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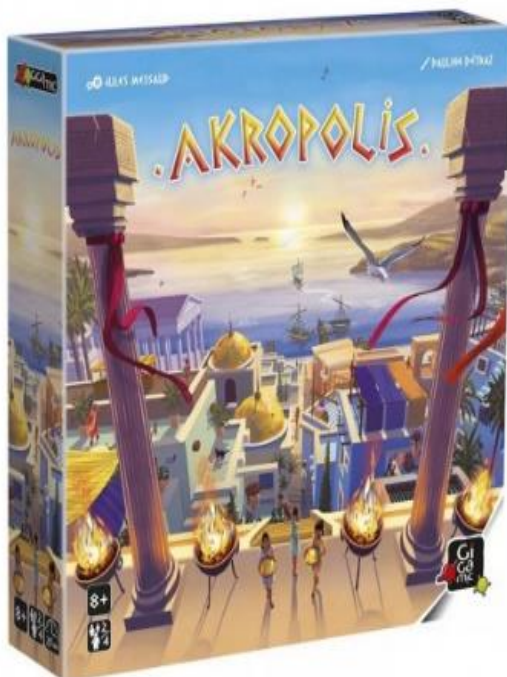
"Les As d'Or 2023: Your Best Assets for a Successful Christmas!"

The International Games Festival, a veritable epicentre of passion for board games, reaffirms its annual commitment to celebrating the creativity of play. Through its prestigious "As d'Or" label, the event highlights games selected for their excellence, originality and ability to enthral players of all ages. These winners are now becoming the must-have Christmas presents, guaranteeing hours of unforgettable entertainment.

AS D'OR-JEU DE L'ANNÉE

AKROPOLIS

"Akropolis" has emerged as the game of the year for players of all ages. This clever strategy game transports players to the world of Ancient Greece, where they build and develop their own city-state. Its mix of simple and profound game mechanics makes it an ideal choice for fun evenings out with family and friends.



A game by **Jules Messaud**, illustrated by **Pauline Détraz**, published and distributed by **Gigamic**.

Players: 2-4. Age: 8+. Duration: 25 min.

In the heart of the ancient Mediterranean, rival cities seek wealth and glory.

The most talented architects of ancient Greece set about their task. Houses, temples, markets, gardens, barracks... So many districts that will allow your city to grow and stand out. But your buildings must respect a certain harmony and very precise rules if you hope to see your city's prestige soar. Stone remains the sinews of war. Make sure you have enough quarries and don't forget to build in storeys to lift your city to the heavens.

The game's advantages for the jury:

- Simple rules, with no exceptions
- Satisfying 3D city construction
- Nice progression curve

AS D'OR-JEU DE L'ANNÉE « ENFANT »

FLASHBACK ZOMBIE KIDZ

For younger players, "Flashback Zombie Kidz" is the clear winner. This exciting cooperative game lets children defend themselves against a zombie invasion while developing their problem-solving and collaboration skills. It guarantees hours of fun and learning for children.



A game by **Baptiste Derrez** and **Marc-Antoine Doyon**, illustrated by **Jennifer Mati**, **Laure de Chateaubourg**, **Michel Verdu**, published by **Le Scorpion Masqué** and distributed by **Black Rock Games**.

Players: 1-4. Age: 7+. Duration: 30 min.

Lead an investigation in the world of Zombie Kidz. Your mission: foil the evil plans of the zombies!

Flashback is a picture-based investigation game. Set off on an adventure and work together as a family or with other children on a journey frozen in time.

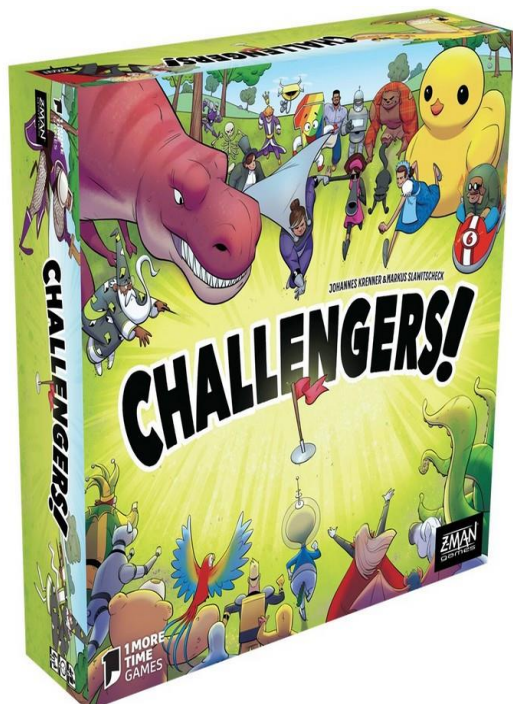
The game's assets for the jury:

- A beautifully illustrated universe with first-person images (a return to the world of Zombie Kidz)
- Original and surprising game material to solve the investigation
- Exercises reasoning and deduction
- Perfect for family play

AS D'OR-JEU DE L'ANNÉE « INITIÉ »

CHALLENGERS !

"Challengers!" was awarded the Golden Ace in the Initiate category for its captivating gameplay and complex mechanics. It offers a stimulating challenge for seasoned players, while transporting them into the fascinating world of rocket design. It's a game that dazzles with its depth and strategic thinking.



A game by **Johannes Krenner** and **Markus Slawitschek**, illustrated by **Jeff Harvey**, published by **Z Man Games** and distributed by **Asmodee**.

Players: 2-8. Age: 8+. Duration: 45 min.

Win the biggest tournament of them all!

Face off against each of your opponents in a duel in a huge, supercharged battle game tournament. Your decks of cards contain characters with special values and abilities, and you'll make them stronger and stronger from duel to duel. There are 75 distinct characters to keep the game varied!

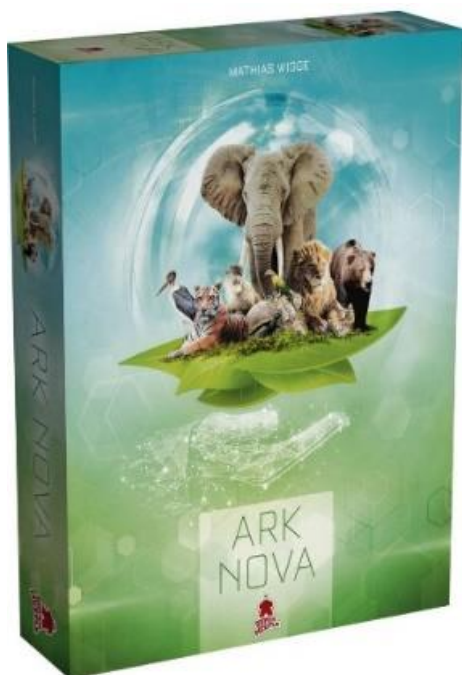
The game's strengths for the jury :

- Tournament mechanics, integrated into a single game
- Simple gameplay with depth that gradually reveals itself
- Deck building to create atmosphere
- A gateway for video game players ("Auto battler" mechanic)

AS D'OR-JEU DE L'ANNÉE « EXPERT »

ARK NOVA

Finally, "Ark Nova" was hailed as the game of the year by board game experts. This game offers an immersive experience rich in strategy, immersing players in a world of ark construction in space. Its innovative mechanics and complexity make it a must-have for fans of demanding board games.



A game by **Mathias Wigge**, illustrated by **Loïc Billau** and **Dennis Lohausen**, published by **Super Meeple** and distributed by **Néo Ludis**.

Players: 1-4. Age: 14+. Duration: 90 min.

Prepare and develop a modern scientific zoo.

To run the most efficient establishment, build enclosures to house your animals and support conservation projects to ensure the preservation of different species. Ark Nova is built around 255 animal cards, specialists, unique enclosures and conservation projects, each with specific capabilities.

The game's strengths for the jury:

- Simple basic mechanics
- Contemporary theme with the conservation project
- Stressful end to the game, with a nice build-up to the end
- Huge variety of cards and strategies

- Concrete and satisfying aspect of creating your own animal park

- The author's first game

The finalists selected in the 4 categories:

- **As d'Or – Jeu de l'Année : District Noir – That's not a hat**
- **Enfant : La colline aux feux follets – La planche des pirates**
- **Initié : Alice is missing – Turing Machine**
- **Expert : Carnegie – Federation**

L'As d'Or has become the benchmark for rewarding the best games published on the French market. Every year, the jury, made up of professionals and enthusiasts, evaluates hundreds of games to identify those that stand out for their quality and appeal to all audiences.

These As d'Or 2023 games are now available on the market, and we encourage all board game fans to discover them. Whether you're looking for an unforgettable Christmas gift or a great way to entertain friends and family, these games are guaranteed to provide fun and enjoyment.

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