


Boardgame Night top picks for winter 2008 - As picked and reviewed by joedog

	<p>Coloretto Card Game / 3-5 players / BGG rating: 7.05 Coloretto is quick and fun. This is a great light or "filler" game at Boardgame Nights. Collect matching sets, and leave your opponents with unwanted stray cards. \$11.95</p>		<p>Citadels Card Game / 2-7 players / BGG rating: 7.3 This is one that we come back to again and again at Boardgame Night. With the low cost, inclusion of an alternate card set, and ability for up to 7 players, this is one of the best returns for your entertainment investment out there. Build your city, but watch for the Thief, Assassin, and Warlord! \$24.95</p>
	<p>Tikal (Spiel des Jahres 1999) Board and Tile Game / 2-4 players / BGG rating: 7.47 This game of exploration at a Central American archaeological site pits players against each other to discover the most temples and artifacts, and to defend them from other predatory archaeological rivals. It is a bit longer, but still comes out at Boardgame Night with some regularity. \$44.95</p>		<p>Ticket to Ride The Card Game Card Game / 2-4 players / BGG rating: 6.65 This card game is almost a travel version of Ticket to Ride. The mechanics are different, but it is remarkably similar in play experience. New to Boardgame Night, but the quick play will probably have it returning frequently. Collect enough railcars of the right colors to fulfill your destination ticket requirements. \$25</p>
	<p>Thurn and Taxis (Spiel des Jahres 2006) Board Game / 2-4 players / BGG rating: 7.26 This is the best game you'll ever play about the Bavarian postal service! Despite the esoteric theme, Thurn and Taxis delivers fun and a good competitive game. \$32.95</p>		<p>Alhambra (Spiel des Jahres 2003) Tile Game / 2-6 players / BGG rating: 7.06 This tile based game of building an ornamental garden is another long, and allows up to 6 players to participate. \$39.95</p>

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	<p>Manila Board Game / 3-5 players / BGG rating: 7.5 This smuggling game with its bidding and playing the odds is a perennial favorite at Boardgame Night. The risk, the excitement, the agony when your ship doesn't come in... \$44.95</p>		<p>Hey! That's My Fish! Tile Game / 2-4 players / BGG rating: 7.1 Use your penguins to collect the most fish as the ice flow shrinks. \$25</p>
	<p>Thebes Board Game / 2-4 players / BGG rating: 7.47 Another archaeological game that we enjoy at Boardgame Night. Thebes has players racing against time to research and dig for artifacts in Europe and the Middle East in the early 20th century. Will your dig produce fabulous relics for you, or just a handful of sand? \$59.95</p>		<p>Ticket to Ride (Spiel des Jahres 2004) Board Game / 2-5 players / BGG rating: 7.51 This is one of the "bread and butter" Eurogames (along with Settlers of Catan and Carcassonne), and was instrumental in introducing several Boardgame Night regulars to mature boardgaming. This is a game that family members and non-Boardgame Night regulars also enjoy. \$50</p>

	<p>Battlestar Galactica Cooperative Board Game / 3-6 players / BGG rating: 8.16 Okay, I'll admit that we've only played this once at Boardgame Night - the day it arrived in the store. It is a cooperative game, with one (or more) traitors secretly assisting the Cylons. The traitor mechanic works better than other cooperative/traitor games that I've played. Coupled with the theme (which fans of the show say does a great job of capturing the flavor of the series), this one is a winner.</p>
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