

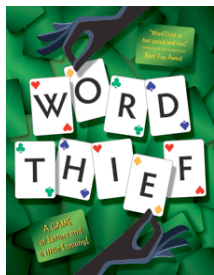
Word Games

Word games are great for people who fancy themselves as language buffs or even have fun just playing around with letters. Whether you're good at spelling or not, there's something cool here for you!



Word Thief Outset Media, \$29.99
2-4 players, Age 9+

Play your letter cards in suits to make words, but beware that your opponents may steal both letters and words to add to their own score. One of the best in its class. Can't make a word? Take someone else's!



Visual Eyes Buffalo Games, \$30.00
2-8 players, Age 8+



In this very inventive and creative word game, you roll a handful of dice with pictures on them, and then try to come up with unique common phrases or sayings that are symbolized by what's on the dice.

Bananagrams Bananagrams, \$15.95
2-8 players, Age 7+

Our best-selling game of 2009! Build your own crossword-style puzzles with tiles and draw more to force everyone else to do the same. The first person to finish her puzzle wins!



Letter Roll Out of the Box, \$24.99
2-8 players, Age 8+

Roll a few letters on 20-sided dice and write down all the words you can think of that contain those letters. Only unique words get points, so stretch out your imagination for the win. Simple and super-fun.

Other Suggestions: Deftinitions, Pass the Bomb, Quiddler

Miniatures Games

One part game and one part hobby, these represent some of our favorite things to do in the store. Ranging in genre from fantasy to science-fiction, historical or beyond, there are a ton of magnificent miniature battle games to be explored. Some of our favorites:

Warhammer Fantasy

Epic battles in a high fantasy world, with sound tactics and gorgeous miniatures.

Flames of War

15mm WWII combat with historically-accurate figures and scenarios to refight. A great learning tool!

Infinity

Sci-fi skirmish game with one of the best rules systems we've yet seen. And the background story is brilliant, too.

Monsterpocalypse

Horrific monsters smash buildings in this B-movie-style collectible strategy game. And no painting required!

Role-Playing Games

The reason that Gamescape is even in existence is because we all grew up on role-playing games. It all started with paper-and-pencil fantasy games, but the industry and creativity has grown a hundred-fold, and we're all the richer for it. Here are a handful of our most intriguing:

Dungeons & Dragons 4.0

The newest edition of D&D is gorgeous and perfect for first-time role-players. With tons of books and amazing art, it's truly the gateway to adventure!

Pathfinder

Taking the lead from an older edition of D&D, Pathfinder is a grittier fantasy world with deeper mechanics for the crunch-oriented gamer.

Ars Magica

The very best historical/myth-based RPG around. Set in the Early Middle Ages, players take the role of mystic Magi who draw their powers from the very land itself.

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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE 2009



Our gift guide is designed to make your holiday shopping a bit easier. We've listed a number of hot items within, clearly listed by general category of game. These are all games we've played and love, and we're happy to tell you more about any of them! If you'd like more personalized shopping assistance, we'll ask a few specific questions that help us recommend the perfect thing:

- How old is the person you are shopping for?
- Who will they be playing games with?
- What other games, hobbies, or genres do they like?



Family Games

These are great games that are easy to learn for all ages. Adults and kids will be able to play and compete against each other. They have a broad appeal and are very replayable.

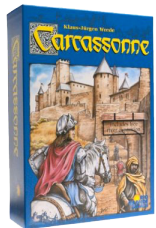


Qwirkle Cubes Mindware, \$24.95
2-4 players, Age 6+

The fabulous follow-up to last year's biggest game in the store. Roll the cubes to make columns and rows of matching or different colors and shapes for points. Hands are open and strategy is deep - an instant favorite!

Yamslam Blue Orange, \$19.99
1-5 players, Age 7+

It's like a blend of poker and Yahtzee but more fun than both! Collect as many chips of high value as you can with skillful and lucky dice rolls. Do you keep your hand or press your luck?



Carcassonne Rio Grande, \$29.95
2-5 players, Age 7+

Easily one of the best games in the store. Flip tiles and build the board to create cities, roads, and cloisters in a medieval countryside. Speculate with your followers and score big the bigger you make the architectural elements. Infinitely expandable and replayable!

Labyrinth Ravensburger, \$30.00
2-4 players, Age 7+

In Labyrinth, each player has to navigate the maze to find special treasures, at the same time moving walls to make it harder for their opponents to do the same. An a-maze-ing classic!



Other Suggestions: Sushi Roll!, Double Shutter, Pitch Car

Party Games

Got a bunch of people coming over and looking for a way to keep everyone happy? Our party games offer competition and fun for adults and kids alike. Team play is encouraged; laughs are a certainty.



Wits & Wagers North Star, \$29.99
4-20 players, Age 10+

It's trivia with a twist! Try to answer the questions as accurately as possible while betting on the person you really think has the right answers. If that's you, great - but guessing the experts is half the fun of the game.



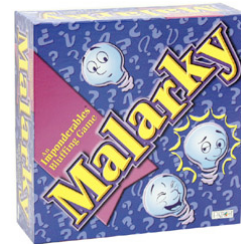
Smash or Trash Fun Q, \$29.99
3-8 players, Age 8+

We're in love with this creative music-lovers game. Draw a card that has four songs on it, then draw a random subject card. Write and sing new lyrics about dustbunnies, fooseball, or whatever you drew. Try to get votes that your song is the best!



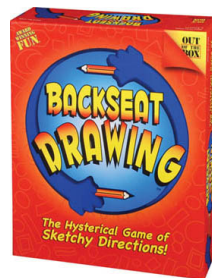
Malarky Patch, \$29.95
3-6 players, Age 10+

The best bluffing game out there. Answer esoteric questions with false authority and get the other players to believe you and vote for your answers. It's like life without the terrible consequences!



Backseat Drawing Out of the Box
\$24.99 4-8 players, Age 10+

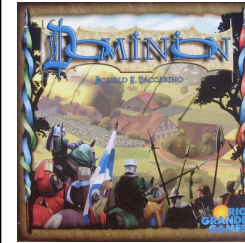
Think Pictionary in reverse. The director of each team has to describe what's being drawn to the artist. Everyone else on your team has to guess what it is before the other team does. From the makers of Apples to Apples.



Other Suggestions: Origin of Expressions, Argue!, Party Pooper

Strategy Games

For sharp minds and bold moves, strategy games can have many different themes and multiple components and mechanics all within the same game. These are some of our favorites.

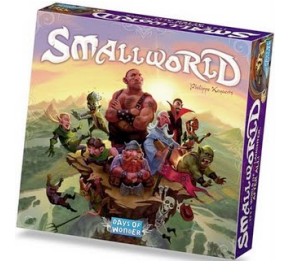


Dominion Rio Grande, \$44.95
2-4 players, Age 8+

A wonderfully innovative deck-building game with huge replayability, Dominion is just amazing. Try to cycle your deck and get victory points while using variable action cards to affect the game. Check out the Intrigue and Seaside expansions, too!

Small World Days of Wonder, \$49.95
2-5 players, Age 8+

In Small World, you get to create fantastic civilizations and ensure your faction's survival on a very limited board space. Can you push out your rivals while maintaining the growth of your society?



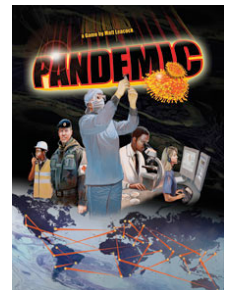
Hive Smartzone, \$30.00
2 players, Age 9+



Chess-like in its feeling, each player tries to surround his opponent's queen bee using careful skill and the unique movement capabilities of each bug piece. Portable, quick, and totally addictive!

Pandemic Z-Man, \$34.99
2-4 players, Age 10+

A brilliant cooperative game where you and your team of CDC-workers are trying to defeat a plague of world-ending diseases. Time is quickly running out as it spreads across the world, so you'd better get together and act fast!



Other Suggestions: Agricola, Endeavor, Chaos in the Old World