

2016 Board Games & Puzzles Article

Temperatures are dropping and the fun is moving indoors, so peel off the cellophane and crack open a new board game. Here are our favourites for 2016.

Three Little Piggies (3+, SmartGames)

A sturdy, attractive preschool puzzle. Our testers particularly loved how the piggies fit inside the houses and can peek out the windows. The familiar theme (reinforced by the included story book) makes this a more concrete challenge, especially with all the imaginative play this set inspires - kids loved helping the piggies escape the wolf by solving the puzzles. For a slightly more difficult challenge, [Little Red Riding Hood](#) is another great preschool puzzle by the same company. [Full Review](#)



Walls & Warriors (8+, SmartGames)

We love the medieval castle theme and the simple premise of this puzzle: position the castle walls so that your (blue) knights and the tower are protected inside the walls, while keeping the red enemy knights outside the castle compound.

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Smartcar 5 x 5 (4+, SmartGames)



It's blocks and cars, but a whole new way to play with them. Your task is to load up the blocks on the chassis to build a car. The challenge is to arrange the blocks to match the colour pattern shown on the challenge card.

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