

Awards / Auszeichnungen

Over 900 published games and books worldwide

3x German Game of the Year (Triple)

5x German Game Prize

3x French Grand Prix du Jouet

4x Austrian Game Award

2x Swiss Game Award

2x Spanish Game of the Year

1x Italian Game of the Year

3x Dutch Game of the Year

7x Finnish Game of the Year

2x Swedish Game of the Year

3x Danish Game of the Year

5x Polish Game of the Year

2x Hungarian Game of the Year

1x Australian Game of the Year

3x Japan Board Game Prize

1x Brazilian Game of the Year

1x German Educational Game Award

2x International Gamers Awards

1x Toccu di Ghjocu - Corsican Game Library Award

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2026

Kennerspiel des Jahres (Rebirth)

→ Reiner Knizia is the first and only winner of the Triple
(Spiel des Jahres, Kinderspiel des Jahres, Kennerspiel des Jahres)

Toccu di Ghjocu (Korsika), Kennerspiel des Jahres (Rebirth)

ASTRA play award for the best family board game (Pyrrramid)

Spiel des Jahres Recommendation (Meister Makazu)

As d'Or, French Game of the Year, Nomination (Rebirth)

2025

BoardGameGeek, Hall of Fame (RA)

BoardGameGeek, Hall of Fame (Tigris & Euphrates)

Årets Barnspel 2025 (Katten på Taket)

2024

Polish Game of the Year (MLEM)

2023

Mensa Select Award (Mille Fiori)

Polish Party Game of the Year (Gluty)

Polish Toy of the Year (Pitagoras)

Swedish Family Game of the Year, Nomination (S.O.S)

2022

Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Witchstone)

2021

Swedish Family Game of the Year (My City)
Finnish Game of the Year – Children (Vampyr Party/Vampyyri Juhlat)
Finnish Game of the Year – Strategy (Quest for El Dorado)
Gamer's Choice Award – Family Category (My City)
Generationenspiel des Jahres (Heckmeck am Bratwurmeck)
Danish Adult Game of the Year (My City)
Hungarian Game of The Year (Eldorado Legendaja)
International Gamers Award – Two Player (My City)
Ludopedia Brazil – Children Game of the Year (Arquimedes)
Danish Family Game of the Year, Nomination (The Quest for El Dorado)

2020

American National Parenting Product Awards Winner (Ice Tumble)
Dutch Game of the Year (De Zoektocht naar El Dorado)
Dutch Game of the Year (L.A.M.A.)
Finnish Family Game of the Year (The Quest for El Dorado)
Polish Game of the Year (Quest for El Dorado)
Polish Game of the Year (Zamek The Castle)
Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (My City)

2019

Generationenspiel des Jahres (L.A.M.A.)
Italian Game of the Year (The Quest for El Dorado)
Japan Board Game Prize (L.A.M.A.)
Spanish Game of the Year (The Quest for El Dorado)
Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (L.A.M.A.)

2018

American National Parenting Product Awards Winner (Uncle Beary's Bedtime)
ENNies Best Family Product – Gold (Khan of Khans)
ENNies Best RPG Related Product – Gold (Khan of Khans)

2017

Academics Choice Brain Toy Award (Sunshine Rescue)

Trick Taking Guild Golden Trickster Award (Voodoo Prince)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (The Quest for El Dorado)

2016

Academics Choice Brain Toy Award (Isle of Coconuts)

Danish Children Game Award (Kanin Hop Hop)

Finnish Children Game of the Year (Moomin Fishing Game)

Kinderspiel des Jahres, Nomination (Mmm!)

2015

The Gamers Alliance, Top Board Game Designer of the Last 30 Years (Reiner Knizia)

Goldenes Schaukelpferd, Spielzeug des Jahres (Die Maus – Reise durch Deutschland)

Österreichischer Spielepreis (Mmm!)

ToyNews, Top 10 Toy Inventor (Reiner Knizia)

Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Drachenhort)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Honigbienenchen)

2014

US Games 100

Best Family Game, Nomination (Indigo)

Best Family Game, Nomination (Qin)

Best Family Game, Nomination (Rondo)

Best Party Game, 2nd Place (Celebrity Throwdown)

Best Strategy Game, Nomination (Spectaculum)

2013

Academics Choice Brain Toy Award (Cheeky Monkey)

Danish Adult Game Award, Nomination (Qin)

As d'Or, French Game of The Year, Nomination (Indigo)

Mensa Preference, Nomination (Qin)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Rondo)

US Games 100

Best Family Board Game, Nomination (BITS)

Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Electronic Labyrinth)

Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Pairamid)

Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Rondo)

2012

Hungarian Game of the Year (Jäger und Sammler)

Spanish Badajoz Award, Most Played Designer (Reiner Knizia)

Swiss Toy Award (Indigo)

Spanish Game of the Year, Nomination (Kingdoms)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Indigo)

US Games 100

Best Card Game, Nomination (Botswana)

Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Indigo)

2011

BoardGameGeek, Favourite Board Game Designer (Reiner Knizia)

Hungarian Game of the Year, Nomination (Keltis)

Kinderspiel des Jahres, Nomination (Grimaffen)

US Games 100

Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Abandon Ship)

Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Ra – The Dice Game)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Priests of Ra)

2010

Australian Game of the Year (Ramses Pyramid)

Golden Geek Award, Best Abstract Game (FITS)

Goldene GIGA-Maus (tipoi – Das Geheimnis der Zahleninsel)

Mensa-Spielepreis (Einfach Genial)

Toy Innovation Award: Wissen + Lernen (tipoi – Das Geheimnis der Zahleninsel)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Jäger und Sammler)

US Games 100

Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Black Sheep)

Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Igor: the Monster Making Game)
Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Lost Cities: The Board Game)
Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Sushizock im Gockelwok)
Best Family Board Game, Nomination (Zombiegeddon)
Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Handelsfürsten)
Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Looting London)
Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Masters Gallery)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Ilium)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Municipium)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Strozzi)
Best Puzzle Game, 2nd Place (FITS)

2009

Goldenes Schaukelpferd, Spielzeug des Jahres (Ramses Pyramid)

Mensa Hungary Award (Callisto)

Österreichischer Spielepreis (Ramses Pyramid)

Toy Innovation Award (Ramses Pyramid)

Danish Family Game Award, Nomination (Samurai)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Poison)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Fits)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Poison)

Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (FITS)

2008

Spiel des Jahres (Keltis)

Kinderspiel des Jahres (Wer war's)

Deutscher Lernspielpreis (Alles Tomate)

Deutscher Kinderspiel Preis (Wer war's)

Finnish Game of the Year (Modern Art)

Deutscher Lernspielpreis, Nomination (Bello)

Deutscher Lernspielpreis, Nomination (Kannst du schon Formen ordnen?)

Deutscher Lernspielpreis, Nomination (Was ist Was Ritterburg)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Keltis)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Handelsfürsten)

Kinderspiel des Jahres, Nomination (Alles Tomate)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Alles Tomato)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Bello)
Polish Game of the Year, 2nd Place (Euphrates & Tigris)
Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Pingu Party)
US Games 100
 Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Figaro)
 Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Great Wall of China)
 Best Family Game, Nomination (Blue Moon City)
 Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Genesis)
Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Drachen Parade)

2007

As d'Or, French Game of the Year, Nomination (La Course des Tortues)
As d'Or, French Game of the Year, Nomination (La Traversee du Desert)
Deutscher Lernspielpreis, Nomination (Der kleine Sprechdachs)
Deutscher Lernspielpreis, Nomination (Primo Calculino)
Dutch Board Game of the Year, Nomination (Taj Mahal)
Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Medici vs Strozzi)
International Gamers Award – Two Player, Nomination (Medici vs Strozzi)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Die Schatztaucher)
Korean Ilvin Award, Best Remake Game (Winner's Circle)
Norwegian Family Game of the Year, Nomination (Risk Express)
US Games 100
 Best Family Card Game, 2nd Place (King Arthur Card Game)
 Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Poison)
 Best Family Game, Nomination (Beowulf)
 Best Family Game, Nomination (Dead Man's Treasure)
 Best Family Game, Nomination (Double or Nothing)
 Best Family Game, Nomination (Times Square)
 Best Family Game, Nomination (Winner's Circle)
 Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Euphrates & Tigris: Contest of Kings)
 Best Party Game, Nomination (Toppo)
Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Risiko Express)

2006

Golden Geek Award, Best Family Game of the Year (Ingenious)

Meeples Choice Award (Blue Moon City)

Spanish Game of the Year (Exploradores)

Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Tal der Abenteuer)

Czech Game of the Year, Nomination (Genial)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Blue Moon City)

Dutch Board Game of the Year, Nomination (Attention Pirates!)

Dutch Board Game of the Year, Nomination (Through the Desert)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Euphrat & Tigris – Wettstreit der Baumeister)

International Gamers Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Blue Moon City)

Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Bunte Runde)

Lucca Comics and Games, Best of the Best, Nomination (Figaro)

Dutch Game Award, Nomination (Through the Desert)

Origins Awards

Board Game of the Year, Nomination (Rheinländer)

Traditional Card Game of the Year, Nomination (Poison)

Spanish Game of the Year, Nomination (Scarab Lords)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Blue Moon City)

Swedish Game of the Year, Nomination (Samurai)

US Games 100

Best Abstract Strategy Game, Nomination (Ingenious)

Best Family Game, Nomination (Pickomino)

Best Family Game, Nomination (Tutankhamen)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Motley Fool's Buy Low, Sell High)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Palazzo)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Rheinländer)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Tower of Babel)

2005

Japan Board Game Prize (Mago Magino)

Kinderspielexperten Sieger (Mago Magino)

Mensa Select Award (Ingenious)

Saarländischer Spielepreis (Einfach Genial)

Czech Game of the Year, Nomination (Amun Re)
Czech Game of the Year, Nomination (Genial)
Deutscher Lernspielpreis, Nomination (Heckmeck am Bratwurmeck)
Dutch Game of the Year, Nomination (Veel Soeps!)
Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Der Schotten-Totten)
Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Razzia)
Kinderspiel des Jahres, Nomination (Fleckenmonster)
Kinderspiel des Jahres, Nomination (Mago Magino)
Kinderspiel des Jahres, Nomination (Schildkrötenrennen)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Heckmeck am Bratwurmeck)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Schildkrötenrennen)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Sprechdachs)
Spanish Game of the Year, Nomination (A Traves del Desierto)
Spanish Game of the Year, Nomination (Genial)
US Games 100
 Best Abstract Strategy Game, Nomination (Einfach Genial)
 Best Family Card Game, Nomination (High Society)
 Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Relationship Tightrope)
 Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Spy)
 Best Family Game, Nomination (Carcassonne – The Castle)
Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Mago Magino)

2004

Hall of Fame, Academy of Adventure Gaming Arts & Design (Reiner Knizia)
French Grand Prix du Jouet (Le Roi Arthur)
Japan Board Game Prize (Einfach Genial)
Schweizer Strategiespiele Preis (Einfach Genial)
Toy Innovation Award (Blue Moon)
Österreichischer Spielepreis (Einfach Genial)
Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Einfach Genial)
Dutch Board Game of the Year, Nomination (Amun Re)
Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Blue Moon)
International Gamers Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Einfach Genial)
International Gamers Award – Two Player, Nomination (Blue Moon)

International Gamers Award – Two Player, Nomination (Carcassonne – The Castle)

Japan Board Game Prize, 3rd Place (Modern Art)

Japan Board Game Prize

Best Foreign Game for Beginners, Nomination (Auf den Spuren des Marco Polo)

Best Foreign Game for Beginners, Nomination (Duell)

Best Foreign Game for Beginners, Nomination (Einfach Genial)

Kinderspiel des Jahres, Nomination (Schatz der Drachen)

Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Hennenrennen)

Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Marco Polo)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Carcassonne – Die Burg)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Einfach Genial)

US Games 100

Best Abstract Game, Nomination (Atlanteon)

Best Advanced Strategy, Nomination Game (Amun-Re)

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Flea Circus)

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Korsar)

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Loco)

Best Family Game, Nomination (Fish Eat Fish)

Best Family Game, Nomination (Gold Digger)

Best Family Game, Nomination (King's Gate)

Best Family Game, Nomination (Wheedle)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings – Friends & Foes)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings – Sauron)

2003

Ehrenmitglied der Wiener Spiele Akademie (Reiner Knizia)

Deutscher Spiele Preis (Amun-Re)

French Grand Prix du Jouet (Wapi)

Hall of Fame, Sumo-Counter Award (Euphrat & Tigris)

IGF Award for Technical Excellence (Samurai – Electronic)

International Gamers Award – Two Player (Lord of the Rings: The Confrontation)

Meeples Choice Award (Amun Re)

Österreichischer Spielepreis (King Arthur)

Finnish Game of the Year, Nomination (Wapi)
International Gamers Award – Two Player, Nomination (Amun-Re)
Japan Board Game Prize, 2nd Place (Amun-Re)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Der Herr der Ringe – Das Kinderspiel)
Kinderspielexperten, Nomination (Memo Street)
Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Amun-Re)
Swedish Game of the Year, Nomination (Kingdoms)
US Games 100

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings – Fellowship)
Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Too Many Cooks)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Africa)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Dragonland)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Gladiators)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Kingdoms)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings – Confrontation)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Royal Turf)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings – Foes)

Österreichischer Spielepreis, Nomination (Amun-Re)

2002

Meeples Choice Award (Lord of the Rings – The Confrontation)

Origins Awards, Best Abstract Board Game (Kingdoms)

US Games 100, Best Family Game (Africa)

US Games 100, Best Family Strategy Game (Lord of the Rings)

US Games 100, Best Word Game (My Word!)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Der Herr der Ringe – Die Gefährten)

Japan Board Game Prize

Best Advanced Foreign Game, Nomination (Der Herr der Ringe – Die Gefährten)
Best Foreign Game for Beginners, Nomination (Flotte Flosse)
Best Foreign Game for Beginners, Nomination (Kampf der Gladiatoren)
Best Foreign Game for Beginners, Nomination (Kingdoms)
Best Japanese Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings)

Origins Awards, Best Fantasy Board Game, Nomination (Lord of the Rings – Confrontation)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Der Herr der Ringe – Kartenspiel)

US Games 100

- Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Formula Motor Racing)
- Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Ivanhoe)
- Best Family Game, Nomination (Traumfabrik)
- Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Merchants of Amsterdam)

2001

Hall of Fame, Academy of Adventure Gaming Arts & Design (Reiner Knizia)

Dutch Game of the Year (Monopoly Beurs Editie)

Hall of Fame, Sumo-Counter Award (Medici)

Meeples Choice Award (Royal Turf)

Spiel des Jahres, Sonderpreis Literatur im Spiel (Der Herr der Ringe)

Gamers' Choice Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Lord of the Rings)

Gamers' Choice Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Merchants of Amsterdam)

Gamers' Choice Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Taj Mahal)

Gamers' Choice Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Traumfabrik)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Royal Turf)

United Kingdom Silver Award Winner (Safari)

US Games 100

- Best Abstract Strategy, Nomination Game (Olix)
- Best Advanced Family Game, Nomination (Stephenson's Rocket)
- Best Advanced Family Game, Nomination (Taj Mahal)
- Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Drahtseilakt)
- Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Jumbo Grand Prix)
- Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Tabula Rasa)
- Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Vampire)
- Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Merchants of Amsterdam)
- Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Ra)
- Best Two-Player Card Game, Nomination (Lost Cities)
- Best Two-Player Card Game, Nomination (Schotten-Totten)

2000

Deutscher Spiele Preis (Tadsch Mahal)

Danish Children Game of the Year (Safari)

French Grand Prix du Jouet (Safari Malin)

Finnish Children Game of the Year (Safari)

Gamers.Com Award, Best Strategy Board Game (Lord of the Rings)

Goldene Feder der Stadt Essen (Tadsch Mahal)

Gamers' Choice Award – Two Player (Lost Cities)

Swedish Children Game of the Year (Safari)

Gamers' Choice Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Ra)

Gamers' Choice Award – Multi Player, Nomination (Stephenson's Rocket)

Gamers' Choice Award – Two Player, Nomination (Schotten-Totten)

Origins Awards, Best Abstract Board Game, Nomination (Through the Desert)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Tadsch Mahal)

US Games 100

Best Abstract Strategy Game, Nomination (Hong Kong)

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (It's Mine)

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Lost Cities)

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Money)

Best Family Card Game, Nomination (Zircus Flohcati)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Durch die Wüste)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Euphrates & Tigris)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Ra)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Rheinländer)

Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Samurai)

1999

Meeples Choice Award (Lost Cities)

Meeples Choice Award (Ra)

Tiger Award, Best European Game (Durch die Wüste)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, 2nd Place (Ra)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Samurai)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Lost Cities)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Money!)

Origins Awards

Best Card Game, Nomination (Reiner Knizia's Digging)

Best Graphic, Nomination (Ra)

Best Graphic, Nomination (Stephenson's Rocket)
Best Historical Board Game, Nomination (Ra)
Best Historical Board Game, Nomination (Stephenson's Rocket)
Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Money)
US Games 100
Best Family Card Game, Nomination (It's Mine)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Mole Hill)
Best Family Game, Nomination (Tutanchamun)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Durch die Wüste)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Euphrates & Tigris)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Medici)

1998

Deutscher Spiele Preis (Euphrat & Tigris)
Finnish Children Game of the Year (Kurre)
Hall of Fame, Sumo-Counter Award (Modern Art)
Meeples Choice Award (Samurai)
Meeples Choice Award (Through the Desert)
US Games 100, Best Family Strategy Game (Quandary)
Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Durch die Wüste)
Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Res Publica)
Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Schnäppchen Jagd)
Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Durch die Wüste)
Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Euphrat & Tigris)
US Games 100
Best Family Game, Nomination (En Garde)
Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Modern Art)
Best Strategy & Conflict Game, Nomination (Titan: The Arena)

1997

Meeples Choice Award (Tigris & Euphrates)
Origins Awards
Best Historical Board Game, Nomination (Euphrat & Tigris)
Best Traditional Card Game, Nomination (Titan: The Arena)
US Games 100, Best Family Strategy Game, Nomination (Modern Art)

1995

Meeples Choice Award (Medici)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (High Society)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Medici)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, 3rd Place (High Society)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Medici)

1994

Goldene Feder der Stadt Essen (Neue Spiele im alten Rom)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, Nomination (Auf Heller und Pfennig)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, Nomination (Flinke Pinke)

1993

Deutscher Spiele Preis (Modern Art)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, 2nd Place (Tutanchamun)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, 2nd Place (Attacke)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, 3rd Place (En Garde)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Modern Art)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Tutanchamun)

1992

Fairplay Kartenspiel des Jahres (Pirat)

Deutscher Spiele Preis, 3rd Place (Quo Vadis)

Fairplay Bestes Kartenspiel, 3rd Place (Razzia)

Spiel des Jahres, Nomination (Quo Vadis)

1991

Fairplay Kartenspiel des Jahres (Res Publica)