

Games For Kids

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Summary

I am a big game lover so I thought it would be fun to put together a list of games that I have either heard about at various gaming conventions, read about online, or tried myself. This list is by no means inclusive and it is entirely in my opinion only.

Games

This list is sorted by recommended age. Note that in my opinion the ages listed on the games are often too low by at least a year. Buy a 4 or 5 year old a game that has an age of 3+.

Name	Company	Age	Price	Notes
Board and Card Games				
Quack Quack	Blue Orange Games	3+	\$17	Fun little color matching game. Beautiful wooden box and pieces.
Kids of Catan	Mayfair Games	4+	\$50	Simple board game. Great to develop turn taking skills.
Viva Topo!	Rio Grande Games	4+	\$30	Chase the mouse and get the cheese!
Beetlez	Mayfair Games	5+	\$20	Fast paced card flipping fun!
Bella Sara	Hidden City Games	5+	\$15	This is a game for girls. It is a collectable card game with an optional online component.
Catch The Match	Playroom Entertainment	5+	\$8	In general games from Playroom are good AND cheap! You can get them for \$5.95 each at Thought Hammer (see below).
Gulo Gulo	Rio Grande Games	5+	\$28	
Hear n' Seek	Playroom Entertainment	5+	\$8	
Monkey Memory	Playroom Entertainment	5+	\$8	
Sherlock	Playroom Entertainment	5+	\$8	
Fuzzy Heroes 2 nd Edition	Inner City Games	6+	\$11	Wonderfully simple war game where kids get to play with their favorite toys or stuffed animals. Fun stuff.
Right Turn, Left Turn	Playroom Entertainment	6+	\$8	This one could work for kids at this age.
Blink	Out of the Box Publishing	7+	\$6	
Gouda! Gouda!	EuroGames	7+	\$25	This one can be harder to find but it is fun.
Snorta!	Out Of The Box Publishing	7+	\$25	
Wallamoppi	Out Of The Box Publishing	7+	\$25	

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Hey That's My Fish! (Deluxe Edition)	Mayfair Games	8+	\$32	
Nobody But Us Chickens	Dancing Eggplant Games	8+	\$15	
Sleeping Queens	Gamewright	8+	\$11	Won kids game of the year for 2009 on a site I respect.
Warriors	Face 2 Face Games	8+	\$20	Great game for boys.
Bang!	Mayfair Games	10+	\$11	The bullet version comes with all of the expansion packs and a case that looks like a bullet. Neato.
Role-Playing Games				
Faery's Tale Deluxe Edition	Green Ronin	6+	\$15	Probably the best RPG for kids on the market. Children play faeries in a mystical woodland. Great product.
Meddling Kids	Pandahead Productions	8+	\$20	Think Scooby Doo.
Prince's Kingdom	Anvilwerks	10+	\$30	
The Zantabulous Zorcerer of Zo	Atomic Sock Monkey Press	10+	\$30	Zo is a very well written RPG with lots of flavor. Perfect for creating your own fairy tales.
Roleplaying With Kids	Technomancer Press	Adults	\$13	This is a book for adults that discusses role-playing with kids.

Online Resources

Here is a list of some sites that have great information about games with kids. I am also listing some online game stores that have great selections or that I have used personally.

Name	URL	Notes
Board Game Geek	http://boardgamegeek.com	Biggest and best board game related review site on the net. Focus on adult games but has some kid game reviews.
FRP Games	http://www.frpgames.com	Nice site with RPG related products and adult games. Connected with Game Kastle a huge game store across from Costco on Coleman.
GatePlay	http://www.gateplay.com	Source for adult board games.
Kid Games Ratings	http://kidgameratings.com	Best source for reviews on kid games.
Noble Knight Games	http://www.nobleknight.com	Great source for RPG related products and adult games.
RPGs For Kids	http://www.tlucetius.net/RPGs/kids.html	Fantastic user site with great recommendations for kid RPGs. Also have links to other kid game sites.
Thought Hammer	http://www.thoughthammer.com	Fantastic online store for board games. BIG discounts given on every product on a daily basis.