CRAIG'S BOARD GAME LIBRARY CATEGORIES & CATALOG

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HOW TO USE THIS CATALOG

The catalog is divided into two sections. The first lists games by categories to help find games that fit preferences or mood. Then look that game up in the second section: an alphabetical catalog of all games. Each catalog entry gives a short overview of the game to help finalize your decision. Many game entries also have QR codes that lead to a video tutorial which teaches that game.

If you're accessing this document online, then click the QR codes to access the tutorial videos. Click the box cover graphics to access their main BGG article.

The QR code to the right leads to the BGG collection of this catalog. which has more detail. Use it to access rule clarifications, photos, discussion, reviews, etc.



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GAMES BY CATEGORY

PLAYER COUNTS

Most games are designed for 3 or 4 players. The lists below are for games outside that typical range. Official player counts are listed in (PARENTHESIS) and unofficial caps are in [SQUARE] brackets. The maximum player count includes increases from expansion or upgrades.

OVER 8 PLAYERS

- Apples to Apples (10)
- *Cartographers* (based on available scoring sheets)
- *Cranium* (16)
- Deception: Murder in Hong Kong (14 with the included Undercover Allies expansion)
- *Dixit* [12 with custom player pieces]
- Happy Salmon (12 with Green & Blue editions combined)
- Hues & Cues
- Jackbox (Push the Button:10, Bracketeering:16, Lie Swatter:100, Drawful Animate:10, Job Job:10, and The Poll Mine:10)
- *LCR* (12)
- Mad Gab Card Game (10)
- MonsDRAWsity (9 with Cute Creatures expansion)
- Pictionary (16)
- SET (20)
- Super Mega Luck Box (12: via 2 copies)
- *Polish UNO* (~10)
- Welcome To... (based on available scoring sheets)
- Wits & Wagers Family or Party editions, and especially Party with Las Vegas expansion
- Zilch (12)

8 PLAYERS MAXIMUM

- 7 Wonders: Cities (8 in 2 teams)
- Boggle
- *Camel Up* 2nd Edition
- Captain Sonar (8 in 2 teams)
- Cosmic Encounter: 42nd Anniversary Edition (with Alliance, Conflict, and Incursion expansions)
- Detective Club
- Dr. Eureka (8 using 2 copies of the game)
- *Dutch Blitz* (8 using the expansion pack)
- Flinch
- Jackbox (all except Role Models:6, Fakin' It!:6, Bomb Corp.:4, You Don't Know Jack 2015:4, Zeeple Dome:5, Monster Seeking Monster:7, and Blather Round:6)
- Jenga
- MonsDRAWsity
- Say Anything
- Snakesss
- Telestrations

7 PLAYERS MAXIMUM

- 7 Wonders 2nd Edition
- 7 Wonders Architects
- Caverna: The Cave Farmers
- Colt Super Express
- Forgotten Waters
- Heat: Heavy Rain
- Just One
- Port Royal [7]

- Port Royal: Big Box [7]
- Scythe with Invaders from Afar
- Space Base: Command Station
- Wits & Wagers original edition

6 PLAYERS MAXIMUM		
 5-Minute Mystery Anomia: Party Edition Balderdash Canasta Carcassonne: Inns & Cathedrals Clank! with Adventuring Party Cross Clues Die wandelnden Türme Dixit Dominion Big Box 2nd Edition 	 Everdell Faraway Fox Experiment Happy Salmon Harvest Heat: Petal to the Metal King of Tokyo: Dark Edition L.L.A.M.A Love Letter Medici 	 My Little Scythe Troll Trios / Nana / Trio Obsession: Upstairs, Downstair Project: ELITE Rook Super Mega Lucky Box Via Magica Viticulture Essential Edition
5 PLAYERS MAXIMUM		
 Butterly Caesar's Empire Caylus 1303 Canvas Cat in the Box Champions of Midgard The Crew Detective Distilled Dinosaur Tea Party El Grande Flamecraft Forbidden Desert 	 Foundations of Rome (with expansion) Fractured Sky Harry Potter: Hogwarts Battle with Charms & Potions High Score High Society Kingsburg Last Will Modern Art Nidavellir No Mercy Pandemic: Iberia Paper Trail Port Royal 	 Port Royal: Big Box The Quacks of Quedlinburg Ra Res Arcana with expansion Rhino Hero Robot Turtles Rococo Schadenfreude Scooby-Doo: Betrayal at Mystery Mansion Scout Terraforming Mars Ticket to Ride: Europe Vindication Xia: Legends of a Drift System
2 PLAYERS		
 7 Wonders Duel Arkham Horror: Murder at the Excelsior Hotel Battle Line: Medieval Beer & Bread 	 Blue Moon Legends BOOoop Cascadia [1-4] Cartographers [1+] Jaipur 	 Lost Cities One Deck Dungeon series Splendor Duel Star Realms: Colony Wars Summoner Wars
TEAM VERSUS TEAM		
 7 Wonders: Cities (2 teams) Captain Sonar (1 to 4 per team) Cosmic Encounter: Incursion Cranium (up to 4 teams) 	 Destinies: Bound by Fate (2 per team) Password Pictionary (2 per team) 	 Troll Trios / Nana / Trio Wits & Wagers

Solo

Games primarily designed as solo, or have a good solo mode, are shown in **bold red**

- 5-Minute Mystery
- Adventure Games: Monochrome Inc.
- Adventure Games: The Dungeon
- Age of Atlantis
- The Animals of Baker Street
- Ark Nova
- Arkham Horror: The Card Game
- *Black Sonata* (solo only)
- Boggle
- Canvas: Deluxe Edition
- Cartographers
- Cascadia
- Caverna: The Cave Farmers
- Champions of Midgard [unofficial variant]
- Chronicles of Crime
- Critter Cruise
- The Crusoe Crew
- Descent: Legends of the Dark
- Destinies
- Detective: A Modern Crime Board Game
- Dune: Imperium
- EXIT series
- Everdell: The Complete Collection
- Fantastic Factories
- First Orchard
- $\bullet \ Flame craft$
- Flinch
- Fox Experiment
- Gizmos [unofficial variant]
- Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion
- The Guild of Merchant Explorers
- Harry Potter: Hogwarts Battle (solo variant)
- Heat: Pedal to the Metal
- Honey Buzz
- Jenga

- *The Key* series
- Kōhaku
- Lost Ruins of Arnak (with solo module)
- Maglev Metro
- Meadow
- MicroMacro: Crime City series
- My Little Scythe
- Obsession
- One Deck Dungeon
- One Deck Dungeon: Forest of Shadows
- Port Royal: Big Box
- Project: ELITE
- Rococo
- Scythe Automa deck, ScytheKick, or variant
- SET
- Sherlock Holmes Consulting Detective series
- Smitten
- Space Base [unofficial variant]
- Sleeping Gods
- Sonora
- Terraforming Mars (including Ares Expedition)
- That's Pretty Clever!
- Ticket to Ride: Europe [unofficial variant]
- Tiny Epic Dungeons: Deluxe Edition
- Trekking Through History
- Unlock! series
- Vindication: Chronicles and/or Vindication: Leaders & Alliances
- Viticulture Essential Edition
- Welcome To...
- Whistle Mountain (with Outlaws module)
- Xia: Legends of a Drift System (with Embers of a Forsaken Star expansion)

WEIGHT

"Weight" refers to complexity, which tends to reflect in duration. Since most of my games are of medium weight these lists are for the other weights.

• Dutch Blitz

• Forbidden Desert

• Happy Salmon

• Flinch

• Harvest

• Jaipur

• Jenga

• Knarr

• LCR

• Just One

• Kingdomino

• *L.L.A.M.A.*

• *Labyrinth*

• High Score

• High Society

• Hues & Cues

LIGHT, FAST, FAMILY, OR PARTY GAMES

•	5-Minute Mystery
-	7 Wandawa Analita

- 7 Wonders: Architects
- Anomia: Party Edition
- The Animals of Baker Street
- Apples to Apples
- Balderdash
- Boggle
- BOOoop
- Butterly
- Caesar's Empire
- Camel Up
- *Cat in the Box*
- Colt Super Express
- Cranium
- Cross Clues
- The Crusoe Crew
- Die wandelnden Türme
- Dinosaur Tea Party
- Detective Club
- Dixit

• Butterfly

- Dr. Eureka

- Dragonkeepers

• The Animals of Baker Street

KID GAMES • 5-Minute Mystery

• Colt Super Express

• The Crusoe Crew

• Critter Cruise

• Dr. Eureka

- Mad Gab • Medici
 - MonsDRAWsity

• Love Letter

- *MicroMacro* series
- *My Little Scythe*
- JackBox games not a board game, but especially good as a party game.
 - - First Orchard
 - Happy Salmon
 - Jenga
 - Just One
 - Labyrinth
 - *My Little Scythe*
 - The Quest Kids

• Sleeping Gods

- *Qwirkle*

- Via Magica
- Yummy Yummy Monster Tummy

CHILL

Games that have a pleasant vibe or aesthetic.

MEDIUM-HEAVY		
 Ark Nova Ark Nova Arkham Horror Beyond the Sun Caverna: The Cave Farmers Distilled Dune: Imperium Reference 	ast Will ost Ruins of Arnak lear and Far obsession andemic Legacy	 Terraforming Mars Tiny Epic Dungeons Twilight Inscription Vindication Viticulture Essential Edition Whistle Mountain Xia: Legends of a Drift System

• Everdell

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- No Mercy
- P for Pizza
- Password
- Pictionary
- Polish UNO
- Owirkle
- *R*-*ECO*+
- Rhino Hero
- Say Anything
- San Juan
- Schadenfreude
- Scout
- SET
- Snakesss
- Super Mega Lucky Box
- Telestrations
- Trekking Through History
- Troll Trios / Nana / Trio
- *Uno*
- Via Magica
- Wits & Wagers
- Zilch
- - - Rhino Hero
 - Robot Turtles
 - Telestrations
 - Unlock! Kids: Detective Stories

THEMES

DETECTIVE, MYSTERY, OR DEDUCTION

- 5-Minute Mystery
- The Animals of Baker Street
- Scooby Doo: Betrayal at Mystery Mansion
- Black Sonata
- Chronicles of Crime
- Deception: Murder in Hong Kong

PUZZLES & "ESCAPE ROOM"

- Adventure Games series
- The Crusoe Crew

Туре

COOPERATIVE OR CAMPAIGN

\$ = Minimal or no campaign, $\dagger =$ semi-cooperative, $\ddagger =$ competitive, $\overline{\heartsuit} =$ hidden traitor or all vs. one

- Adventure Games: Monochrome Inc.
- Adventure Games: The Dungeon
- The Animals of Baker Street
- Arkham Horror: The Card Game
- Scooby Doo: Betrayal at Mystery Mansion (one player switches to villain for last part)
- Chronicles of Crime
- *Clank! Legacy* (semi-cooperative)
- The Crew: The Quest for Planet Nine §
- Cross Clues §
- The Crusoe Crew
- Descent: Legends of the Dark
- *Destinies* (‡ individual or team)
- Deception: Murder in Hong Kong 👿
- Detective: A Modern Crime Board Game
- Forbidden Desert
- Forgotten Waters †
- Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion
- Harry Potter: Hogwarts Battle
- Just One §
- MicroMacro: Crime City
- MicroMacro: Crime City Full House

- The Mind §
- Near & Far
- One Deck Dungeon §
- One Deck Dungeon: Forest of Shadows §
- Pandemic: Iberia
- Pandemic Legacy: Season 0
- Port Royal: Big Box §
- Project: ELITE
- Scythe: Rise of Fenris
- Sherlock Holmes Consulting Detective: Carlton House & Queen's Park The Thames Murders & Other Cases
- Space Base: Rise of Shy Pluto The Mystery of Terra Proxima
- Sleeping Gods
- Smitten
- Sprawlopolis
- T.I.M.E. Stories
- Tiny Epic Dungeons: Deluxe Edition
- Unlock !: Mythic Adventures
- Vindication: Chronicles ‡§

SKIRMISH OR HIGH INTERACTION

These games feature conflict (attacking, hindering, or eliminating other players) as a central component of gameplay. Not included here: see also the subsection "<u>2 Players</u>" under section "<u>Player Counts</u>."

- Battle Line: Medieval
- Blue Moon Legends
- *Boop*
- Caylus 1303

- Captain Sonar
- Colt Super Express
- Cosmic Encounter
- Harvest

- King of Tokyo: Dark Edition
- Schadenfreude

- Detective: A Modern Crime Board Game
 Dinosaur Tea Partv
- The Key series
- *MicroMacro* series
- Paper Trail
- Sherlock Holmes Consulting Detective series
- EXIT: The Game series
- Unlock! series

MECHANICS

Modern Art	
• <i>Ra</i>	
UILDERS	
	• San Juan
	• Scythe
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• Lost Ruins of Arnak	• Splendor Duel
• Port Royal	• Star Realms: Colony Wars
	• Terraforming Mars
	• Terraforming Mars:
• Res Arcana	Ares Expedition
Rhino Hero	
Sonora	
• Fox Experiment	One Deck Dungeon
	• Project: ELITE
	• Space Base
Kingsburg	• <i>That's Pretty Clever!</i>
• LCR	• Zilch
• No Mercy	• Zilch
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• The Quacks of Quedlinburg	
• Dixit	 Snakesss
• The Mind	
	• Password
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	Project: ELITE
	• SET
• P tor Pizza	
• P for Pizza	
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 Schadenfreude Rook Cross Clues 	• Pictionary • Say Anything
• Schadenfreude • Rook	 Pictionary Say Anything Scrabble
	 Ra UILDERS Gizmos Harry Potter: Hogwarts Battle Kingsburg Lost Ruins of Arnak Port Royal Port Royal: Big Box The Quacks of Quedlinburg Res Arcana • Rhino Hero Sonora • Fox Experiment High Score King of Tokyo: Dark Edition Kingsburg LCR • No Mercy Port Royal The Quacks of Quedlinburg

TOP GAMES

CRAIG'S MOST PLAYED

As of 01/01/2024, excluding escape/puzzle games or due to quickness vs. favorite in gray.

- Heat: Petal to the Metal 1.
- 2. Scythe
- 3. High Society
- 4. 7 Wonders: Architect
- 5. Ark Nova
- 6. Port Royal
- 7. SCOUT
- Cat in the Box 8.
- 9. Wandering Towers
- 10. Gizmos

- 11. The Quacks of Quedlinburg
- 12. Flamecraft
- 13. Medici
- 14. Troll Trios / Nana / Trio
- 15. Obsession
- 16. Dragonkeepers
- 17. Escape
- 18. The Age of Atlantis
- 19. Clank! Catacombs
- 20. Dune: Imperium

MOST INVESTMENT OR BLING

Games with exceptionally premium components, extensive upgrades, or a wealth of expansions († means all promos plus expansions or an all-in Kickstarter)

- 1. Scythe (heaviest box: ~30lbs.) †
- 2. Terraforming Mars
- 3. Obsession
- 4. Dune: Imperium †
- 5. Vindication †
- 6. Summoner Wars
- 7 Wonders
 8. The Quacks of Quedlinburg
- 9. Cosmic Encounter
- 10. Xia: Legends of a Drift System
- 11. Everdell †
- 12. Foundations of Rome
- 13. Dominion
- 14. Ark Nova
- 15. Sleeping Gods
- 16. Rococo
- 17. Arkham Horror: The Card Game
- 18. Caverna
- 19. Fractured Sky †
- 20. Clank!
- 21. Champions of Midgard

- 22. Descent: Legends of the Dark
- 23. Canvas
- 24. Space Base
- 25. Beyond the Sun
- 26. The Taverns of Tiefenthal
- 27. Flamecraft †
- 28. Ra
- 29. 7 Wonders Duel
- 30. Heat: Pedal to the Metal
- 31. Gizmos
- 32. Destinies
- 33. Nidavellir
- 34. The Wandering Towers
- 35. Last Will
- 36. Paper Trail
- 37. Cubitos
- 38. The Quest Kids †
- 39. The Fox Experiment †
- 40. Medici
- 41. The Age of Atlantis †
- 42. Distilled †

AS RATED BY BGG COMMUNITY

TOP 30 BY RANK

	Ark Nova
2.	Terraforming Mars Dune: Imperium
3.	Dune: Imperium
1.	Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion
5.	Scythe
	7 Wonders Duel
7.	Clank!: Legacy - Acauisitions Inc.
3.	Arkham Horror: The Card Game
	Lost Ruins of Arnak
	Everdell
	Viticulture
12.	Caverna: The Cave Farmers
	Cascadia
	Heat: Pedal to the Metal
	Sleeping Gods
	P 30 BY AVERAGE RATING
	Everdell
3.	Clank!: Legacy - Acquisitions Inc. Ark Nova
1.	Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion
5.	Dune: Imperium
5.	Pandemic Legacy: Season 0
7.	Terraforming Mars
3.	Clank! Catacombs
	Summoner Wars
	Sleeping Gods
	Cosmic Encounter
12.	Rococo
	Dominion
	Obsession
	Scythe
	P 30 BY VOLUME OF VOTES
l.	Carcassonne
2.	Terraforming Mars 7 Wonders Duel
3.	7 Wonders Duel
1.	Azul
5.	Scythe
5.	Splendor
1.	Ticket to Ride: Europe
	Dixit
	Jaipur
	Viticulture
	The Quacks of Quedlinburg
	Kingdomino
	Lost Cities
	Arkham Horror: The Card Game
15.	Dune: Imperium

- 16. Pandemic Legacy: Season 0 17. The Quacks of Quedlinburg 18. The Crew: The Quest for Planet Nine 19. Obsession 20. Azul 21. Beyond the Sun 22. El Grande 23. Iberia 24. SCOUT 25. Dominion 26. Champions of Midgard 27. Cartographers 28. Res Arcana 29. Ra 16. Arkham Horror: The Card Game 17. 7 Wonders Duel 18. Heat: Pedal to the Metal 19. Lost Ruins of Arnak 20. Foundations of Rome 21. Project: ELITE 22. Viticulture 23. Splendor Duel 24. Mechs vs. Minion
- 25. Cascadia
- 26. Descent: Legends of the Dark
- 27. Caverna: The Cave Farmers
- 28. Beyond the Sun
- 29. Micro Macro: Crime City
- 30. Iberia
- 16. Lost Ruins of Arnak
- 17. The Crew: The Quest for Planet Nine
- 18. Ark Nova
- 19. Caverna: The Cave Farmers
- 20. Cascadia
- 21. Gloomhaven: Jaws of the Lion
- 22. Scrabble
- 23. Forbidden Desert
- 24. The Mind
- 25. Welcome To...
- 26. UNO
- 27. Cartographers
- 28. El Grande
- 29. T.I.M.E. Stories
- 30. Just One

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

Ratings are the average score, out of 10, by the BGG Community.

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5-MINUTE MYSTERY

Conner Reid – 2020 Edition

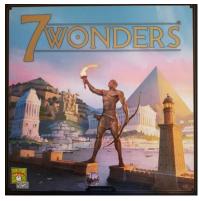
A cooperative game where players work together and against the clock to solve crimes. Examine potential crime scenes at the Museum of Everything to earn clues. Then use those clues to eliminate suspects and find the culprit.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	7.2	Light (5 minutes)





Players can use an optional free mobile app to enhance their game with narration, music, and countdown timer.



Winner of over 30 international awards and nearly two million copies sold.



7 WONDERS

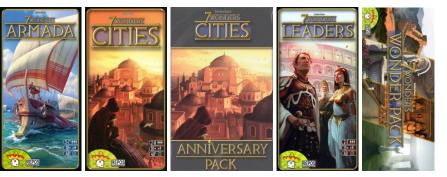
Antoine Bauza - 2020 Second Edition

Develop one of the famous cities of antiquity. Draft cards, across three rounds that represent ages of discovery and advancement. Use those cards to acquire building resources, make scientific discoveries, expand your

culture, and increase military power. Then raise a prestigious structure of glory that stands as one of the greatest wonders of civilization.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 7	8.0	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

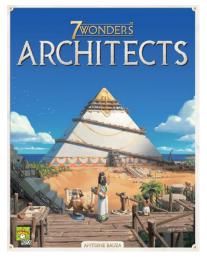




Expansions: Armada, Cities, Cities Anniversary Pack, Leaders, and Wonder Pack

Promos: Leaders: Stevie Wonder

Premium Upgrades: Art Pack, metal ingot resources, sleeves, and organizer. Not in box: metal coins



7 WONDERS ARCHITECTS

Antoine Bauza — 2021 Edition

A fast playing and streamlined version of 7 Wonders using open card drafting. Players select from 3 available cards and work towards building their wonder or gaining powers that will strengthen their armies, speed up building, or increase their score.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 7	7.1	Light (25 minutes)







7 WONDERS DUEL

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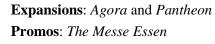
(10+++ (30' @ Antoine Bauza and Bruno Cathala $-\,2015$ Edition

A version of 7 Wonders specifically designed for two players.

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10+++ 30' ⊙

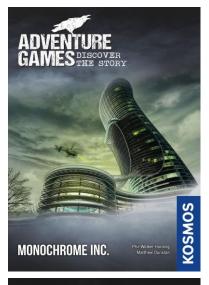
Thayoro har	ing	Weight
2 8	3.1 I	Medium-Light (30 minutes)



Premium Upgrades: Sleeves, organizer, and (not in box) metal coins



ABC



ADVENTURE GAMES: MONOCHROME INC.

Matthew Dunstan and Phil Walker-Harding – 2019 Edition

A cooperative, story-driven campaign where players infiltrate the mysterious drug company, Monochrome.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	6.7	Medium-Light (75 minutes)



SOMSO

Players can use a free mobile app to enhance their adventure with narration, navigate the adventure, and get hints if they get stuck.

ADVENTURE GAMES: THE DUNGEON

Matthew Dunstan and Phil Walker-Harding – 2019 Edition

A cooperative, story-driven campaign where players awake as a prisoner in an ancient castle dungeon. Find items to help you escape, discover who imprisoned you, and most importantly why.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.0	Medium-Light (75 minutes)

Players can use a free mobile app to enhance their adventure with narration, navigate the adventure, and get hints if they get stuck.



THE DUNGEON



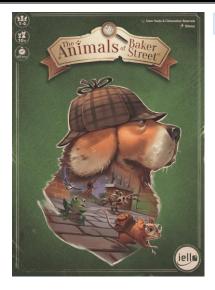
AGE OF ATLANTIS

Daniel Aronson and Nick Tompkins — 2022 Elevated Pledge Kickstarter Edition

Asymmetric noble houses compete for political supremacy while fending off invaders that can trigger flooding by an enraged Poseidon. Use worker placement to gather resources and erect buildings that can grant you technology upgrades to build mechanized mythical giants.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.6	Medium-Heavy (90 minutes)





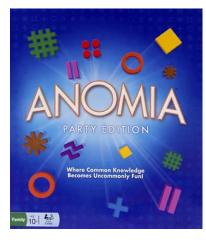
THE ANIMALS OF BAKER STREET

Clémentine Beauvais and Dave Neale— 2022 English Edition

A cooperative game designed for families. Players control Cherrywood the mouse, Briar the bird, Clay the frog, and Calabash the spider. Under the direction of Sherlock Holmes' dog, Toby, they investigate the mysteries of their own little animal world.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.8	Light (45 minutes)
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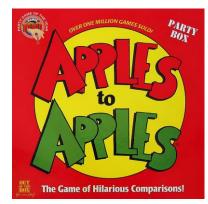


ANOMIA

Andrew Innes — 2013 Party Edition

A funny, fast, and frantic word game. As cards are played, they can trigger a duel and those players must quickly name the thing on their opponent's card. The result is hilarious *anomia*, the condition of getting words stuck on the tip of your tongue.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 6	7.1	Light (30 minutes)



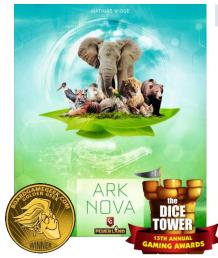
APPLES TO APPLES

Matthew Kirby and Mark Alan Osterhaus — 1999 Edition

A party game where players pair cards to create funny word combos. Players secretly submit DESCRIPTION words for the current THING card. Then the winner is selected by the person who played the THING card.

Players	Rating	Weight
4 to 10	5.8	Light (30 minutes)











ARK NOVA

Mathias Wigge - 2021 Edition

Create a successful zoo by drafting cards to build enclosures, acquire animals, attract visitors, and increase your income. Form partnerships with zoos around the world, interact with universities, and support conservation projects to build prestige and gain victory points.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	8.7	Medium-Heavy (120 minutes)

Expansions: Map Pack #1 and *Marine Worlds*

Premium Upgrades: Organizer, 3D kiosks & pavilions, component upgrades, neoprene playmat, and sleeves. Not in box: Iron Clays and card trays.

ARKHAM HORROR: THE CARD GAME

Nate French and MJ Newman — 2016 Fantasy Flight Games English Edition

This cooperative game series is a card-driven survival campaign set in the American 1920's & 30's. Players control "investigators" with diverse backgrounds and backstories who explore and fight the evils based on the Cthulhu Mythos of horror writer H.P. Lovecraft. Two copies of the core set, allows for up to 4 players.

P	layers	Rating	Weight
1	1 to 4	8.3	Medium-Heavy (60 minutes)

Expansions: Dunwich Legacy and the Dunwich episodes The Miskatonic Museum, The Essex County Express, Blood on the Altar, Undimensioned and Unseen, Where Doom Awaits, and Lost in Time and Space

Standalone: Murder at the Excelsior Hotel



Investigator Decks: *Stella Clark* Premium Upgrades: Coin capsules and sleeves



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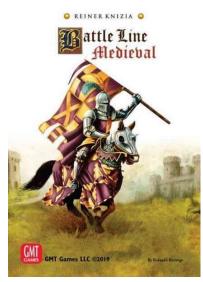
Michael Kiesling – 2017 Edition

A tile drafting game inspired by the beautiful ceramic tiles used by the King of Portugal, Manuel I, after visiting the Alhambra Palace in Spain.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.8	Medium-Light (30 minutes)
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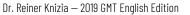


A card-driven party game based on the parlor game Dictionary. Players attempt to write convincing definitions of obscure words.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	6.5	Light (60 minutes)



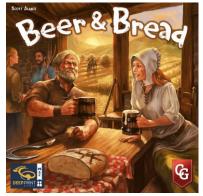
BATTLE LINE: MEDIEVAL



Two player card game with a simple draw a card, play a card mechanic. The placement of played cards creates combinations representing battle formations that shift the tides of war. This classic's popularity has earned itself multiple printings and re-implementations. This latest refinement upgrades the artwork and optionally adds battleground effects or the use of tactics cards that apply to both players.

Players	Rating	Weight
2	7.5	Light (30 minutes)





BEER & BREAD

Scott Almes - 2023 Capstone English Edition

Two villages compete to produce the best beer and bread from a shared field. Draft multi-use cards and balance harvesting, production, upgrading, and storing as years alternate between fruitful and dry.

Players	Rating	Weight	SEA
2	7.5	Light (45 minutes)	
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BEYOND THE SUN

Dennis K. Chan – 2020 Edition

Players build and leverage a technology tree to create worker-placement options of increasing power to control and colonize solar systems.

Players	Rating	Weight	
2 to 4	8.0	Medium (60 minutes)	SE

Promos: Beta Colony technology and Sagittarius A system

Expansions: Leaders of the New Dawn

BLACK SONATA





John Kean - (2017)

Solo deduction game based on the historical mystery of the identity of William Shakespeare's "Dark Lady." Players search 17th Century London to gather clues about the movements and location of the woman who inspired Shakespeare's love sonnets. Identify and locate her before she disappears.

Players	Rating	Weight
1	7.5	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

This game is a handmade version.





Black Sonata

12+ years

30 mins

1 player

BLUE MOON LEGENDS

Dr. Reiner Knizia — 2014 English Edition

Blue Moon Legends is the combination of Blue Moon and its expansions. In head-to-head card battles players tactically choose which character and in which element the combat will take place. Forcing an opponent to retreat attracts the attention of the fickle elemental dragons in a tug-of-war to pull enough dragon support to your faction to seal your victory.

Play	/er s	Rating	Weight
	2	7.3	Medium (30 minutes)



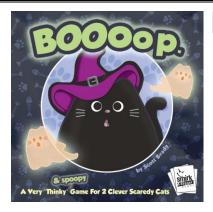
BOGGLE

Bill Cooke and Alan Turoff - Parker Brother's 1992 Edition

A fast, timed, word game. Players use connected letters to form as many words as possible. But only words, not shared with opponents, will score.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 8	6.2	Light (10 minutes)





BOOOOP

Scott Brady – 2023 English Edition

Kittens and cats jump on the bed and "boop" all adjacent felines away. Three kittens in a row graduate to cats. And three cats in a row wins. And in this Halloween themed version of Boop, ghosts scare cats right off the bed.

Players	Rating	Weight
2	8.3	Light (30 minutes)



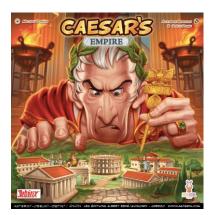
BUTTERFLY

Stephen Glenn — English 2019 Edition

Move the hedgehog around the meadow collecting sets of valuable butterfly and bug tokens, while avoiding negative point tokens.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	6.7	Light (45 minutes)





CAESAR'S EMPIRE

 ${\rm Matthieu} \ {\rm Podevin}-2022 \ {\rm English} \ {\rm First} \ {\rm Edition}$

"All roads MUST lead to Rome!" Players take the role of Roman generals building routes to expand the empire of Julius Caesar (of the Asterix & Obelix comics). An easy and short game that still offers depth of play.

Players	Rating	Weight	FALON	
2 to 5	7.3	Light (30 minutes)		12.22
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CAMEL UP

Steffen Bogen – 2018 Second Edition

Wage bets on five racing camels. Players can cheer and jeer camels to influence their performance. But watch out for confused camels running backwards, or camel pileups that can influence race results.



CANASTA

Segundo Santos — Bicycle Edition

Partnership set-collection card game made extremely popular in the 1950's

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	6.4	Medium-Light (45 minutes)

Premium Upgrades: Card Tray

CANVAS

Jeff Chin and Andrew Nerger - 2022 Deluxe Kickstarter Edition

Create paintings by combining three cards printed on clear plastic. Cards are drafted and overlayed to create a set collection that wins awards based on the colors and icons along the bottom edge of the cards.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 5	7.9	Medium-Light (30 minutes)



Expansions: Kickstarter Mini-Expansion and *Reflections* **Premium Upgrades**: Deluxe Kickstarter edition









CAPTAIN SONAR

Roberto Fraga and Yohan Lemonnier – 2016 Edition

Two teams of players crew submarines. Crewmembers coordinate with their captain to operate their stations in real-time. While evading detection they struggle to keep their ship operational, activate sonar, launch search drones, and deploy their weaponry against the enemy craft.

Players	Rating	Weight	2016 WINNER	
2 to 8	7.5	Medium-Light (45 minutes)	BEST:	
Expansions: Operation Dragon				555777667

Players place tiles in this casual and relaxing game. Like the fortified city of

Carcassonne, players build walled cities, create roads, and establish

Expansions: Operation Dragon and Upgrade One

monasteries in the south of medieval France.

Weight









2 to 6 7.4 Medium-Light (30 minutes)

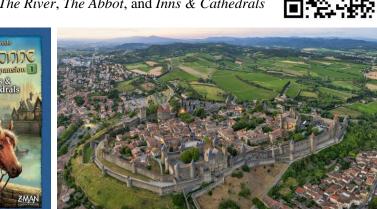
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CARCASSONNE

Players

Klaus-Jürgen Wrede — 2016 English Edition (with River & Abbot)

Expansions: *The River*, *The Abbot*, and *Inns & Cathedrals*





Jordy Adan — 2019 Edition

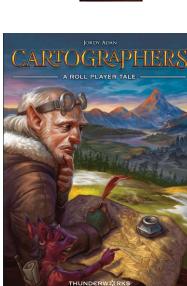
As cartographers for the queen, players create maps by drawing polyomino shapes (like the Tetris puzzle). Reveal cards to determine the shapes and fill-patterns that must be drawn onto all player score sheets. Players select the rotation of the shapes to score the goals temporarily available in each of the four "seasons" of the game. Monsters can ambush your efforts and opponents draw shapes onto your map to interfere with or to distract you from your endeavors.

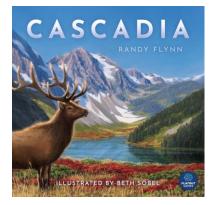
Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 100	7.7	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

Expansions: Ambush, Skills, and Skills 2.

Premiums Upgrades: sleeves and custom organizer







CASCADIA

Randy Flynn — 2021 Edition

A relaxing hex tile laying game where players draft pairs of terrain and animal tokens and create habitats arranged to score.





CAT IN THE BOX

Muneyuki Yokouchi — 2022 Deluxe Edition

Analogous to Schrödinger's cat: in this trick taking game, a card's suit color isn't determined until it is played. And on any turn a player can decide to be out of any suit color so they can play trumps. However, you can't undo those decisions. Be careful not to trap yourself in a paradox. Winner of the Dice Tower 2023 "Best Reprint" award.







CAVERNA: THE CAVE FARMERS

Uwe Rosenberg – 2013 Edition

Place workers to guide a dwarf couple as they convert a cave into a settlement and nearby forests into farms and pastures. Resources and furnishings can also be gained by forging adventuring weapons. But don't neglect to generate enough food for your growing family and to build enclosures for your multiplying livestock. Played over a fixed number of rounds (20 to 30 minutes per player to estimate game length).

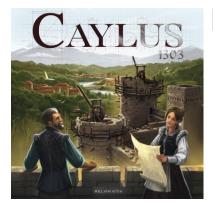
Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 7	8.0	Medium-Heavy (30+ minutes)

Expansions: *The Forgotten Folk*

Premium Upgrades: Weapon discs and organizer







CAYLUS 1303

William Attia – 2019 Edition

Place workers to build the town infrastructure and help with the building of the king's castle to win his favor. But keep a watch eye on the movements of the dreaded provost, who can impact worker productivity. This is the streamlined and shorter version of the classic and award-winning 2005 version. It is played over 9 rounds and gives players asymmetrical powers.

Players	Rating	Weight	EALO
2 to 5	7.5	Medium (90 minutes)	





CHAMPIONS OF MIDGARD

Ole Steiness – 2017 Jarl Edition

Place workers to recruit Viking warriors to your longhouse and to gather resources for journeys to defeat the monsters plaguing your people. Over 70 dice represent the different types of warriors and are rolled to determine hits and misses against monsters. But even those who die in battle earn the favor of Valhalla that you can leverage to claim the title of Jarl of Trondheim.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.8	Medium (60 minutes)

Expansions: *The Dark Mountain* and *Valhalla*





Promos:

Leaders: Bjorn Hammerblow the Fantastic and Jalev the Adaptable

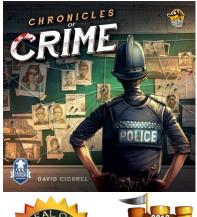
Tiles: public boat Gullinkambi, Varangian Guard and Taflkast House (and polyhedral dice)

Cards: Mercenaries journey, Shipwreck journey, Virtue rune, and Merchant Ships

Enemies: Troll SeeZam (Dice Tower), Tower Troll (Dice Tower); Epic Monsters: Illr Mia, Dark Vordr, Kes Bakyr, Draudan & Bergrisar Kings (Game Boy Geek 2017 Kickstarter) and Sikling set.

Premium Upgrades:

Mjolnir (Thor's hammer) marker and sleeves. Not in box: metal themed coins, painted miniatures, and tokens for meat, wood, and damage. The Jarl editions includes Viking meeples and horned-helmet score tokens.



CHRONICLES OF CRIME

${\rm David}\ {\rm Cicurel-2018}\ {\rm Edition}$

Cooperative crime investigation stories. Players scan QR codes on cards to question witnesses, interrogate suspects, search crime scenes, collect evidence, and consult forensic specialists. Your mobile device is also used as a Virtual Reality window, giving a 360° view to find and gather clues from the locations you visit.

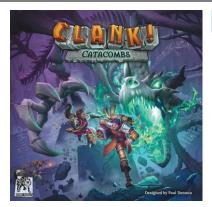
Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.7	Medium-Light (60 minutes)

Expansions: Noir





A mobile device (with a camera) and a free app is required.







CLANK! CATACOMBS

Paul Dennen – 2022 Edition

Players sneak into the catacombs of the skeletal dragon Umbrok Vessna to steal its treasures. Any stumble or clumsy bumble can send a resounding "Clank!" and break the silence. Get in and grab as much as you can before the enraged dragon wakes and brings your adventure to a messy end. Every game uses a randomly generated catacomb and players use cards in this deck-builder to explore, rescue prisoners, and defeat minions.

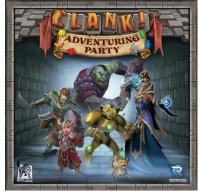
Player	s Rating	Weight
2 to 4	8.5	Medium (90 minutes)

Many *Clank!* series cards and characters can be used interchangebly.

Expansions: *Clank! Adventuring Party* (up to 6 players)

Promos: Brawn vs. Boots, Dire Wolf, Door to Before (2), Enchanted Dice (2), Expedition Leader, Friendly Watcher (2), Lightning Reflexes, Magic Spectacles (2), Opal Apestone, Pledge Support, Siren, Snack Table, Tower of Babble (Dice Tower), Wand of Time, and Wishing *Wall* (2).







CLANK! LEGACY – ACQUISITIONS INCORPORATED

Andy Clautice and Paul Dennen - 2019 Edition

A semi-cooperative, humorous, legacy campaign version of the deck-builder Clank! Adventurers wander far from the safety of their headquarters to collect wealth and occasionally assist the community. But the more they explore and acquire, the more clanking noise they create. Enough clanking enrages and attracts the wrath of the dragon Malathrex.



Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	8.7	Medium (90 minutes)

Many *Clank!* series cards and characters can be used interchangebly.

Expansions: Clank! Adventuring Party, The Magic Lamp (unofficial), and Order & Chaos (unofficial)

Promos: Brawn vs. Boots, Dire Wolf, Door to Before (2), Enchanted Dice (2), Expedition Leader, Friendly Watcher (2), Lightning Reflexes, Magic Spectacles (2), Opal Apestone, Pledge Support, Siren, Snack Table, Tower of Babble (Dice Tower), Wand of Time, and Wishing *Wall* (2).

Optional app for mini-quest multiplayer and solo games



COLT SUPER EXPRESS

Cédric Lefebvre and Christophe Raimbault – 2020

A short and fast skirmish game, where western characters attempt to eliminate their opponents and be the last survivor on the moving, but shrinking, train. Each player selects their actions in advance and then reveals them in sequence to shoot, dodge, and move as chaos ensues.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 7	6.9	Light (15 minutes)

COSMIC ENCOUNTER

Bill Eberle, Jack Kittredge, Bill Norton, Peter Olotka, and Kevin Wilson — 2018 42nd Anniversary Edition

A space battle amongst wacky aliens with bizarre powers. Players seek to be the first to establish 5 colonies on opponent worlds. Negotiation, trades, and betrayals make for chaotic fun as other players are invited, inticed, or coerced into alliances to invade or to defend. Expansions add players and increase the large number of alien races that can be played.

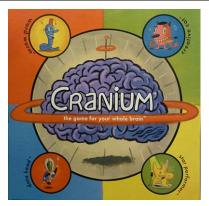
Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 8	8.3	Medium (60 minutes)





Expansions: Cosmic Alliance (white), Cosmic Conflict (black), Cosmic Dominion, and Cosmic Incursion (orange), and Cosmic Odyssey





CRANIUM

Whit Alexander and Richard Tait - 1998 First Edition

A party game, played in teams, that uses various activities and challenges to score. Answer trivia questions or guess words. Clues for words might have to be sculpted, drawn, drawn blind, whistled, hummed, sung, or pantomimed. Or unscramble words, guess words with missing letters, spell challenging words, spell words backwards, and guess definitions.

Players	Rating	Weight
4 to 16	5.7	Light (60 minutes)

CRITTER CRUISE

Antje Gleichmann — 2020 Edition

A children's memory game where the players help animals find their luggage so they can board Noah's Ark before the waters are too high.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	6.6	Light (10 minutes)



THE CREW: THE QUEST FOR PLANET NINE

Thomas Sing – 2019 Edition

With limited communication, players attempt to complete tasks in a space campaign. Success is achieved by cooperatively taking tricks that meet challenging scenario requirements.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.9	Medium-Light (20 minutes)





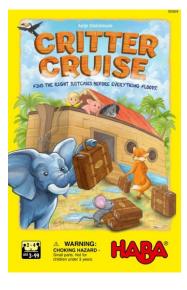
Expansions: (printable versions) *Deimos Adventure* and *Flight to the ISS*

Premium Upgrades: custom insert and sleeved



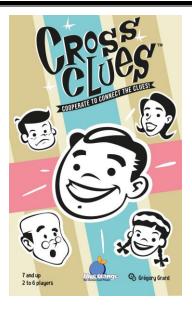








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CROSS CLUES

Grégory Grard — 2020 Edition

A cooperative party game where players give a single word clue to help teammates identify coordinates on a word matrix made of cards. There is no set order of turns and a bit of social deduction can be leveraged. The number of cards given to players, or the use of the timer, can scale the difficulty up or down to suit the mood of the group.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	7.4	Light (5 minutes)



THE CRUSOE CREW

Shuky — 2019 Edition

As the children of Robinson Crusoe, search the surrounding islands, solve puzzles, and find treasure. A cooperative graphic novel adventure for ages 7+. Each player's comic book has unique images reflecting their character's special ability (e.g., Sarah can talk to animals).

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	6.7	Light (45 minutes)





CUBITOS

John D. Clair— 2021 Edition

A push-your-luck dice chucking race. Each roll could give you movement or buying power. The dice market offers options to increase your income, grant more movement, or reduce the chances of busting. And the route you choose can also grant special bonuses. Going bust on a roll has an upside as you can be compensated with a larger dice pool or income. A deck of cards allows players to assign variability to dice powers. Winner of the 2022 American Tabletop Casual Games award.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.5	Medium-Light (30 to 60 minutes)



Premium Upgrades: Custom dice boxes and sleeved.

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DECEPTION: MURDER IN HONG KONG

Tobey Ho — 2020 Kickstarter Edition

A social deduction game, where most of the players are Investigators. But hidden within your group is a Murder and their Accomplice. Before the criminal can escape, identify the Key Evidence and the Means of the murder. One player, acting as the Forensic Scientist, can only point Investigators in the right direction using game pieces. Meanwhile, the Murder and Accomplice attempt to misdirect the group, cast suspicion on the innocent, thwart the Bodyguard, and assassinate the Witness.

Players	Rating	Weight
4 to 14	7.5	Medium-Light (20 minutes)



Expansions: Undercover Allies – Exclusive Kickstarter Edition Promos: *Sorry Pack* and *Allies Kickstarter Pack* Premium Upgrades: Kickstarter components and sleeved.



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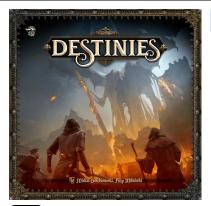
Kara Centell-Dunk, Nathan I. Hajek, Todd Michlitsch – 2021

Cooperative campaign dungeon crawl with modular terrain and miniatures. An app not only drives the story, but lets you interact with your surroundings, controls enemy actions, tracks status effects, steps through scenario, character dialog, crafting, etc.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	8.0	Medium (120 minutes)

A mobile device or PC and a free app is required.

Premium Upgrades: Alternate Art Weapon cards, Hybrid Centurion figure, and Acrylic Dials





A mobile device, or PC capable of scanning QR codes, and a free app is required.



DESTINIES

Michał Gołębiowski, Filip Miłuński – 2021 Edition

A dark, competitive, app-driven, campaign with miniatures. Adventurers explore their surroundings and interview townsfolk to identify and then fulfill their personal destinies. Since competitors do not share destinies, players cannot block their opponents. Being the first to complete their destiny wins the game, but you'll only succeed if properly prepared. The *Bound by Fate* module allows for four players to face off in teams.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.9	Medium-Light (90 minutes)

Expansions: Bound by Fate, Myth & Folklore, Sea of Sand, and Witchwood





DETECTIVE: A MODERN CRIME BOARD GAME

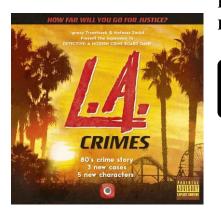
Ignacy Trzewiczek, Mateusz Zaród — 2018 English Second Edition

Players take the role of investigators, each with their own specialization. Using the online ANTARES N.I.A. database, investigators review the case files, interrogation transcripts, and other evidence to solve each interconnected case before time runs out. Cases have connections to real world events and history and players can search the web to enrich the experience.

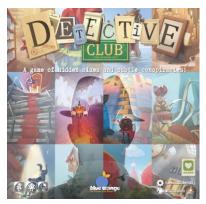
Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 5	7.8	Medium (2 to 3 hours)

Expansions: *L.A. Crimes* and *Suburbia* (Case VI) **Premium Upgrades**: Acrylic tokens





A mobile device or PC is used to access a website required by the game.



DETECTIVE CLUB

Oleksandr Nevskiy — 2019 Blue Orage English-Only Edition

A light and fast-playing party and family game. Pick one of your beautifully illustrated cards to represent the chosen secret word. But one player doesn't know the word and must bluff their way through the rationale of their cards. It is Dixit meets Social Deduction and Dixit cards can be used to add huge variety to this game.

Players	Rating	Weight
4 to 8	7.4	Light (45 minutes)



Optional *Club Beeper* app can be used to guide and score the game.



DICE FORGE

Régis Bonnessée — 2017 Edition

Set in the Greek mythos, ALL players make dice rolls every turn and the game is played over a fixed number of rounds. This makes for a fast and engaging session. Also, the faces of the dice can be upgraded so the benefits of your rolls improve throughout the game. The dice grant you resources to buy cards, which in turn give both points and ongoing or one-time rewards. All components in the game are high production quality.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.3	Medium-Light (45 minutes)



Promos: Dice Tower card



DINOSAUR TEA PARTY

Rob Daviau, JR Honeycutt, and Justin D. Jacobson— 2018 English Edition

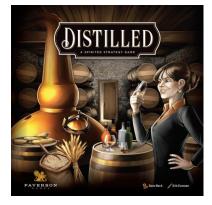
All the dinosaurs are gussied up for the high tea at Dinoton Abbey. But you can't remember all the guest names. Use questions of deduction to identify guests by attributes like hats, flowers, glasses, etc. to be the first to correctly guess the names of 3 guests.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 5	7.2	Light (15 to 30 minutes)

Upgrades: Sleeved



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DISTILLED

Dave Beck — 2023 Kickstarter Signature Blend (All-In) Edition

As heir to a distillery, rebuild it to its former glory. Buy ingredients and try new recipes to offer more sophisticated offerings.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 5	7.9	Medium (0.5 to 2.5 hours)

Expansion: Africa & Middle East

Upgrades: Neoprene mat, metal coins & cubes

DIXIT

Jean-Louis Roubira — 2020 Second Printing English Edition

Strange and beautiful artwork cards are the heart of this social deduction game. Players take turns giving a clue about one of their cards. Then the other players attempt to guess which cards matches, while also submiting their plausible artwork cards to steal votes. Nearly one thousand rich and enchanting cards keep every game a fresh discovery.

Players	Rating	Weight
3-6[12]	7.2	Light (30 minutes)

Expansion: Anniversary, Daydreams, Harmonies, Journey, Memories, Mirrors, Odyssey, Origins, Quest, and Revelations

Promos: *Dice Tower*

Premium Upgrades: Sleeved. Custom player pieces for 7 to 12 players.











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DOMINION

Donald X. Vaccarino — 2016 Big Box Second Edition

The classic and wildly popular deck builder has won multiple Game of the Year awards internationally. In this fast playing game, everyone starts with the same deck of cards representing their kingdom. Balance the growth of your dominion (point cards), increasing your buying power, and

empowering your ability to trigger satisfying combos. Each game uses only a tiny subset of nearly two thousand cards, giving a myriad of permutations to keep games fresh.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	8.2	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

Expansions: *Allies*, *Intrigue*, and *Prosperity* (including *Prosperity* 2nd Edition Update pack)

Promos: Black Market, Captain, Church, Envoy, Governor, Prince, Sauna/ Avanto, and Walled Village

Premium Upgrades: Sleeved and (not in box) a turntable







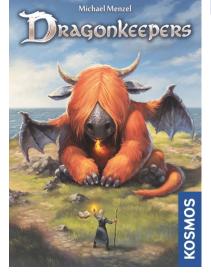
DR. EUREKA

Roberto Fraga — 2015 Edition

A dexterity speed game for all ages. Players race to pour and arrange ingredients (six colored marbles) in three test tubes to create specific patterns, without handling the marbles, and be the first to shout *EUREKA*! There are two copies of this game, allowing up to 8 players.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 8	6.6	Light (15 minutes)

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DRAGONKEEPERS

Michael Menzel — 2023 English Edition

Players gather herds of different dragon colors (types). Expanding color variety, however, stops the growth of previously collected herds. So it requires timing and balance to maximize herd values.

	Players	Rating	Weight
	2 to 4	7.2	Light (20 minutes)









Optional app for solo or two player games. Or, add *Arrakeen Scouts* or *Blitz* mode to 3 & 4 player games.



DUNE: IMPERIUM

Paul Dennen – Deluxe 2020 Editon

Dune: Imperium is based on Frank Herber's novel, *Dune*, and using artwork based on the 2021 movie. The game thematically captures the factions and power struggles surronding the desert planet of Arrakis. Players use worker placement and deck building to aquire scarce resouces, build politcal alliances, deploy troops, and stage plots of intrigue.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	8.4	Medium (60 minutes)

Expansions: Rise of Ix and Immortaltiy

Promos: Promo Pack cards.

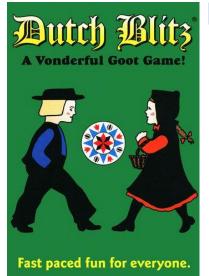
Premium Upgrades: Deluxe Upgrade Pack (miniatures [Agents, Mentat, Alliances, and Troops], metal first-player token, and storage system), sleeved, acrylic tokens (for spice, combat, control, councilors, atomics, influence, player powers, and scoring), replacement dreadnaughts, and (not in box) futuristic metal coins.











DUTCH BLITZ

Werner Ernst George Muller — 1973 English Clamshell Edition

A fast and frantic card game where players simultaneously play their personal decks as they race to empty a target pile of cards and shout *BLITZ*!

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 8	6.7	Light (15 minutes)

Expansions: 2012 Edition Expansion Pack adds 4 new deck colors. Combine with the original decks to allow 5 to 8 players.





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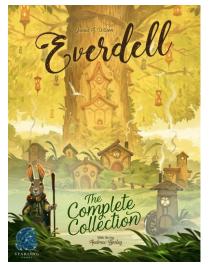
Wolfgang Kramer and Richard Ulrich — 1996 Rio Grande English Edition

RITIKERP

As the King of Spain's power weakens, the medieval *Grandes* (lords) draft *caballeros* (knights) to bring regions under their control. This awardwinning classic has retained its international popularity for over 25 years.

Players	Rating	Weight	Spiel des
2 to 5	7.7	Medium (60 minutes) 📶	
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EVERDELL

James A. Wilson – 2022 ALL-IN Kickstarter "The Complete Collection" Edition

Players build a forest settlement populated with adorable woodland critters. Place workers to gather resources and build a card tableau that represents your growing village.

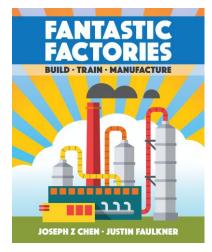
Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	8.7	Medium (40 minutes)



Expansions: Bellfaire, Mistwood, Newleaf, Pearlbrook, and Spirecrest

Premium Upgrades: Wooden *Ever Tree*, *Glimmergold* upgrade pack, *Freshwater* upgrade pack, *Trailblazers* upgrade pack, *Big Ol' Box of Storage*, metal point tokens, resin resource tokens, wooden tokens, meeple stickers, deluxe resource token trays, and art sleeves





FANTASTIC FACTORIES

Joseph Z Chen and Justin Faulkner – 2019 Edition

A dice-driven engine building game where players build efficient factories and generate enough goods to win the game. All players roll their dice and activate their factories simultaneously for a fast-paced game.

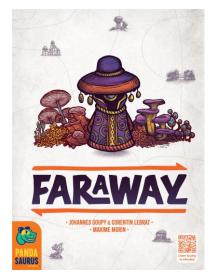
Players	Rating	Weight	
1 to 5	7.5	Medium-Light (45 minutes)	
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Expansions: Manufactions and Subterfuge

Promos: Promo Packs 1 & 2 and Factions Pack 1







FARAWAY

Johannes Goupy and Corentin Lebrat — 2024 Pandasaurus English Edition

A quick and light card game with drafting and a clever twist: cards are scored in the reverse order from the order they were played.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	7.6	Light (30 minutes)





FIRST ORCHARD

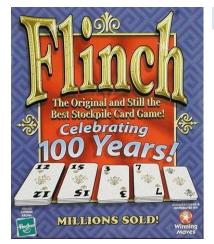
Anneliese Farkaschovsky -2009 Edition

A young children's (2+) game that teaches colors. Players roll a die to harvest an orchard before the raven gobbles up all the fruit. Nice large components.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	6.7	Light (10 minutes)







FLAMECRAFT

Manny Vega - 2022 Kickstarter Deluxe Edition

Players act as Flamekeepers who recruit adorable little dragons to work in the village shops. Leverage their magical skills to bake bread, cook meat, melt iron, etc. Then use the resulting products to create enchantments that improve the shops even more and win the title Master of Flamecraft. Winner of the Dice Tower 2023 "Best Welcoming Game" award.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 5	8.0	Medium-Light (60 minutes)



Promos: Spice Tower, Flamestarter Statue, Lucky Lake, Stuff the Magic Dragon, and Alternate Starter Shops

Premium Upgrades: Deluxe Version includes 6 dragon minatures, silkscreened wooden tokens, metal coins, cloth bag, GameTrayz storage system, and sleeved. (Also non-game items: stickers, enamel pin, artwork cards and bookmarks.)

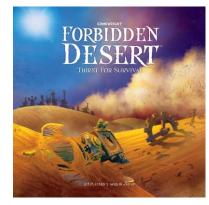
FLINCH

Eugene H. Munger and A. J. Patterson $\,-\,2002$ Hasbro Edition

Play cards in sequence from your hand, discard piles, and game pile. Be the first to play all the cards from your game pile.

Pla	ayers	Rating	Weight
1	l to 8	5.3	Light (20 minutes)





FORBIDDEN DESERT

Matt Leacock – 2013 Edition

Players cooperate to recover a legendary flying machine and use it to escape before the ancient city, and your life, is consumed by the harsh desert.



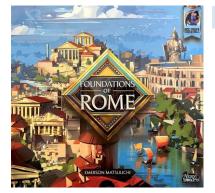




Requires a mobile device or PC and a free app. The app provides voice-acted dialogue for each story and ambient sound effects.







FORGOTTEN WATERS

Mr. Bistro, J. Arthur Ellis, and Isaac Vega – 2020 Edition

Players take on the role of pirates in this cooperative campaign. Keep the ship afloat and complete the story objective. But as pirates you'll want to balance teamwork against growing your personal wealth and fulfilling your personal destiny.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 7	8.0	Medium-Light (120 minutes)

Expansions: *Kraken's Eye*





FORT

Grant Rodiek – 2020 Edition

Rally neighborhood kids to build the best fort. Gather toys and pizza to attract members. But try not to leave any kids idle, or they may wander off to play at someone else's fort. In this deck-builder all the other players get to "follow the leader" and mimic some of the actions taken.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.2	Medium-Light (20 minutes)
	S & DOGS	Expansions: Cats & Dogs



FOUNDATIONS OF ROME

Emerson Matsuuchi — 2022 Emperor's Pledge Kickstarter Edition

Players take on the role of architects erecting beautiful buildings to attract population and commerce and thus gain the most fame in ancient Rome. Winner of the Dice Tower 2023 "Best Production Value" award.

Players	Rating	Weight	GEAL ON
2 to 5	8.0	Medium-Light (60 minutes)	the



Expansions: Monuments and 5th player.



FOX EXPERIMENT

Elizabeth Hargrave and Jeff Fraser – 2023 Kickstarter Edition

Pair foxes to breed friendlier pups. The parents grant dice for traits that can increase across generations as you attempt to raise a domesticated variety.

Players	Rating	Weight	
1 to 6	7.1	Medium-Light (60 minutes)	SEAL

Expansions: KS promo cards and components for 5&6 players





FRACTURED SKY

Max Anderson, Zac Dixon, and Austin Harrison — 2023 Super-Deluxe Kickstarter Edition

Use deduction to deploy ships, fortresses, and markets to maximize the collection of resources and capture the extremely valueable Starfalls. Spend those resources to learn where other Starfalls are hidden, so you can deploy enough troops to those locations. But actual troop strength is only revealed at the end of a round, so there will be bluffing and misdirection as you attempt to stealthily gain area majority in zones that you've discovered (or suspect) will be revealed as the most lucrative.

Players	Rating	Weight	X
3(1)-5	7.7	Medium-Light (60 minutes)	<



Premium Upgrades: pre-painted miniatures, *magnetic ships and power tokens, metal Starfall*

tokens, holofoil objective cards and box, lenticular Starfall cards, and custom player and card trays.

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GIZMOS

Phil Walker-Harding – 2019 CMON Global Limited English Second Edition

Cobble together wacky gizmos and silly gadgets in this engine builder. Your creations trigger satisfying chain reactions that generate resources, score points, and propel you towards victory.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.4	Medium-Light (40 minutes)



Premium Upgrades: Custom marble dispenser, custom card holder and dispenser, sleeved cards.

GLOOMHAVEN: JAWS OF THE LION

Isaac Childres – 2020 Edition

A cooperative, dungeon-crawl story campaign in a fantasy setting. A followup to Gloomhaven although it precedes Gloomhaven's timeline. This game features a tutorial system to help players gradually learn the Gloomhaven game mechanics one scenario at a time. Combat is card-driven, and character progression can improve a player's deck.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	8.6	Medium-Heavy (30 minutes)



Premium Upgrades: Removeable Sticker set and organizer.



fully cooperative fantasy campaign advent

GloomhavenHelper is a free optional app available for mobile or PC. It helps players keep track of game details during battle and this helper is quite useful and recommended.



Matthew Dunstan and Brett J. Gilbert – 2022 First Edition

Card-driven network building that feels like a roll-andwrite with simultaneous player decisions empowered by asymmetrical and growing abilities.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.8	Medium (45 minutes)



Expansions: The Queen's Special Orders Premium Upgrades: Sleeved. Not in box: metal coins.





HAPPY SALMON

Ken Gruhl, Matthew Inman, Elan Lee, and Quentin Weir – 2017 North Star Games English Blue and Green Editions

A short, fast, and frantic game for all ages. Each player has a small deck of cards and the first person to get rid of their cards wins. Everyone simultaneously tries to find a player who has the matching action card. When those two players complete the action (high-five, switcheroo, the happy salmon, etc.) they can discard that card and move to the next action.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 12	6.7	Light (2 minutes)

Expansions: Combine both BLUE & GREEN editions for up to 12 players

HARRY POTTER: HOGWARTS BATTLE

Forrest-Pruzan Creative, Kami Mandell, and Andrew Wolf – 2016 Edition

A cooperative deck-builder campaign in which players are Hogwarts students battling the forces of the Dark Arts. A fifth player is added by the *Charms & Potions* expansion, which add Ginny Weasley

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4/5	7.4	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

Expansions: Charms & Potions and Monster Box of Monsters

Promos: Ally: The Dursleys, Spell: Sunshine Daisy

HARVEST

Yukihito Morikawa — 2023 ForGames Edition

In 1992 Pokémon CEO, Tsunekazu Ishihara, asked Yukito Morikawa to design a game to be sold exclusively at train station kiosks and playable on the small foldout trays of bullet train seats. In this 30-year classic, plant vegetable cards to trigger a harvest when 3 of a kind form a row. Strategic planting of rotten vegetables can force opponents to harvest negative points.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	7.3	Light (20 minutes)



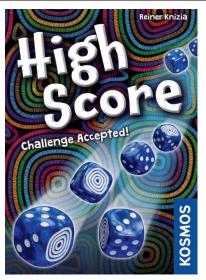
HEAT: PEDAL TO THE METAL

Asger Harding Granerud and Daniel Skjold Pedersen — 2022 Edition

A card-driven race where players balance speed against damaging heat and making curves without pushing too hard. Winner of the Dice Tower 2023 "Best Game of the Year" award.

Players	Rating	Weight	SEAL ON	
1 to 6	8.1	Medium-Light (30 minutes)	DICE AN E	
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HIGH SCORE

Dr. Reiner Knizia — 2023 Kosmos English Edition

A small push-your-luck dice rolling game where the objective and re-roll conditions change with every round.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	6.7	Light (30 minutes)



HIGH SOCIETY

Dr. Reiner Knizia — 2018 Osprey English Edition

Ben Pinchback and Matt Riddle – 2021 Edition

In this small card game, players bid on luxuries to establish themselves in high society. Avoid winning a bid that has negative consequences and don't be eliminated by being the poorest at the end of the game.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 5	7.1	Light (30 minutes)





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HOLLY JOLLY

Players Rating		Weight	
2 to 4	7.1	Medium-Light (20 minutes)	

Promos: Candy Cane, Gingerbread, Krampus, and 2022 Dice Tower Promo cards







HONEY BUZZ

Paul Salomon – 2020 Kickstarter Deluxe Edition

A worker-placement game where players control honeybees that gather pollen, make honey, and sell their produce to the woodland creatures.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.8	Medium (45 minutes)

Expansions: Honey Pot Mini Expansion

Promos: Dice Tower Large Order card

Premium Upgrades: Kickstarter Deluxe components (acrylic tiles, resin pieces, wooden meeples, flocked foragers, wooden 1st player marker, and wooden coins) and sleeved

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HUES & CUES

Scott Brady – 2020 English Edition

Using only 1 or 2 cue words to describe a specific hue on the board of 480 colors. The closer guesses are to the exact colored square, the more points.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 10	6.6	Light (30 minutes)



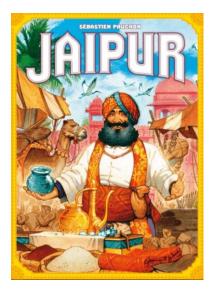
JKL



Requires a PC (Steam), AppleTV, or iPad to host and present the game. Each player also needs a smart phone or tablet to join and interact with that hosted game.

Use this QR code to join a game:





Јасквох

Although not a physical board game, the Jackbox Party Packs have some excellent party games, and are suitable for groups of 8 (and a few go to 10 or more players). The main game is presented on a screen or TV using a computer, iPad, or AppleTV. Players use their smart phones or tablets to submit answers, drawings, choices, etc. via the internet.

Although my library has Jackbox Party Packs on different platforms, the biggest collection (Party Packs 1 through 8) is on PC via Steam. Below are our favorites:

- Fibbage 3 Party Pack #4
- Trivia Murder Party Party Pack #3
- Trivia Murder Party 2 Party Pack #6
 Drawful Party Pack #1

- Quiplash 2 Party Pack #3
- Quiplash XL Party Pack #2
- You Don't Know Jack Full Stream Party Pack #5

Full list (player counts, other than 8, show in parentheses): Bidiots, Blather Round(6), Bomb Corp.(4), Bracketeering(16), Champed Up, Civic Doodle, Dictionarium, Drawful, Drawful 2, Drawful Animate(10), Earwax, Fakin' It!(6), Fibbage 2, Fibbage 3, Fibbage XL, Guesspionage, Job Job(10), Joke Boat, Lie Swatter(100), Mad Verse City, Monster Seeking Monster(7), Patently Stupid, Push the Button(10), Quiplash 2, Quiplash 3, Quiplash XL, Role Models(6), SpaceTeam, Split the Room, Survive the Internet, Talking Points, Tee K.O., The Devil & the Details, The Poll Mine(10), The Wheel of Enormous Proportions, Trivia Murder Party, Trivia Murder Party 2, Weapons Drawn, Word Spud, You Don't Know Jack 2015(4), You Don't Know Jack Full Stream, and Zeeple Dome(6)

JAIPUR

Sébastien Pauchon —2023 English Edition

Trade goods, as merchants of Jaipur, and build inventory collections so that they sell at a greater profit. And the more and the sooner you sell earns the highest value to capture's the Maharaja's notice.

Players	Rating	Weight
2	7.5	Light (30 minutes)





JENGA

Leslie Scott— 1983 Edition

A dexterity game for all ages. Players take turns removing a single block from the tower and placing it on the top without causing a collapse.

Players	Rating	Weight	
1 to 8	5.6	Light (20 minutes)	





JUST ONE

A cooperative party and word game suitable for a wide age range. Players take turns guessing a hidden word, while the rest of the group provides clues. The answer is JUST ONE word, and the clues can only be JUST ONE word, and there can only be JUST ONE of each clue, so players must be careful not to cancel each other out and have their clues eliminated.





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Ludovic Roudy and Bruno Sautter - 2018 Edition



THE KEY: SABOTAGE AT LUCKY LLAMA LAND (#3) THE KEY: THEFT AT CLIFFROCK VILLA (#1)

Thomas Sing - 2020 Editions

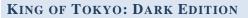
In the mystery series, *The Key*, players work simultaneously and gather clues about the crimes: the timeline, method, and perpetrators. Use deduction to determine who, when, and how. A correct combination generates a numeric code, which is the key to putting the criminals behind bars. The winner isn't the fastest, but the most efficient at solving the clues. A family weight game suitable for ages 8+

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.3	Medium-Light (20 minutes)

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.2	Medium-Light (15 minutes)







Richard Garfield – 2020 Limited Edition

A dice-driven combat game where players take on the role of gigantic monsters battling for dominance over Tokyo. Re-roll any combination of your dice up to three times to deal damage, heal, or build power. Power and special rolls let you trigger onetime or acquire ongoing abilities.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	7.8	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

Expansions: Power Up! Second Edition

Promos: Dark Space Penguin monster; Super Jump and Zombify cards





KINGDOMINO

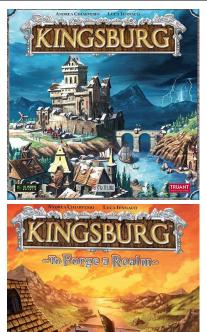
Bruno Cathala — 2017 Multilingual LP2035 Edition

Players draft domino-like tiles to form a 5x5 kingdom, and the draft order in one turn determines the player order for the next turn.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.3	Light (25 minutes)







KINGSBURG

Andrea Chiarvesio and Luca lennaco - 2007 First Edition

A dice-placement game where players combine or separate their rolls and deploy them as workers to influence the royal court to acquire resources across seasons. Build and upgrade to win the King's approval, but always with an eye on defense against the inevitable monster raids each winter.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.2	Medium-Light (90 minutes)

Expansions: To Forge a Realm





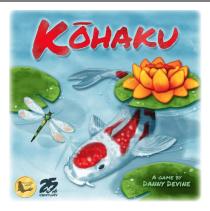
KNARR

Thomas Dupont — 2024 English Edition

In this card driven game, recruit Vikings to your crew and balance the rewards between sending them out for exploration or keeping them close in a race to 40 points.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.4	Medium-Light (30 minutes)





Kōhaku

Danny Devine — 2022 Second Edition

A peaceful tile-laying game where players draft tiles to build a koi pond. Suitable for a wide range of ages (10+).

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.9	Medium-Light (30 minutes)



LABYRINTH

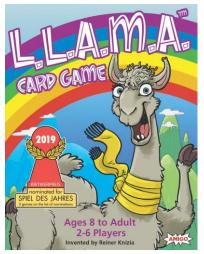
Expansions: Sundials

Max J. Kobbert — 2017 English Edition

Wizards search a labyrinth and collect treasures. But it's a moving maze that changes every turn. The first person to find all their items wins. Suitable for ages 8+.

Players	Rating	Weight	맯
2 to 4	6.4	Light (20 minutes)	- 25
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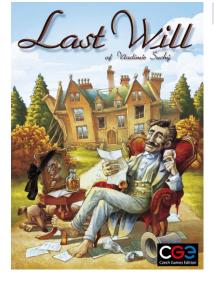
L.L.A.M.A.

Dr. Reiner Knizia — 2020 English 3rd Edition

In this small, fast, and light game play all the cards in your hand in ascending sequence. Cards still in hand at the end of a round are negative points, but duplicates are ignored. So, it can be advantageous to quit early and catch players with a lot of penalty points. The name comes from German "*lege alle minuspunkte ab*" (discard all minus points). Or also, Don't Let Llamas And Markers Accumulate.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	6.5	Light (20 minutes)





LAST WILL

Vladimír Suchý – 2011 Edition

Your rich uncle has left a vast inheritance, but his last will stipulates that it all goes to the one nephew that proves they enjoy money the most. The game uses work placement as players race to spend as much money as possible. Host events, attract companions, enlist staff, rack up expenses, and buy properties. While owning an estate can be expensive, if you do too much maintenance, then it becomes an investment instead of a money pit.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.2	Medium (45 minutes)

Promos: Messenger



1983

Premium Upgrades: Upgraded components, custom organizer, and sleeved



LCR

A fast and simple game of luck for all ages. Players start with 3 chips. For each chip a player has retained, they roll that many dice (up to a maximum of three). Based on their roll, they must pass a chip to the left, right, or to the pot in the center. A dot means you can keep a chip. The game ends when only one person has any chips.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 12	3.5	Light (20 minutes)



Dr. Reiner Knizia – 2020 Edition

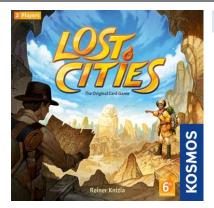
A quick and short playing card game. Draft colored and stickered pieces of surfboards to build the most, the longest, and decorative boards. Each game also offers variable endgame scoring goals for bonus points.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	6.7	Light (30 minutes)



Expansions: *Surf's Up* promo pack





LOST CITIES

Dr. Reiner Knizia — 2021 KOSMOS English Edition

Two player card game using the simple draw a card, play a card mechanic. Cards are played in ascending sequence to represent the success of various archaeological expeditions. Each suite needs enough cards played in order to exceed the investment and be profitable. This classic's popularity has earned it multiple reprints internationally and is the winner of many awards including:

- 2019 Parents' Choice Gold Award Winner
- 2000 International Gamers Award: 2 Player General Strategy
- 1999 Meeples' Choice Award



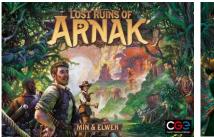


LOST RUINS OF ARNAK

Elwen and Michaela "Mín" Štachová – 2020 Edition

Search an uncharted island for artifacts of a lost civilization. The ruins are protected by strange and fearsome guardians, so you'll have to be prepared. Use work-placement and deck building to gather the necessary resources to travel to the ruins, tame the guardians, and acquire relics.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	8.1	Medium (30 Minutes)

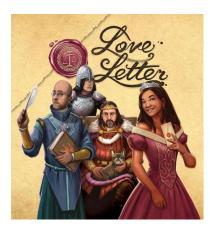




Expansions: *Expedition Leaders*, *The Search for Professor Kutil* (a solo campaign), the *Solo Mini Expansion* (official print-and-play)

Premium Upgrades: Mini Compasses and Sleeved.

Only the solo campaign, *The Search for Professor Kutil*, requires an online website app.



LOVE LETTER

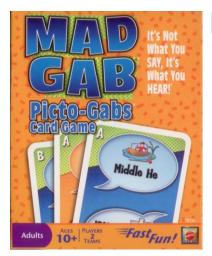
Seiji Kanai, Justin Kemppainen, and Alexandar Ortloff – 2020 Edition

Win the heart of the princess by cutting off the lines of communication of rival suitors. In this small card game, players have a hand size of just one card. Each turn, draw a card, then play a card. Use members of the royal court and their special abilities to find and defeat the hidden connections being leveraged by your opponents.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	7.6	Light (20 minutes)



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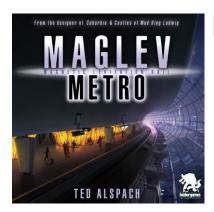


MAD GAB

2009 Picto-Gabs First Edition

A party word game using cards and played in teams. One team member reads the clue phrase on the card and their teammates must guess the answer. The clue is always a sound-alike phrase. For example, the clue might be "Isle of Cats" for the answer "I Love Cats."

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 10	4.8	Light (20 minutes)



MAGLEV METRO

Ted Alspach — 2021 English Edition

Build a futuristic metropolitan rail system with magnetic levitation trains. Increase and expand your available actions by picking up and delivering robots and human workers.

Players	Rating	Weight	
1 to 4	7.3	Medium (60 minutes)	
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Promos: Game Boy Geek Season 10 Kickstarter promos

Premium Upgrades: Action markers and sleeves

MAHJONG

Mahjong is a Chinese set collection game that is over a hundred years old. As its popularity spread to other nations, many variants arose. However, we play a streamlined version of the Chinese rules.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 4	7.0	Medium (60 minutes)



1978

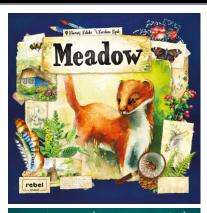
Online Rules

Two copies are available: The "main" copy has English digits/letters to facilitate play. It was purchased in Goroka, Papua New Guinea in 1978. I was introduced to Mahjong by the coffee plantation owner, Brian Moneypenny, in 1977. The other copy is an antique set with a storage case built as a lamp base and was a gift from Keith Askew on my 50th birthday.





Video Tutorial



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MEADOW

Klemens Kalicki – 2021 Edition

Each card is a unique beautiful watercolor painting. Players are hiking through and around a meadow and filling their notebooks with observations of nature. Worker placement is used to draft and play cards, building a tableau of environs with creatures in compatible habitats.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.8	Medium-Light (60 minutes)

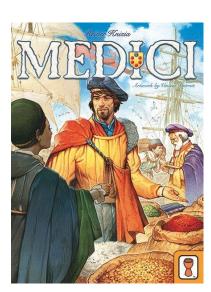
Expansions: Downstream

Promos: Bigfoot, Envelope P, Robin, and Seal









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Dr. Reiner Knizia — Grail Games 2016 Edition

A fast-playing game of 3 rounds. Players bid on goods to fill their trade ships. After all ships have sailed, they are scored both on the quantity and quality of their goods to determine the sales they've earned. This award-winning card game is a rare and out-of-print classic.

Players	Rating	Weight	GEAL ON	
2 to 6	7.2	Light (60 minutes)		





MICROMACRO: CRIME CITY SERIES

Johannes Sich – 2020 Edition

Cooperatively solve crimes shown on these large maps (29.5x43in.). It's a busy, crowded animal city unfortunately plagued with crimes. The map doesn't represent a single snapshot in time, but over time. So, you can use it to find and follow trails of evidence, trace the movements of victims and suspects, and discover the means, motives, and the location of the criminals.

Excellent lighting is recommended. Each game includes a magnifier, but extras for each player are convenient. Also, (not in box) we use transparent color disks (tidily winks) to keep track of clues and the movement of persons of interest.

The different maps connect to each other to form one massive cityscape.

Players	Rating	Weight	
1 to 4	7.8	Light (15 minutes)	
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Maps: *Crime City*, *Full House*, *All In*, and *Showdown*.

Expansions: Crime City: Granny Maureen, Crime City: Confidence Trick & Baby-Party, and Full House: Another Bank Robbery, and Bonus Box

THE MIND

Wolfgang Warsch — 2018 Edition

Spiel

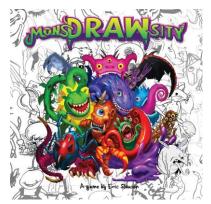
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A cooperative survival card game. Without any communication, signaling, gesturing, or hints players must silently play their hands of cards in numerical sequence. Using a deck of cards numbered 1 to 100, the hand size is just one card for the first round. But it grows each hand for up to 12 rounds.

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6.8	Light (20 minutes)
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MODERN ART

Dr. Reiner Knizia — CMON 2021 Edition

Art collectors buy and sell paintings at various art auctions of different types (open, sealed bids, set price, etc.). The seller gets the proceeds, but the value of paintings can skyrocket based on the artist's popularity.

Players	Rating	Weight		
3 to 5	7.5	Medium-Light (45 minutes)	DICE	
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MONSDRAWSITY

Eric Slauson – 2020 Edition

You've seen an alien! Give a description to the sketch artist. Award points for the closest drawing.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 8	7.3	Light (5 minutes)

Expansions: Cute Creatures

My LITTLE SCYTHE

Hoby and Vienna Chou - 2017 Edition

Inspired by <u>Scythe</u>, this fan-created variant for family play is now an official product of the publisher. Borrowing mechanics from its bigger and older sibling, animal factions compete to win trophies in the harvest tournament and prove their worthiness to be the next ruler.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	7.3	Medium-Light (45 minutes)

Expansions: *Pie in the Sky*









NANA / TRIO / TROLL TRIOS

Kaya Miyano – based on 2022 Japanese/English Christmas Edition – *Troll Trios* hand crafted version

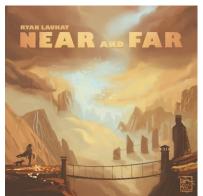
Nana (Japanese for 7) is a fast and easy card game where players collect trios of the same numbered cards. Its name refers to collecting a trio of the 7 cards as the fastest way to win. The original nana was for 2 to 5 players, the *Trio* reprint added variants for team and 3 to 6 players,

while the Christmas edition's variant has players exchange hands when a certain even-numbered trios are played.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5/6	7.2	Light (15 minutes)



Hand-crafted and rethemed as a custom deck named Troll Trios





NEAR AND FAR

Ryan Laukat - 2017 Edition

A competitive game with a campaign story. Guide characters on quests to find a lost love, acceptance, restoration, or redemption. Explore the surrounding regions of Arzium to find the Last Ruin and retrieve the artifact that grants resolution. In town, collect food, equipment, weapons, and allies. On the road, fight off bandits, defeat monsters, or discover treasure. For unique encounters read from the book of stories and choose a path.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.8	Medium (90 minutes)

Promos: Dice Tower character tiles





Optional mobile app Foreteller offers narration for this game.

NIDAVELLIR

Serge Laget —2020 Edition

Recruit the strongest dwarves and prestigious heroes from the local taverns of Nidavellir to ensure victory over the dragon Fanir.

Players	Rating	Weight	GEAL OA	
2 to 5	7.6	Medium-Light (45 minutes)	the BICE DICE	34427
Expansions: Thingvallir and Idavall				16-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-

Expansions: Thingvellir and Idavoll

Premium Upgrades: Clay chips (Royal Deluxe Treasure Box)







NO MERCY

Dr. Reiner Knizia – Korean/English Mandoo Games 2022 Edition

A short and light push-your-luck game where players collect "bounties" as played cards. But if you're greedy and try to capture more villains than you can handle, they all escape. Also, opponents may steal a bounty before you can get them back safely and tucked in jail.

Players	Rating	Weight
2-5(6)	7.2	Light (20 minutes)





OBSESSION

Dan Hallagan — 2022 Printing Second Edition

Downtown Abbey as a board game: As the heads of Victorian estates, expand both buildings and grounds to host grand events that attract influential socialites. As each family's wealth and reputation increases it enables players to upgrade domestic staff, make connections with the powerful elite, and find spouses for their heirs.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	8.3	Medium (90 minutes)

Expansions: Upstairs, Downstairs; Wessex; and Characters



Promos: Promotional Tiles

Premium Upgrades: African mahogany organizer, screen-printed meeples and metal coins





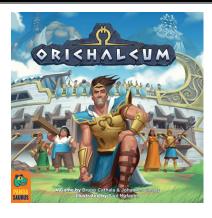
ONE DECK DUNGEON ONE DECK DUNGEON: FOREST OF SHADOWS

Chris Cieslik – 2016, 2017 Editions

A dice-driven dungeon crawl using cards to level up your character and to drive encounters. Overcome monsters and pitfalls to improve speed, attack, health, and magic. Or choose a reward of potions or skills to manipulate dice rolls to help win encounters. *Forest of Shadows* can be played as a standalone game or combined with the original *One Deck Dungeon* (for variety or to increase player count). Excellent as a solo game.

Play	ers	Rating	Weight
1 to	4	7.1	Medium-Light (30 minutes)





ORICHALCUM

Bruno Cathala and Johannes Goupy - 2022 Kickstarter Edition

ELLEN

Compete with other leaders of Atlantis to relocate its citizenry. Explore territory, erect buildings, generate resources, recruit soldiers, drive out monsters, and attract helpful titans to your settlement. Draft action cards (and its terrain tile) from a card river for streamlined turns.

Players	Rating	Weight	GEAL OA	
1 to 4	7.9	Medium-Light (60 minutes)		

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P FOR **P**IZZA

Doruk Kicikoglu – 2020 Edition

A fast party/word game. Players race to collect a set of cards by naming the object on the played card.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	6.6	Light (20 minutes)



PANDEMIC: IBERIA

Jesús Torres Castro and Matt Leacock — 2022 English Edition

A cooperative game set in 1848 Iberia fighting malaria, typhus, yellow fever, and cholera. Race to provide purified water, build hospitals, research diseases, and treat victims before the populace is overwhelmed.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.9	Medium (45 minutes)





Premium Upgrade: Sleeved



PANDEMIC LEGACY: SEASON 0

Rob Daviau and Matt Leacock - 2020 Edition

Travis Deere - 2024 Kickstarter Edition

Cooperative legacy campaign set in 1962. Players take on the role of medical graduates recruited by the CIA to investigate and prevent the development of a bioweapon by an enemy of the state.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	8.6	Medium (45 minutes)

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PAPER TRAIL

A one-against-many game: students attempt to pass notes without them being intercepted by the teacher.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5		Medium-Light (45 minutes)





PICTIONARY

PASSWORD

2001 Endless 3rd Edition

Party word game based on the 1961 game shows. Players pair up and one player gives a single word clue while the other guesses. If they guess wrong the other team has a chance to steal the points if they guess correctly.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 4	6.1	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

PICTIONARY

Rob Angel — 1985 Edition

A party game based on the parlor game Charades, but the clues are drawn instead of acted out. Played in teams.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 16	5.8	Light (90 minutes)

POLISH UNO

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Circa 1995

A frantic, hilarious, and chaotic game suitable for large groups (we combine four decks). Eddie Rasnake learned this variant while on a mission trip to Poland and taught us in Timothy School. It's the only way

we play UNO anymore. The QR code for this entry leads to an online version of the rules at

https://www.craiggiven.com/polish-uno



Players	Rating	Weight	2
2 to 12	N/A	Light (45 minutes)	
PORT ROYAL			

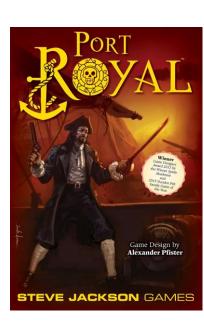
Alexander Pfister -2014 Steve Jackson Edition

A card game with push-your-luck and engine building. Each player deals out cards as their harbor. Hire workers, recruit citizens for missions, and do trade with the ships.

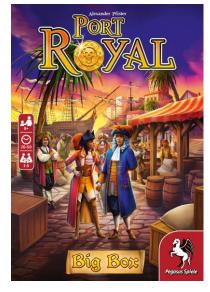
The game we've played the most in 2021. We've been able to play it at 7 players. A new edition is also available with expansions and promos: See *Port Royal: Big Box.*

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5[7]	7.1	Medium-Light (20 minutes)





UNO Variant



PORT ROYAL: BIG BOX

Alexander Pfister – 2022 Edition

A card game with push-your-luck and engine building. Each player deals out cards as their harbor. Hire workers, recruit citizens for missions, and do trade with the ships. The previous edition was the game we've played the most in 2021. We've played it at 7 players.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 5[7]	7.7	Medium-Light (20 minutes)

Expansions: (Included: Just One More Contract, The Adventure Begins, and Unterwegs!)

Promos: Instructor and (included) Gambler cards





POTION EXPLOSION

Stefano Castelli, Andrea Crespi, and Lorenzo Silva — 2018 English Second Edition

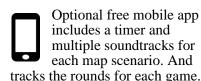
Create potions then use their abilities to create more. Marbles represent ingredients and a dispenser keeps them in tracks. Pick out one and the rest roll down to close the gap. If a marble collides into the same color, then it's an "explosion." That is, you also take all those marble that collided that are of that color. Which in turn might trigger another chain reaction.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.1	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

Promos: Fulminating Serum bottles







PROJECT: ELITE

Konstantinos Kokkinis, Marco Portugal, Sotirios Tsantilas — 2020 Edition

A cooperative survival game using miniatures and played in real-time in two-minute intervals. During battle players frantically roll dice to power their weapons and destroy swarms of aliens. Or roll movement to search for weapon upgrades and to complete mission objectives. But some rolls move the wave of invaders closer as they attempt to overrun you and your base. Between battle intervals plan your next turn to leverage the unique abilities of each space marine.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	8.1	Medium-Light (60 minutes)





THE QUACKS OF QUEDLINBURG

Dennis Lohausen and Wolfgang Warsch – 2020 North Star Third Edition

Players take on the role of quack doctors, mixing bizarre ingredients into their cauldrons. But put too many Cherry-Bombs into your brew and your concoction explodes! This push-your-luck pool-builder allows for simultaneous play over 9 rounds, making for a fast-moving game.

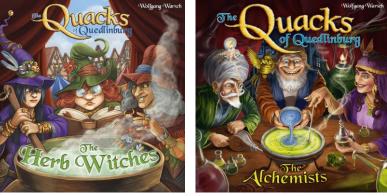
Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.9	Medium-Light (45 minutes)



Premium Upgrades: Acrylic ingredient tokens, upgraded token bags, miniature corked bottles for water level, miniature mice for "rat

Expansions: The Herb Witches and The Alchemists









THE QUEST KIDS THE QUEST KIDS: GIANT ADVENTURE

Dustin McMillian — 2021 Deluxe Edition Dustin McMillian — 2023 Kickstarter Edition

A semi-cooperative dungeon crawler for kids 5 and up. Find treasure and scare off monsters. Players can help each other defeat monsters by contributing power, magic, and wisdom cards to the effort. When they do, then they get rewarded with a Kind Kid card.

Player	s Rating	Weight
2 to 4	8.0	Light (20 minutes)



Expansions: The Trials of Tolk the Wise

Premium Upgrades: Neoprene player mat

Giant Adventure is an oversized version that uses giant cardboard tiles placed on the floor and the players are their own character pieces.





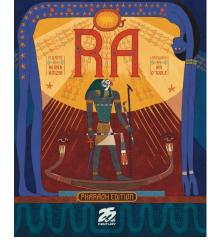


QWIRKLE

Susan McKinley Ross - 2020 "Over 4 Million Sold" Edition

Play tiles from your hand and create lines by shape or by color. Suitable for ages 6+





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Dr. Reiner Knizia – 2023 25th Century Games Pharaoh (Kickstarter/Deluxe) Edition

Ancient Egyptian themed set collection and auction using bidding tokens. It plays quickly over 3 rounds and player boards offer excellent iconography. This popular classic was originally released in 1999 and this is the deluxe version of a premium reprint.

Players	Rating	Weight 🧳	9
2 to 5	7.6	Medium-Light (45-60 minutes) 🔰	EFC

Premium Upgrades: wooden auction tiles, metal coins with a clock storage bag, and wooden epoch counter.



R-ECO+

Susumu Kawasaki – 2023 Japanese Edition

Players run waste management businesses and attempt to recycle (play cards for points) without accumulating (draw from dumpsters) so much trash that you're forced into illegal dumping.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.3	Light (30 minutes)





RES ARCANA

A card-driven engine builder. A tiny deck and tight resources mean a lean and elegant mage battle.

Players	Rating	Weight	~
2 to 5	7.7	Medium (60 minutes)	29

Expansions: *Lux et Tenebrae* and *Perlae Imperii* (any expansion increases player count from 4 to 5)

RHINO HERO

Scott Frisco and Steven Strumpf — 2016 Multilingual Edition

Thomas Lehmann — 2019 English Edition

A card-driven dexterity game suitable for age 5+. Each turn players stack a new set of walls on the roof card according to its displayed requirements. Then select a card from their hand that becomes the new roof. The winner is the person who plays all their cards without toppling the tower.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	6.9	Light (5 minutes)



ROBOT TURTLES

Dan Shapiro — 2014 English Second Edition

A card-driven programming game for ages 4+. Play cards in sequence to control your robot turtle and guide around or through obstacles to retrieve their assigned gem in the center of the game board.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	6.0	Light (15 minutes)





Rococo

Matthias Cramer, Stefan Malz, and Louis Malz- 2020 Deluxe Plus Edition

King Louis XV of France is hosting the final Grand Ball of the season. As the owners of notable tailoring shops, players attempt to win the most prestige by creating extravagant gowns, selling fancy frock coats, and sponsoring the fireworks finale.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 5	8.2	Medium (120 minutes)



Expansions: Deluxe Plus Edition includes *Expert Tailors*, *Jewelry Box, Festivity Dresses*, and *Madame du Barry* (solo mode)

Promos: Deluxe Plus Edition includes *Fancy Dresses* and alternative garment tiles

Premium Upgrades: resin lace and thread tokens, gold-stamped player markers, velveteen cloth bags, queen figurine, metal coins (2 sets).

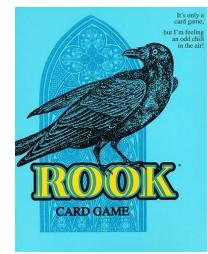
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George S. and Grace Parker - 1985 Edition

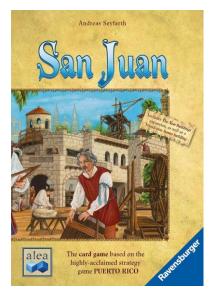
Trick-taking card game played in partnerships. Also used to play the variant *Grandson*.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	6.4	Medium-Light (45 minutes)





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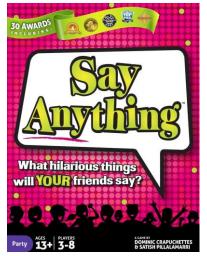
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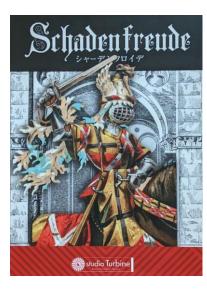
Andreas Seyfarth — 2014 Ravensburger 2nd Edition

Multi-use cards can be built or spent to build. Once constructed (in a player's tableau) buildings produce resources, provide passive abilities, or improve scoring. Each round, players action draft and gain an action bonus, while others can only follow the basic action.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.5	Medium-Light (60 minutes)
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SAY ANYTHING

Dominic Crapuchettes and Satish Pillalamarri - Nort Star 2013 Edition

A party game like *Apples to Apples*, except responses aren't limited to cards in your hand. Instead, use your imagination to write down answers that are sure to win votes.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 8	6.7	Light (30 minutes)



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SCHADENFREUDE

"ctr" –Japanese 2022 Edition

A must follow trick-taking game without a trump suite, two wild cards, the second highest card wins, and not all cards in the trick score. Be careful not to win the wrong trick because some cards have negative values and pairs of the same number cancel each other out. But most importantly, the winner is the untied player closest to 40 points without going over.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 5	7.7	Light (20 minutes)





SCOOBY DOO: BETRAYAL AT MYSTERY MANSION

Banana Chan, Noah Cohen, Rob Daviau, and Brian Neff - 2020 Edition

A cooperative game with an all-versus-one twist. Players take on the roles of the Mystery Inc. gang of Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy, and Scooby-Doo as they explore a mysterious mansion. A tile map and scenario book offer 25 haunts. When enough clues have been gathered, one player

takes on the role of the villain while the gang tries to stop the sinister plan.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 5	6.7	Medium-Light (25 minutes)



Upgrades: 3D figures for the Scooby Gang (Mystery Inc.)

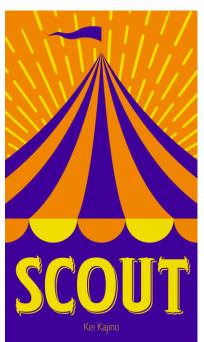
SCRABBLE

Alfred Mosher Butts — Murfett Australian English edition 1979

The classic 1948 word game played with letter tiles.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	6.3	Medium-Light (90 minutes)





SCOUT

Kei Kajino — English/German/French/Spanish 2022 Edition with Spiel des Jares Nominee

A fast and light ladder-climbing card game in which players *cannot* rearrange cards in their hand. Cards have two possible values based on orientation. So, at the start of every round, players may rotate their entire hand before play begins. A careful sequencing of player choices can remove intervening cards so that the remaining cards become adjacent and form a powerful set. Or take/scout a card already played and insert and/or rotate it to be the missing value in a powerful set.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.8	Light (15 minutes)





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Optional apps: In addition to the video tutorial offered here (the QR code), the Dized app offers a narrated step-by-step walk-through. play, the ScytheKick app is

For solo play, the ScytheKick app is an invaluable companion. Lastly, the PC version of *Scythe* (via Steam) has a tutorial, and it lets you play either a solo or a multiplayer game.

> <u>See also</u> <u>the lighter version:</u> <u>My Little Scythe</u>



SCYTHE

Jamey Stegmaier — 2016 Edition

Set in the alternate history of the 1920s as inspired by, and using, the amazing artwork of Jakub Rozalski. In that world the Great War in Europa was fought using giant armored mechs. Players represent the different nations rising from the ashes of that war and rebuilding. Each faction in *Scythe* has unique abilities and secret objectives. Use Action Selection and Engine Building to increase your production, power, and reach.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 7	8.3	Medium (90 minutes)

Expansions: All available expansion, i.e., *Encounters* (cards), *Invaders* from Afar, The Wind Gambit, The Rise of Fenris, and modular/large board.

Promos: All available promos, i.e., Encounters 24-42 (Packs 1, 2, and bonus), Objectives 24-27 (Pack 3), and Factory cards 12-18 (Pack 4).

Premium Upgrades: Metal mechs, silicon base snaps, two sets of metal coins (including promo coin version), coin holder/dispensers, faction tokens, large action tokens, all power dials, 3D resource tokens, hardback rulebook, art book, "Legendary Box" storage, laser-cut organizer, 3D Factor model, ScytheKick app (with all expansion unlocks), and sleeved cards.





SET

Marsha J. Falco — 2015 Edition

In a grid of cards be the first to identify a set of three that is either completely consistent or completely inconsistent in **ALL** four aspects. The aspects being color, shape, number, and fill pattern.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 20	6.5	Medium-Light (30 minutes)

SHERLOCK HOLMES CONSULTING DETECTIVE

The Thames Murders & Other Cases Carlton House & Queen's Park

Raymond Edwards, Suzanne Goldberg, and Gary Grady — 1982 & 2017 Editions



Solve mysteries in Victorian London as players cooperatively search for clues and they review suspect statements and search newspapers to find the evidence trail and solve the mystery before Sherlock Holmes.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 8	7.9	Medium-Light (90 minutes)







Optional mobile app available for this game.





Ryan Laukat — 2021 Edition

A cooperative campaign set in 1929 where players take on the role of passengers and crew on the steamship, the *Manticore*. Their ship has been mysteriously transported to the Wandering Sea on the strange world of Arzium. Explore the surrounding islands for allies, supplies, weapons, and totems that will help them to survive and allow them to return home.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	8.5	Medium (60 minutes)





Expansions: *Dungeons* and *Tides of Ruin* **Promos**: Saxophone and Zokmere Polearm cards

Premium Upgrades: Metal coins and sleeved cards



SNAKESSS

Phil Walker-Harding — 2021 Edition

Players attempt to select the correct multiple-choice answer. But one player is the snake, who wins the round by misleading and sabotaging the others.

Players	Rating	Weight
4 to 8	6.6	Light (20 minutes)





SONORA

Rob Newton – 2020 Edition

A dexterity puzzle game where a disc is flicked to earn rewards. The central board is divided into different biomes, which determine the type and level of scoring rewards. Clever application of those points can trigger chain reactions to optimize scores as players choose where to apply that round's rewards on their individual dry-erase sheet.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.0	Medium-Light (30 minutes)







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SPACE BASE

John D. Clair — 2018 Edition

Players take on the role of Commodores running a space base and an everexpanding fleet of ships. This dice-driven engine builder has no downtime for players since everyone gets to score dice rolls by the other players. Use your income to acquire new ships that improve your station's abilities to earn, score, and perform when you roll. Those acquisitions in turn deploy previous ships to earn, score, and perform when others roll.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 7	7.7	Medium-Light (60 minutes) 🛛



Expansions: The Emergence of Shy Pluto and The Mysteries of Terra Proxima.

Promos: Biodome and Dreadnaught card packs

Premium Upgrades: Acrylic overlays, sleeves, and the Command Station (adds custom storage solution and components for two more players).

SPLENDOR

Marc André — 2022 English Edition

Over a million copies of this multi-award-wining game has been sold. Players take on the role of jewelry merchants who collect gems to impress nobility in this card driven engine-builder.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.4	Medium-Light (30 minutes)







SPLENDOR DUEL

Marc André and Bruno Cathala — 2022 English Edition

Jewelry merchants compete for gems and rare pearls to impress clients in this card driven engine-builder. This special two-player version is a refinement of the classic and award-winning Splendor. Winner of the Dice Tower 2023 "Best Two Player Game" award.

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Players	Rating	Weight	
2	8.0	Medium-Light (30 minutes)	TOWER
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STAR REALMS: COLONY WARS

Robert Dougherty and Darwin Kastle - 2014 English Second Edition

A fast and short deck builder set in space with a focus on defense and attack cards. Each deck supports two players, with up to 6 players with 3 decks.

Players	Rating	Weight
2	7.6	Medium-Light (20 minutes)







SUMMONER WARS

A card-driven skirmish game for two players.

Players	Rating	Weight
2	8.3	Medium-Light (60 minutes)

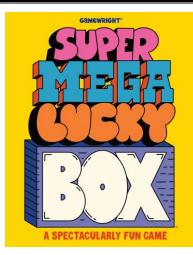
Expansions: Master & Starter Sets, Cloaks, Skyspear Avians, Fungal Dwarves, Eternal Council, Obsidian Dwarves, Sand Goblins, Shadow Elves, Wayfarers, Swamp Orcs, High Elves, Crimson Order, Mountain Vargath, Forged, and Deepwood Groaks factions.

Promos: (*Starter Set* First Printing) Mercenaries Ashia the Silent, Blacksaber, and Khan Queso. Corrected versions of Sera Eldwyn (Vanguards) and Ice Ram (Polar Dwarves) cards.

Premium Upgrades: Plastic tokens and sleeved.



Colby Dauch - 2021 English Second Edition



SUPER MEGA LUCKY BOX

Phil Walker-Harding – 2021 Edition

A Bingo-like game: numbered cards are revealed, and players mark off that number on one of their cards. Completing a row or column grants an ability: mark off another number, adjust numbers up/down, or score bonuses.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 12	7.2	Light (20 minutes)

Two copies (6 players per copy).





THE TAVERNS OF TIEFENTHAL

Wolfgang Warsch — 2021 CMYK English Edition

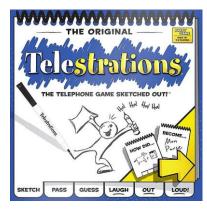
Upgrade your tavern to attract nobles and wealthy patrons. Balance your investments in entertainers, staff, brewing, storage, and suppliers to create the best tavern in the German village of Tiefenthal.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.6	Medium (60 minutes)

Premium Upgrades: Custom insert, player console, 3D tokens; and sleeved.



The Op 2020 Edition



TELESTRATIONS

Similar to the parlor game, Telephone, players alternate drawing an illustration for the clue word, or writing their guess of the previous drawing. Players pass their dry-erase booklets each phase until they arrive back at their beginning. Then everyone can see the hilarious progressions.

Players	Rating	Weight
4 to 8	7.4	Light (30 minutes)



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TERRAFORMING MARS

Jacob Fryxelius – Big Box & 2019 English Edition

A card-driven engine builder in which players take on the role of corporations terraforming Mars. Produce resources to increase the planet's temperature and oxygen. Creating oceans, forests, and cities. And be the first to reach milestones or win awards.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 5	8.4	Medium (120 minutes)

Expansions: Prelude, Hellas & Elysium (maps),

Promos: BGG Corporations, Big Box, and Snow Algae cards

Premium Upgrades: Big Box (3D terrain tiles, card shoe, and organizer), metal cubes, double-layer player boards, custom track markers, city domes, acrylic tokens, and sleeved.

TERRAFORMING MARS: ARES EXPEDITION

Sydney Engelstein, Jacob Fryxelius, and Nick Little – 2021 English Collector's Edition

The little brother of the card driven Terraform Mars uses action phase cards and a simplified and smaller map. Produce resources to increase the planet's temperature, produce oxygen, and create oceans.

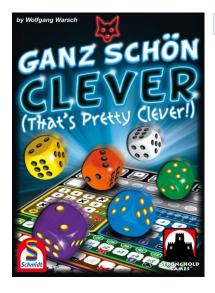
Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.2	Medium (60 minutes)



Expansion: *Discovery*

Premium Upgrades: Collector's/Kickstarter Edition has component trays and double-layered player boards.





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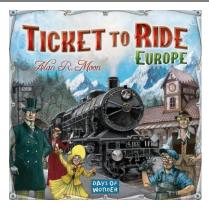
Wolfgang Warsch - 2020 Stronghold English Second Edition

A roll-and-write game using colored dice which get recorded in their matching score areas. These can trigger chain-reaction scoring to maximize your points.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.6	Medium-Light (30 minutes)







TICKET TO RIDE: EUROPE

Alan R. Moon — 2019 English Edition

Players take on the role of railroad barons in 1900's Europe in this carddriven game to build a network of routes. Connect cities and build routes through tunnels and over ferries to maximize your score.

Players	Rating	Weight	EAL ON	12 BA
2 to 5	7.5	Medium-Light (30 minutes)		- 20 234
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Expansions: Europa 1912

Promos: Pink trains

Premium Upgrades: Custom player aids and sleeved

T.I.M.E STORIES

Peggy Chassenet and Manuel Rozoy - Third Printing 2013 First Edition

A cooperative story campaign. Players take on the role of agents from the T.I.M.E. Agency. Protect humanity by preventing temporal paradoxes that can destroy the fabric of the universe. Players can go back in time as many times as required if they fail any missions.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.5	Medium (90 minutes)

Expansions: The Marcy Case, A Prophecy of Dragons,





TINY EPIC DUNGEONS

Scott Almes – 2022 Kickstarter Deluxe Edition

A cooperative dungeon crawl using cards to build out the dungeon as it is explored and dice to resolve combat. Reach and defeat the boss at the bottom level before your torches burn out.

Under the Mask, Expedition - Endurance, Lumen Fidei, Estrella Drive, Santo Tomas de Aquino, Brotherhood of the Coast, and Madame.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.6	Medium (30 minutes)



Expansions: *Stories*

Premium Upgrades: Kickstarter deluxe exclusives (*Potions & Perils* = 8 potion cards, 2 boss mats, 2 minion cards/tokens, 2 goblins, and 1 dungeon card).



Craig's Library



TOBITO

Mitsuo Yamamoto — 2020 Edition

Handmade version: Players move one of their pieces, in any direction, each turn, jumping over any pieces. Any jumped pieces must be relocated. Pieces that reach the opposite base can no longer be jumped or moved.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	8.1	Medium (30 minutes)

TREKKING THROUGH HISTORY

Charlie Bink – 2022 Kickstarter Edition

Players take a time-travelling tour of history. In three rounds, visit as many events in ascending chronological order as possible to complete itineraries.

	Players	Rating	Weight	EALO	
	1 to 4	7.8	Light (60 minutes)		- 6 86-255
Expansions: Time Warp and solo mode					

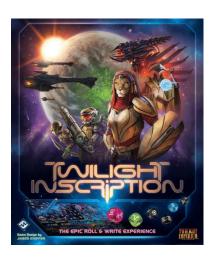
TWILIGHT INSCRIPTION

James Kniffen — 2022 English First Edition

Players navigate space, expand their colonies, improve their industry, and prepare for warfare in this galactic roll-and-write. Each round, players select one of these focus areas based on a current event card. Then continue to improve that area with a communal dice roll. Grow resources, earn bonus dice, and trigger combos that can overflow to the other three areas.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 8	7.6	Medium (120 minutes)





UVW



UMBRA VIA

Connor Wake — 2021 Edition

Complete paths using tiles acquired through a dual phase auction. As each road grows, have the most tokens on it when the route is complete.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	6.7	Medium-Light (30 minutes)





UNLOCK!: MYTHIC ADVENTURES

Cyril Demaegd, Jérémy Fraile, Jeremy Koch, Périnne Kurtz, Arnaud Pincemaille, Vincent Goyat, and Yohan Servais - 2020 <code>Edition</code>

Three escape adventures using cards to present puzzles, represent objects, combining objects, and scenes to be searched for clues. Enter the codes on the cards into the app to confirm success and progress each story.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	7.8	Medium-Light (60 minutes)

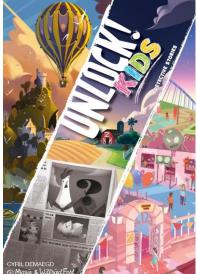
Requires the free UNLOCK! app. No internet connection is needed after downloading. Provides timer, music, hints, scoring, etc.

UNLOCK! KIDS: DETECTIVE STORIES

Cyril Demaegd, Wilfried Fort, and Marie Fort $-2021\,Edition$

Three escape adventures using cards to present puzzles, represent objects, combining objects, and scenes to be searched for clues. Enter the codes on the cards into the app to confirm success and progress each story.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 4	7.9	Light (60 minutes)



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UNO

Four copies available.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 10	5.4	Light (30 minutes)

See Polish Uno



VINDICATION





Paolo Mori – English-only 2020 Edition

Merle Robbins – (1971) multiple editions

A retheming of *Rise of Augustus*. Complete magic spells by collecting the different resources in this bingo-like game. Completed spells can be used to capture objective bonuses, give abilities during the game, or grant set collection bonuses.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	6.8	Light (30 minutes)



VINDICATION

Marc Neidlinger — All-In 2022 Kickstarter Edition

Players control the character of a wretched scumbag thrown overboard for their despicable acts. They've washed ashore determined to restore their integrity and redeem their honor. Recruit companions, build character attributes, and reap rewards as you travel the map and rebuild yourself.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 5	7.8	Medium (45 minutes)



Expansions: (ALL) Chronicles, Leaders & Alliances, Odyssey, Villages & Hamlets

Promos: (ALL) Revolution, Board Game Spotlight, Overgrowth, Community packs 1 & 2, Dice Tower cards, Man vs. Meeples, 2018 pack, 2020 pack, and Wintertide

Premium Upgrades: Archive of the Ancients, Tuuk-Tuuk Boulder Hulk miniature, neoprene game board, metal threshold medallions, Guilds & Monuments component upgrades.



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Main Tutorial



The first 3 minutes of this video provides the changes added to the Essential Edition.



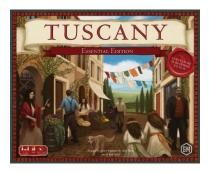
VITICULTURE ESSENTIAL EDITION

Jamey Stegmaier and Alan Stone -2015 Essentials Edition

Allocate workers across seasons of a year to plant, harvest, age, and sell wine. Expand your vineyard and cellars to produce exotic, valuable, and renown wines. Recruit visitors and experts to become the most successful winery in Tuscany.

Players	Rating	Weight
1 to 6	8.0	Medium (45 minutes)

Expansions: *Viticulture: Tuscany* Essential Edition **Promos**: *Special Workers* cards





Premium Upgrades: Metal coins and sleeved.



WANDERING TOWERS (DIE WANDELNDEN TÜRME)

Michael Kiesling and Wolfgang Kramer — 2022 German/English Edition

In "The Wandering Towers" players use cards to move their wizards and towers. When a tower covers an opponent, you gain a potion. Generate 5 potions and move all your wizards to the Raven Tower to win. Purchased from Brave New World game store in Cologne, Germany.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 6	7.3	Light (30 minutes)

Expansions: Spells 1 & 2

Premium Upgrades: Painted 3D towers







WELCOME TO...

Benoit Turpin — 2020 Deep Water Games Edition

As 1950's architects build a perfect neighborhood suburb. A card driven verb-and-write game where players choose from three pairs of cards and record them on their dry-erase score sheets to maximize curb appeals and earn points.

Players	Rating	Weight	
1 to 100	7.6	Medium-Light (25 minutes)	



Expansions: Winter Wonderland and Halloween

Premium Upgrades: Dry-erase score sheets (4), custom organizer, and sleeved.





WHISTLE MOUNTAIN

Scott Caputo and Luke Laurie — 2022 Edition

A narrow valley in the Rocky Mountains is rich with resources. Build scaffolding over its raging river to mine iron, coal, and gold. Resources are transported using blimps, dirigibles, and balloons. But the melting snow will eventually raise the water levels and threaten both machinery and workers.

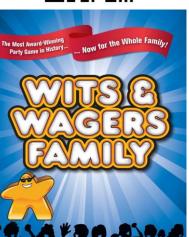
This worker placement game uses polyomino scaffolding tiles which score based on placement. Build wacky machines on the scaffolding to improve available resources, expand abilities, move your workforce to safety, and upgrade your airships.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.7	Medium (60 minutes)









WITS & WAGERS

Original, Family, Party, and Vegas Editions

Dominic Crapuchettes — Northstar editions

Players place wagers on the best answer to trivia questions. It can be their own or another player's. Available in three different versions: Original, Family, and Party editions. The Party edition has lighter questions with simplified rules. The Family edition removes the gambling aspect.

Edition	Players	Rating	Weight
Original	3 to 7	6.9	Light (25 minutes)
Family	3 to 10	6.9	Light (20 minutes)
Party	4 to 18	6.9	Light (25 minutes)
Vegas	5-21	7.8	Light (30 minutes)



XYZ





XIA: LEGENDS OF A DRIFT SYSTEM

Cody Miller – 2015 Second Printing First Edition

An open "sandbox" space adventure. Players upgrade their ships while completing missions, moving cargo, and/or besting ships in combat.

Players	Rating	Weight
3 to 5	7.9	Medium (35 mins/player every 5 pts)



Expansions: Embers of a Forsaken Star, Sellsword, and Missions & Powers

Premium Upgrades: Organizer and sleeved.

YUMMY MONSTER TUMMY

Andreas Wilde - 2021 Edition

A cooperative children's game (6+) where silly monsters are living in your attic, and players need to feed them old junk. The colors of the different objects must combine to meet each monster's needs.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 4	7.3	Light (15 minutes)

Requires a device with a camera and a free app (iPad recommended). The app reads the QR codes on the cards, mixes their colors, calculates the outcomes, and progresses players through levels, while also providing sound effects and music.



ZILCH

1972

A push-your-luck dice rolling game. Players may continue to roll nonscoring dice if the previous roll resulted in at least one scoring die. If you roll without getting any scoring dice, you lose all the points accumulated in that round.

Players	Rating	Weight
2 to 12	5.8	Light (30 minutes)

BGG RATING SCALE

- 10 Outstanding. Always want to play and expect this will never change.
- 09 Excellent game. Always want to play it.
- 08 Very good game. I like to play. Probably I'll suggest it and will never turn down a game.
- 07 Good game, usually willing to play.
- 06 Ok game, some fun, will play sporadically if in the right mood.
- 05 Average game, slightly boring, take it or leave it.
- 04 Not so good, but I could be talked into it on occasion.
- 03 Likely won't play this again although could be convinced. Bad.
- 02 Won't play this ever again.
- 01 Defies description of a game. Clearly broken.

WEIGHTS

From	Thru	Span	Weight
0.0	1.4	1.4	Light
1.5	2.4	0.9	Medium-Light
2.5	3.4	0.9	Medium
3.5	4.2	0.7	Medium-Heavy
4.3	5.0	0.7	Heavy

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GLOSSARY	
Abstract	Games without or very little theme (e.g., Tic-Tac-Toe is an abstract game).
AP	"Analysis Paralysis" is when a player takes a longer turn to analyze their choices.
Asymmetrical	Games where the player characters or factions have different abilities or use different game mechanics.
BGG	BoardGameGeek.com, the premiere website dedicated to board game information.
Bust	In "Push Your Luck" games, a bust is the outcome where the benefit is lost. For example, in a game using dice, you might bust by rolling a specific value or combo.
Chit	A small piece of cardboard used as a counter or game component.
D#	Dice with the specified number of sides. For example, 2D6 means to roll two dice, each of which has 6 sides (i.e., the standard cube shape).
Deck Builder	Each player has their own deck from which they draw. And during the game they can improve the contents and quality of their deck to achieve victory. See also Pool Building.
Dexterity Game	A game that utilizes physical skill and accuracy as a component of gameplay.
Downtime	The time a player waits before it is their turn or can take an action.
Drafting	Players take turns selecting a subset of cards, dice, etc. to be for that's players use. Hate Drafting is drafting an item to disadvantage another player more than to benefit the player who selected the item.
Friendly Tie	All players, that tied, share the full score.
Interaction	Game mechanics that create conflict or battle. Gameplay is considered highly interactive if players inflict "damage" to another player's game units or interfere with other players' ability to score or perform desired actions.
Legacy	A game that is altered (often permanently) as it is played. Story outcomes and player choices can impact the rulebook, actions available, location names, or future options.
Pool Building	(See Deck Builder) Each player has their own pool (collection of tokens) from which they draw. And during the game they can improve the contents and quality of their pool to achieve victory.
Programming	A mechanism where players select an entire sequence of instructions to be carried out.
Push Your Luck	A games where an action can be repeated to increase a player's score, improve options, etc. But there is also a chance the player could "bust" (i.e., lose the previous and/or cumulative action's benefits). So, players must weigh the risks and choose when to stop.
Set Collection	Collect matching or complimentary components during gameplay to score, maximize scores, or meet victory conditions. Examples are "3 of a kind" or "a sequence of 3."
Sprue	When a game is purchased, cardboard chits may need to be punched out, or plastic components might need to be cut from a framework. The surrounding and supporting framework and connection points (normally discarded) are the sprues.
Tableau	An arrangement of items (often cards) played in front of a player and visible to their opponents.
Take That	Game mechanic that interferes with or harms another player's score, resources, abilities, etc. From the verbal expression of "Take that!"
Verb & Write	A game mechanic where a player rolls dice, draws a card, or similar selection action. And then writes down on their score sheet.
VP	Victory Points, or the cumulative score, that is used by a player to win a game. Sometimes used instead of the term "points" to differentiate it from Action Points, Movement Points, etc. that do not directly determine a victory.
Worker Placement	Players place tokens (workers) to perform actions and there are a limited number of placements available. So that placements can block other players from taking that action.
Yahtzee Roll	A game mechanic where a player can re-roll their dice up to a third time.

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