

Cooperative Games

While most games are usually thought of as being competitive in nature, there has been a recent boom of games that ask players to work together to achieve common goals. Everyone wins or loses - together.



Lord of the Rings LCG

Fantasy Flight, \$39.95
1-2 players, Age 13+

Build a deck of heroes and allies from Middle Earth and work together to achieve the adventure's goal. But guard your resources well, for it takes wit and stamina to beat the darkness. Expandable, replayable - we just love this game!



Flash Point: Fire Rescue

Indie Boards & Cards \$39.99
1-6 players, Age 10+

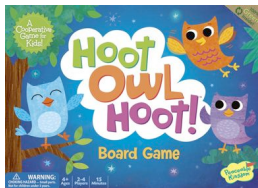


In this very uniquely-themed board game, players must do their best to rescue seven trapped people from a burning building. A random setup in each game means that teams must constantly measure and plan their actions before the fire gets out of control or the building collapses. It's time to be heroes!

Hoot Owl Hoot! Peaceable Kingdom, \$15.95

2-4 players, Age 4+

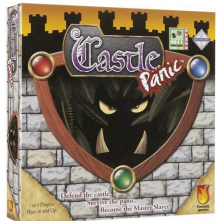
A perfect first game for youngsters and families, all players use colored cards and careful movement to ensure that all of the owls get safely back to their nest before sunrise occurs. Everyone plays with open hands so strategies can be discussed freely.



Castle Panic Fireside Games, \$35.00

1-6 players, Age 10+

Work with your friends to defend your castle against the encroaching horde of monsters by trading cards and planning effective strategies. Keep the castle tower intact at all costs and be the Master Slayer of the entire team!



Other Suggestions: Pandemic, Forbidden Island, Shadows Over Camelot

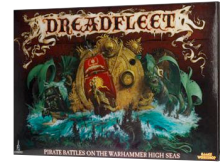
Miniatures Games

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 is a ton of magnificent miniatures battle games to be explored. Some of our favorites:

Dreadfleet

Games Workshop, \$115.00

Massive sea battles in the world of Warhammer! Dreadfleet is one giant box of goodies, including two huge fleets of gorgeous ship miniatures and monsters. Both captains must be hardy and ready for anything.



Star Trek: A Call to Arms

Mongoose Publishing, \$29.99 and up

It's about time a great Star Trek miniatures game showed up, and this brand new one from Mongoose is going to be epic. Gorgeous, ready-to-paint resin ships from the Federation, Klingon, and Romulan fleets are just the start for the second release in the intense and exciting Call to Arms series.



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 adventures, but the industry and creativity has grown a hundred-fold, and we're all the richer for it. Of special note this year:

Pathfinder RPG Beginner Box

Paizo Publishing, \$34.99

Pathfinder is THE game for people who loved the last edition of DGD. Paizo has just released this amazing intro set complete with rules, dice, maps, monster counters, and character sheets - everything you need to jump into the most popular RPG in the store.



The One Ring RPG

Cubicle 7, \$59.99

Easily the best Lord of the Rings RPG yet made, The One Ring offers fans of Middle Earth a beautiful pair of books together in one package that details all of the rules and the entire first stage of the journey through Mirkwood and its surroundings.



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HOLIDAY Gift Guide

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Our gift guide is designed to make your holiday shopping a bit easier. We've suggested a number of hot items inside, 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 or show them to you in person. If you'd like some personalized shopping assistance, we'll ask a few specific questions that will 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?

Find us on the floor or at the counter and feel free to ask questions. That's what we're here for - to help you have fun!



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.



Color Stix Mindware, \$19.95
2-6 players, Age 5+

Another smash by the celebrated designer of Qwirkle! Color Stix is a super-fast game of visual perception where players race to lay down their sticks with as many colors matching as possible. The sticks are then passed around the circle and scores are added up to determine the winner.

Yikerz! Wiggles 3D, \$17.95
1-4 players, Age 8+

The object of Yikerz! is to empty your hand of magnets. Take turns placing them on the ever-changing board, but make sure to place them carefully so that yours don't attract the others and collapse all the magnets. A fun, quick game of dexterity and tension.



Tell Tale

Blue Orange, \$12.95
1-8 players, Age 5+

Tell Tale is a creative game of improvisation where players tell stories cued by round cards that can be used in seven different games. The options are limitless and the applications broad; anyone can play and it's different every single time the cards come out! Great for travel and before-bed stories.



Gubs Gamewright, \$12.00
2-6 players, Age 10+

Gubs are peaceful, fairy-like folk who need your help! Try to gather and protect as many Gubs as possible by collecting their cards and making their colony strong by using your wit and luck before time runs out. The Gubs are counting on you!



Other Suggestions: LineUp, Rory's Story Cubes, Flip Out

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.



Identik Asmodée, \$29.99
3-7 players, Age 8+

After the Art Director describes a bizarre scene to the other players, each of them must do their best to recall what was said by drawing it on paper. How good is your memory, and what secrets can be revealed about you based on your sketch?



Dixit Odyssey Asmodée, \$36.99
3-12 players, Age 8+

Dixit is a game about communicating pictures through words with the clever use of beautifully-painted cards. Score points by creatively and successfully getting players to vote for your card. This version takes the max number of players to twelve for great party fun!



Analyze Me Blue Orange, \$19.95
3-8 players, Age 18+

Think you know your friends? Analyze Me will put that to the test! Ask them questions about life and try to guess who answered what based on your knowledge of them. Collect four life categories to be the best shrink of the night!



Crappy Birthday

North Star, \$14.99
4-8 players, Age 12+

Think Apples to Apples but with cards that bestow the most terrible gifts possible on your friends and family. Try to choose the present you think they'd hate the most - and win the game doing it! Crappy Birthday is a fast laugh that is sure to be a hit this year.



Other Suggestions: Faux-Cabulary, Trigger, Sketch-It

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.



7 Wonders Asmodée, \$49.99
2-7 players, Age 12+

One of the best games of the year! In 7 Wonders, each player drafts cards through three different Ages while developing their strategies. It takes a sharp mind to perfectly balance resources and card effects, so watch closely and play smart!

Small World Underground Days of Wonder, \$49.95

2-5 players, Age 8+

The follow-up to the best game of 2009, either as a stand-alone or an add-on. In Small World, you get to create fantastic civilizations and ensure your faction's survival on very limited board space. Can you push without pushing too far?



Dragon Face Blue Orange, \$29.95
2 players, Age 8+



A very simple abstract strategy game with subtle qualities by one of our favorite local companies. Capture your opponent's Emperor and take as many pieces as you can. But none ever come off the board; they simply change allegiances to help you win.

D&D Legend of Drizzt WotC, \$64.99

1-5 players, Age 12+

Third in a line of excellent cooperative adventure games set in the worlds of Dungeons & Dragons, Legend of Drizzt features a buildable, changeable board and multiple scenarios that keep the fun going. As the story changes, so do the goals. Work together to save the day!



Other Suggestions: Mansions of Madness, Troyes, Dominion: Hinterlands