

# SHELF LIFE



## The Game of Battling Books

For 2-4 players



### SETUP:

- 1) Go to the shelves! Each player picks a book.  
(Novels, at least 100 pages long, are recommended.)
- 2) Shuffle the cards and place them between all the players.
- 3) The player whose first name is last alphabetically goes first.

### HOW TO PLAY:

- 1) Take turns drawing cards and following the instructions.
- 2) If a card says "EVERYONE READS" then all player follow the instructions.
- 3) The first player to earn 10 points is the winner!



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**- EVERYONE READS -**

Turn to page 14. Score 1 point for every EXCLAMATION POINT.

**- EVERYONE READS -**

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Turn to chapter five. Read the first sentence backwards out loud. If you can do it without mistakes, score 2 points.

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Turn to page 89. If there are quotation marks somewhere, score 1 point.

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If there is an illustration or photo of a person on the front cover, score 1 point.

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Trade books with another player. He/she loses 1 point.

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Find the price. If your book cost more than \$10, score 1 point.

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If your book has an EPILOGUE (a final section at the end) score 2 points.

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You have 60 seconds to find the word "TABLE" somewhere in your book. If you can do it, score 2 points. Ready, set, go!

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Count the letters in the author's last name. The player with the highest number scores 1 point.

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**- EVERYONE READS -**

If your book has "THE" in the title, score 1 point.

**- EVERYONE READS -**

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**- EVERYONE READS -**

If your book has "AND" in the title, score 1 point.

**- EVERYONE READS -**

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Turn to page 77 and count every letter X. The player with the most scores 1 point.

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You have 60 seconds to find the word "DOG" somewhere in your book. If you can do it, score 2 points. Ready, set, go!

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You have 60 seconds to find the word "GIRL" somewhere in your book. If you can do it, score 2 points. Ready, set, go!

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**- EVERYONE READS -**

Turn to page 17 and look for the word "SAID." If you can't find at least one, lose 1 point.

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Turn to page 65. If it is the final page of a chapter, score 2 points.

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**If your book is longer than 246 pages, score 2 points.**

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**If your book is shorter than 153 pages, score 1 point.**

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**- EVERYONE READS -**  
**Read the dedication. If it mentions someone's first AND last name, score 2 points.**

**- EVERYONE READS -**

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**Trade books with another player. He/she loses 1 point.**

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**Find the price. If your book cost less than \$9, score 2 points.**

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**If your book has a one word title, score 2 points.**

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**- EVERYONE READS -**  
**If your book's title is five words or more, score 1 point.**

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**Turn to page 43. Score 1 point for each word that starts with a z.**

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**Turn to page 31. Score 1 point for every letter q.**

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**Turn to page 29. If there is an animal on the page, score 2 points.**

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**If your book takes place anywhere outside the United States, score 1 point.**

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**Without looking, recite the first sentence of the book. (Other players check.) If you can do it, score 2 points.**

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**If your book was written more than 10 years ago, 2 points.**

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**- EVERYONE READS -**  
**If your book was written more than 5 years ago, score 1 point.**

**- EVERYONE READS -**

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**If your book has a PROLOGUE (a special section at the beginning) score 1 point.**

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**If your book lists three or more books by the same author, score 2 points.**

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**Turn to page 22. If there is a word that is at least ten letters long, score 1 point.**

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**If your book has more than 15 chapters, score 1 point.**

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**If your book is hardcover, score 1 point.**

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**If your book is softcover, score 1 point.**

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**- EVERYONE READS -**

**If there is a quote on the front cover, score 2 points.**

**- EVERYONE READS -**

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**If your book was printed in the United States, score 1 point.**

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**If your book was printed outside of the United States, score 1 point.**

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