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Sicilian Card Games: An Easy-to-follow Guide



Synopsis

'SICILIAN CARD GAMES an easy-to-follow guide' gives very clear instructions for twelve Sicilian card games, with photographic illustrations. It is the ONLY book of Sicilian card games in print worldwide. Sicily has its own unique deck of playing cards, and a wealth of games exclusive to the island. PACKS OF SICILIAN PLAYING CARDS CAN BE ORDERED ON .COM Card games are central to festivities at Christmas, Easter and other family gatherings. Some games are hilarious, and simple enough to be enjoyed by young children yet a great way to make them practise mental arithmetic. Other games are quite challenging. Most village squares have a full-time squadron of old men who play outdoors, smacking their winning cards down like a butcher with a meat cleaver. The games in the book are: Buona sera Signorina, Cavalli, Cu cu!, Camicia, Asino, Sette e Mezzo, Trentuno, Centocinque, BrÃ—scula, Tresette, Terziglio, Scopa. â ^SICILIAN CARD GAMES an easy-to-follow guide' includes an interesting explanation of the origins of Sicilian playing cards. This book makes an entertaining and economical gift for all ages.

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Customer Reviews

This appears to be a self published book. The author could use a good editor for spelling, grammar, and clarity. That being said, we were able to understand everything and learn some new card games. I bought this and Sicilian cards for an Italian themed date night with my husband and we were able to learn new games and have fun with it. I asked my 12 year old son to read the instructions to Scopa and then teach me, so I could be more prepared for the evening with my husband. My son is used to all manner of strategy games (Puerto Rico, Agricola, Dominion, Through the Ages, etc.) as well as card and dice games, and he has an 11th grade reading

comprehension level. All that to say I was a bit surprised when he told me he was confused by the instructions. So we sat down to read it together and starting with the history. It really isn't complicated, it is just that the editorial mistakes throw off the focus so you are left first making sure you understood what is meant, before being able to apply it.

This book rocks! The instructions are clear and detailed and it's easy to get a game up and running. I've taken this on trips with me, along with a deck of cards I got on it. It's a great way to have fun with a group, especially one with a mix of kids and adults. Perfect travel size, too. Not only are the games fun to play but the book itself is fun to read. The instructions are entertaining and there are pages on the history of the cards and the cultural context in which they are played, rendered in a light, vivid style. All this and the price is fantastic. Just get it. You won't be disappointed.

This is an excellent book, a good introduction to many Sicilian card games played all over Italy. Scopa is probably the most popular. A deck of Sicilian cards consists of forty cards, divided into four suits: coins (Denari in Italian), swords (Spade), cups (Coppe) and clubs (Bastoni). The values on the cards range numerically from one through seven, plus three face cards in each suit: Knave (Donna in Italian), Knight (Cavallo), and King (Re). A Knave is a lone human figure standing. The Knight is a human figure riding a horse. The King is a human figure wearing a crown. To determine the face value of any numeric card, simply count the number of suit icons on the card. The ace card of coins is usually a type of bird with circle in the middle. Buy the book and learn all about these ancient card games.

Interesting and informative book, however, the photos of the playing cards should have been of better quality and should be in color. It looks like the photos of the cards were done by an amateur and the flash has blown out portions of the photos. They should do a new edition of this book with good color photos and the book would be very good.

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