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The Book Of Classic Board Games With Other (Klutz)



Synopsis

This work features 15 timeless classics - backgammon, checkers, go, nine men's morris, cats and dogs, solitaire, roundabouts, brax, mancala, hasami shogi, hoppers, dalmatian pirates and volga burglars, hex, 3d tic tac toe, fandango. It includes all boards and playing pieces.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Asked to name the best board games of all time, what would you say? Chances are your final list would be strikingly similar to the table of contents from *The Book of Classic Board Games*, which includes checkers, go, mancala, backgammon, nine men's morris, and 10 others. The spiral-bound book is designed to lay flat when opened, instantly becoming a portable playing area. Each two-page spread features a game board on one side with the directions on the facing page, allowing you to play without having to fish around for a rule book (game pieces and dice are also included). There's also a brief history provided for many of the games. Best of all, the entire package is about a third the size of a single board-game box, allowing you to take this cornucopia of contests anywhere you'd like. --Matthew Baldwin

Winner of Canadian Toy Testing Council Award of Excellence, Not Just For Children Anymore!
(selected by the Children's Book Council)

I have a copy of *The Book of Classic Board Games* from childhood, which I enjoyed playing games

from many a time. Now, my nephews enjoy playing its games when they visit. One nephew in particular loves it, so I got him a copy (used, because it is no longer published) for his birthday. He was so excited! If you are getting this used, you will most likely also have to buy new game counters/tokens. You will need: a) two colors of around 32-35 pieces each (maybe a few more if you want to be on the really safe side, though it is more than plenty for all but one of the games, and I think enough even for that); b) the ability to either stack them or flip them (in a distinguishing manner) for checkers kings and another game; c) they should not be too large--probably a maximum of 12-13 mm; d) and lastly, one game also requires a pair of dice. I lost my original gem counters, and the replacement ones I eventually got were slightly too large at 18-20 mm for the spacing on two of the game boards, though fine for all the rest. So, when I was ordering for my nephew's gift, I tried to be sure to get smaller. These are what I ended up getting: [Creative Stuff Glass - 1 Lb - Opal Black & White Mix Glass Gems - Vase Fillers \(14-17mm, Approx. 1/2"-5/8"\)](#) I measured my too-large gems and the spacings on the boards in my copy of the book before choosing the pieces I linked, but I haven't been able to see these smaller gems on the boards in person yet (he doesn't live nearby) to see if they just squeeze in or if they're still slightly too large. There are smaller sizes available such as this one from another seller [Clear Small 9-12mm Glass Bead Tokens \(22\)](#) that would have a more guaranteed fit for the smallest game boards, just be sure that you get enough.

I had this book when I was a kid. It's exactly the same except the playing pieces in this one are just plastic. My old one was glass... Only really matters in a high wind, I guess

Arguably one of the coolest things that Klutz ever did (and that's going some!) I've even stuck a little magnetic whiteboard with some rare-earth magnets in with mine so that I can use it as a "travel edition". 15 games in one, and all cool ones. (Although one or two of them could use a few more words of explanation/rules clarification.) Very compact and convenient: keeps all the boards, rules and playing pieces together without hassle. In a word: Awesome!

Classic! I have loved this book / set of games since I was a pre-teen. It a great collection to teach, learn, and play many varieties of strategic and silly games from all over the world.

Good games for two players but they get less interesting after playing them a lot.

We have had this wonderful book - collection of games since it first appeared in 1990 (well before .com). We are ordering another for our sons who are away at college and requested it to share with their friends at their apartment. Does that tell you anything?

The instructions are simple, the boards and everything you need to play are included. A great way to get your board game on when you're on the go or just bored. There's really not alot to say about it; the games are there with clear instructions and are ready to play. If you love board games there's no excuse not to have this.

This book is a great collection of board games from around the world, with easy to understand instructions, and all the peices to play. The board games are all multileveled but easy to play, and all of games are fun. The pages are all heavy laminated board, with a sturdy wire binding. The pieces are glass with a carrying case attached. The only problem I had was the carrying case tearing. All in all, a great buy.

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