not to mention the many medical bills for his ailing son. He feels desperate to win this thing, and desperate times call for desperate measures. The question is, just what is he willing to do?

**Evan Scrunge** – This wealthy, shrewd businessman has pulled himself up by his own bootstraps to work his way up from rags to riches. But beware, he's burned a lot of bridges to get to where he is today, and there's a rumor spreading that Scrunge may try to surpass apprentice for the role of head honcho himself!

**Rudy Buck** – This real-life reindeer rancher from rural Manitoba is strong, skilled, but simple-minded, and a tad on the clumsy side. Though the odds might be slim that Santa would choose someone like him to guide anything, let alone his entire European Satellite Campus, he's dead-set on making sure he goes down in history!

**Ginger Bredman** - This sweetie is famous not only for her gorgeous looks, but also her beautiful baked goods and the biggest and best cookie exchange every year! No one ever gets a peek at her legendary recipes, but what else is she hiding? Could it be that her breadcrumbs have left a trail to a skeleton in her closet?

## Notes

## **Appetizers**

#### You should speak after Devon Mack Alister:

(Speak in a soft, sultry tone.) Hello, I'm Ginger, Ginger Bredman. Can you guess what I do? That's right! I'm a boutique baker and I host the biggest and best cookie exchange every year, definitely better than that tinseltown wannabe, Martha Mayfield, or even Martha Stewart for that matter! Take a looksie and tell me if that isn't the best darned cookie you've ever seen! (If they try to take one, you can pull away and say, "No, no, no, look but don't touch, sweetie!) Don't you think Santa would like these better than Martha's tiny dog biscuits sitting on his plate on Christmas Eve? And FYI, my cookies come in dainty dozen, half dozen, dozen, baker's dozen, or double dozen. We keep it nice and simple, no matter how many you buy, just one low price, the price of the double dozen! If you want to see some more delectable delights, check out my Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok pages. Don't forget to like and subscribe! Oh, and warning, it's kind of hard to get in touch with me, I'm very in demand these days. As I like to say, can't catch me, I'm Ginger Bredman! Ha!

# **Appetizers**

#### Hidden Information:

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Also, Santa and Mrs. Claus dropped their contract with you and told you your cookies are better suited for reindeer than people! Unfortunately, your cookies are in need of a major recipe reno and no one has ever tried to steal one of your recipes.

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# Soup/Salad

#### Share this with the group after Martha Mayfield:

I have something to say and don't worry, I won't *beat* around the bush or *mince* words. You all need to *simmer* down, add a *dash* of humility, and *whip* up some compassion for the poor man! Approach the situation gingerly and give him another chance. I'm sure he'll *rise* to the occasion! Oh, and Mindy Sue, do you make potholders or oven mits, sweetie?

## Soup/Salad

#### Hidden Information:

(You can share between rounds for fun if you wish.)

Fun fact: Cookies were originally made to test the temperature in an oven. Bakers would use a small spoonful of cake batter and bake it to see if the oven was a suitable temperature for the whole cake.

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## Main Course

### Share this information right after Misty Pinch:

Scrunge sitting on Santa's throne stirring up trouble? And Martha in the mix? Oh, Lord! Now that's a recipe for disaster! (laugh out loud) Kinda makes you wanna toss your cookies. But seriously, doesn't it just make your blood boil to think that someone could come up with such a half-baked plan against Santa? We've had just about enough of your sweet-talking attempts to butter us up, Martha. We know you're guilty now. Do we even need any more evidence people? Just follow the trail of breadcrumbs, it leads right back to her! This mystery is solved. Piece of cake!

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Fun fact: If Santa were to take only two bites of each cookie he's given on Christmas Eve, he'd consume over 330,000,000 cookies!

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## Dessert

### You should speak after Jolly Gimballs.

Oh, now isn't that just icing on the cake! Martha, you thought Evan was going to whisk you away, but it looks like you and Scrunge don't temper well together. Deceit is bittersweet, leaves kind of a sour taste in your mouth, doesn't it? Awwww. I'm sorry but you can't sugarcoat the truth, honey. Sometimes things just don't pan out the way we planned. It's like I always say, that's the way the cookie crumbles! (Now sharply bite the head off of one of your gingerbread cookies.)

### Dessert

#### Hidden Information:

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Fun fact: Queen Eliabeth I invented gingerbread men. While she probably didn't bake them herself, she did ask her cook to make them in the shapes of visiting dignitaries as a way to honor them.

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# Solve the Mystery

Take a few moments to think through the following questions and decide for yourself who committed the crime. There are several crooked guests here, but only one is a criminal!

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Who would most want to get Santa out of the way? Why?

### Weapon:

Who would have had the means to do so?

### Overall Evidence:

Whom does the evidence point to most strongly?

I, Ginger Bredman, believe

committed Santa sabotage!