

Canoe

You don't paddle it. You play it.

This strategy game is quite new, but its vintage-Americana design makes it look like something Jay Gatsby might have played during the Roaring Twenties. The game is easy to learn, difficult to master. Opponents sit not opposite each other but at right angles, elbow to elbow. Each turn involves rolling two dice and then rotating and moving one of seven numbered cubes in various ways as dictated by the dice. A single game takes up to a half-hour to play. Seattle game master Bruce Alsip named his creation in homage to a longtime maker of handcrafted wooden canoes. The game's playing surface is a rich mahogany veneer and comes with a sturdy

canvas parts bag and water-resistant tote bag, with leather protected corners and leather handles and straps secured by brass buckles. Furthermore, each game carries a registration number hammered into the edge of the board by the same style 12-inch steel die that numbered the canoes which inspired the game. Frequent travelers also will appreciate Canoe's new board made from lighter weight cherry wood—ideal for toting on your next trip. You can only order online at canoegame.com or by calling (888) 207-2580.

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Easy to learn but endlessly challenging, Canoe rides the retro-game wave.

