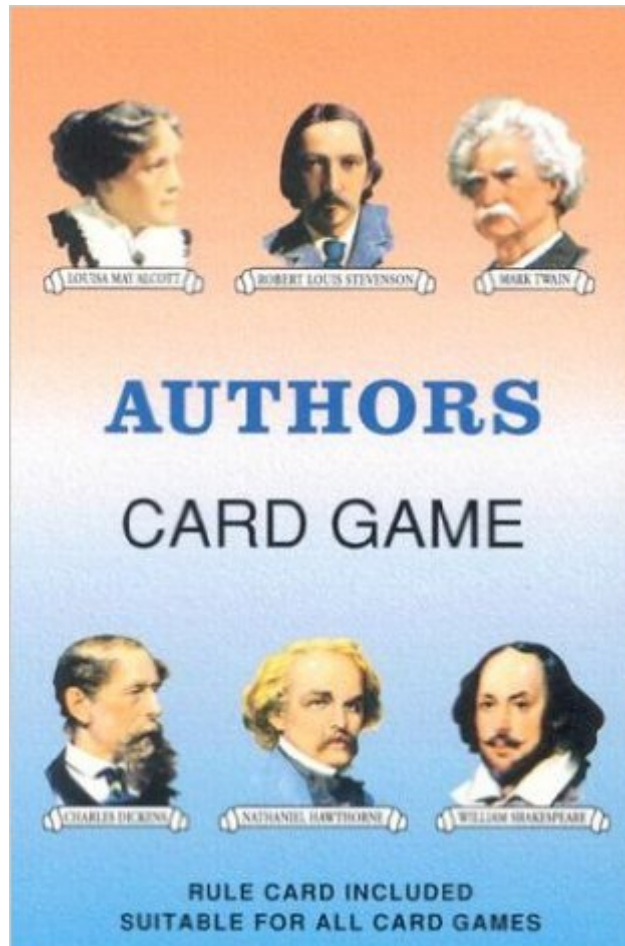


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# Authors Card Game



## Synopsis

This classic literary card game features portraits of 13 famous authors and highlights their most prominent works.

## Book Information

Cards

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## Customer Reviews

Authors was my favorite card game as a child (and still is) and I was thrilled to find my kids (now 13 and 11, but we've been playing it for years) love it as much as I did. It plays like Go Fish but way more challenging because you don't just ask for William Shakespeare but Hamlet by William Shakespeare and if they have Julius Caesar instead, well watch out for your Romeo and Juliet! My kids coined "GO READ" as the response to a wrong guess. This game familiarized me with the names and works of many great authors and I went on to read most of these titles out of curiosity. A family favorite I'm here to replace my original extremely dog-eared deck today.

The "Authors" card game of my youth helped me through many a sticky situation. I have been brilliant at cocktail parties when I could recall that Longfellow wrote the "Song of Hiawatha". I have breezed through crossword puzzles with my arcane knowledge of Nathaniel Hawthorne. I am familiar with more Louisa May Alcott titles than just "Little Women". And now I am introducing my children to the classics. We just flew home to Florida from Boston, and my children (ages 9 and 10) and husband (who was an English major in college and was thrilled to have his memory jogged) played the "Authors" game while I was able to read the latest Elizabeth George. The three of them

were engaged in lively (and quiet) play for more than a hour! The sign of a truly groovy game. The flight attendant took note of the game for her 10 year old son. This is a wonderful game which introduces the names and titles of books which everyone should read, and now, maybe another generation will. Drawbacks: the art is too small to be appreciated; not enough graphic impact. The type for both the authors's names and the book titles is also much too small. I might be a baby boomer who has just started wearing reading glasses, but even my 9 year old had trouble with the unfamiliar names in the bitsy type.

Our parents bought this card game for us when we were youngsters. I am now 53 years old and a grandmother. I am so glad that we were "poor" back then and had to stay home and play this game and read books. This game is a great learning tool, it is played basically like "fish", but you start memorizing the classics and their author. Everyone should buy and play this game with their children.

I ordered this version which I believed would have the portraits of 6 authors on the outside - but instead received the plain green box with Mark Twain on the outside. I thought I was ordering a older different version of the game. The cards when you open the deck are exactly as I remember them. I love this game - so wonderful for getting children interested in reading the classics! Unfortunately I way over paid for the deck because I was deceived by this picture.

Product came on time, and in good condition. The description of this product is a little thin, so let me add a few details:- This is NOT an exact reproduction of the Parker Bros.' "Famous Authors" card game that many will remember from growing up.- The card backs are different (gone is the dark red sailing ship) and the box is also different (as pictured).- The lineup of authors is not as you will remember. John Greenleaf Whittier (of Laus Deo, Snowbound, The Eternal Goodness, and Among the Hills fame) has been axed, and replaced by Poe (with a poor quality portrait and bad ink drawings of each of his books to boot).- The original cards are reproduced at about 65% of original size and conventional suit/card numbers added, making the cards dual-use. This may be a nice change for some, but the portraits suffer from the small size. I wish the cards had just been reproduced from the original as-is.- The company producing these cards didn't do so from a good copy of the originals or with a top-notch scanner. While the cards don't look bad, they don't look anywhere near as good as the 1930s/40s printings.

The cards are authentic but too small to hold and play. I wish they were larger, to see and to hold.

My parents turned me on to authors when I was a kid and, now 56, I play it with them every time I go home. We're on our 10th set of the game but still have the original set saved at home. I leave to see them on Wednesday and they are beginning to warm up the cards as we speak. Buy the game for your family. A fine, fine, way for the whole family to spend its time. Note: there are also sets of SciFi Authors, modern authors, scientists, etc. But, the original game remains the best.

I ordered this game partly out of nostalgia and partly because it is educational, and I was very happy that I did. As a child I played it often with my siblings and parents, and now I have introduced it to my daughter and her children. I don't know who enjoyed it more, the adults or my 11-year-old grandson as he beat us time and time again!. The print is a bit smaller than I recall, and I do not remember the cards having the A-2-3-4- etc sequence as normal playing cards, but those are perhaps the only differences. The authors and their books are still the same. When we didn't have the card in question my grandson coined the phrase, " Go to the library", which seems very appropriate. I highly recommend this game to anyone looking to spend some entertaining and educational time with family and friends

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