

MInd Reading In Reverse Comedy

Many people do mind Reading Tricks. These Mental effects take many forms. ESP cards. Playing cards, Predictions inside sealed envelopes, Dice,

In many cases the magician “reads” the persons mind after doing a set of procedures that “force” the outcome: Math tricks like 1089, Invisible Card Deck or the magicians force.

In other cases the magician “knows” what object the person selected by using various devices that allow the magician to know what was selected: Trick Wallets, a force bag or David Copperfields Magic Circle.

If you want a change from the regular routines and have a flair for comedy then this is for you. This effect is not like any of the normal Mind Reading Routines. It is a parody of them.

The dialog I use is only a suggestion of where to start. The exact dialog you use may differ and how much of the routine you use will depend on the audience response and the time you want to use for the effect. I would only use 3 of the readings in most cases but I have used all 5 and still gotten laughs at the end.

MInd Reading In Reverse

Extra Sensory Perception, ESP, is a much debated topic in todays world. Researchers are devoting time to demonstrations and tests on the little known powers of the mind. I hope to give you an example of the nature of the topic in the next few minutes. I am about to conduct some strange experiments in the field of **parapsychology**—to explore the dark and unknown regions of the mind. To get in the right mood, may we have a few moments of silence. Pause for effect, then say: “Thank you! Clear your mind of everything. Look over the audience and say” I am not going to say whom it is , but one you seems I to be that way most of the time.

Before proceeding further, I would like to tell you briefly how I acquired the peculiar power I am about to demonstrate. My favorite uncle—Uncle Ben. was a missionary in China for many years, converting many people. He also had a sideline converting rice. I am sure some of you have heard of it, you know, Uncle Ben’s Converted Rice.

Anyway, when Uncle Ben came back to this country to retire he brought with him an ancient manuscript with yellowed pages inscribed with Chinese characters. I know what you are thinking and no they are not the yellow pages from a chinese phone book.

This manuscript came into my possession, and on the chance that it might contain forbidden secrets of the Orient, I got a Chinese dictionary and started to translate it myself. Before long, I realized that I had a prize indeed. Here was a book that contained the inner secrets of mind reading. Let me show you what I mean. I will need the assistance of five persons in the audience. Point to five people in the front of the audience.

Hand the first person a pen and piece of paper. Say "Think of a number from one to a hundred. Write in in large numbers on the paper but do not let me see it."

Hand the second person a pen and piece of paper. Say" I want you to think of any color. Write in in large letters on the paper but do not let me see it."

Hand the third person a pen and piece of paper. Say "Think of the name of any person, living or dead. Write the name in large letters on the paper but do not let me see it."

Hand the 4th person a pen and piece of paper. Say "Think of a city anywhere in the world. Write in on the paper I have provided but do not let me see it. "

Hand the 5th person a pen and piece of paper. Say " Think of any historical event, and hold it firmly in your mind. Write in on the paper I have provided but do not let me see it. Do not worry about spelling it correctly."

Have each of you chosen a subject? Then concentrate on your answer." In rapid succession make the following revelations:

Say "Oh wait I forgot to finish telling you about the Chinese manuscript that came into my possession, I was able to translate it at a great expense to me. and it was then,too late far too late for me in nay case,that I made a shocking discovery. Chinese is written backwards, from right to left, so I had learned the art of mind reading in reverse. In other words, I can tell anyone what he or she is NOT thinking of. With no time , money or energy to retranslate the pages I decided to just carry on.

Say" The first person is thinking of a number. It is going be difficult to do reverse mind reading, but I think I will succeed in being able to tell you absolutely what you are not thinking of the square root of minus 13. Please hold up your card and show the audience. Amazing is it not?

Say " And you, the second person, the color you are not thinking of is chart ruse. Please hold up you card. I knew I would be right.

Say " And person 3, You are thinking of a person. I can positively tell you that you are not thinking of Menelik the Second, Emperor of Abyssinia from 1889 to 1913. Please hold up your card. As you can all see I am correct again? Excellent!

Say “ And person 4, you are thinking of a geographical location. I see that you are not thinking of the Nullarbor Desert in Australia. Don’t ever think of going there. If you crossed it on a train, you would ride for 328 miles without one curve, without crossing a river ... in fact, without seeing one ... single ... tree.” Please hold up your card. I am right again

Say “ And person now for person 5. You are thinking of an event in history. This is a most difficult one. But wait, I have it! You are not thinking of the Battle of Borodino which occurred in 1812 some 70 miles from Moscow. It allowed Napoleon and his army to enter Moscow without any hindrance. If you have read the novel War and Peace, you know all about it. Please hold up your card. As you can all see I am correct again?

Well, my friends, for the first time in your life, you have witnessed mind reading in reverse.

“Perhaps you are not convinced that I can do what the manuscript taught me. Some of you may have a sneaking suspicion that these people are planted in the audience as part of my show. So I’ll give you one last test. Everyone here has met a person at one time or other who was brilliant, fascinating and extremely attractive. Just concentrate on the name of that person.

Wait. wait, I think I can say for sure that none of you are thinking of me. I am sorry to say, not even my wife was. By the way Brother Jones I promise not to tell your wife who you were thinking of.

Thank you.