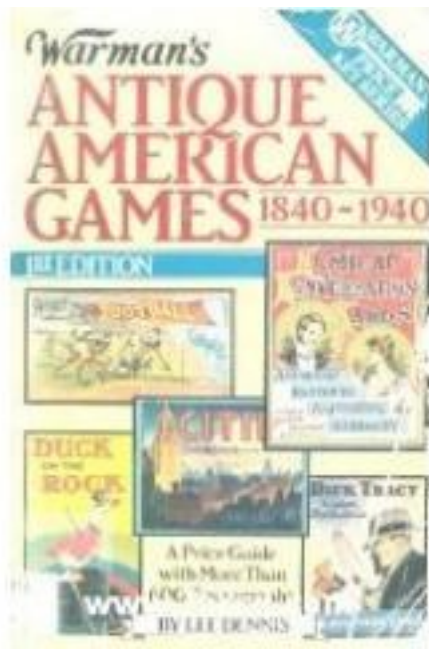


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INTRODUCTION
Once regarded as mere adjuncts to the toy field, games now are finding a collector's niche for themselves. Much has been written on dolls, toys, transportation, banks, and other related categories, but little information exists solely on American board and card games. The brilliant lithography on the box covers and boards of games lures more collectors each year. The colorful graphics of antique games always have accurately portrayed the ongoing saga of this country's mores and history. Through the imaginative drawings of commercial yet largely unknown artists, admirers of old box and card games can view the transportation of yesterday by trolley or transoceanic steamship, recall the discoveries of Pike's Peak or the North Pole, note the helmetless uniforms of an 1895 football team or the leg puttees

of a vintage motorcyclist's trace the mapped strategies of long past battles and nava engagements and relive the impact of radio comic strips and movies on this nation. (Fig. 2) Games appeal to a great overlapping segment of the collecting field. Aviation train and automobile buffs as well as those infatuated with baseball or art and advertising all look for appropriate games to f out their respective collections. While the older games may not be as plentiful as they once were there are many examples still to be found from the turn of the century through the 1930 s and 40 s to challenge the searcher. (Fig. 4) The prices of the games in this book are derived from personal buying experience auctions and observing the going rates at shops and antiques shows. To use the well worn phrase--the listed prices are only a guide Condition size rarity completeness and even the geography of where you are buying all serve as important factors in governing prices Everything considered however the end result is always how much an avid game collector is willing to pay to add a desirable game to his or her collection. The game brings to its buyer beauty enjoyment and a distinct sense of history. Without doubt it's "all in the game"

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