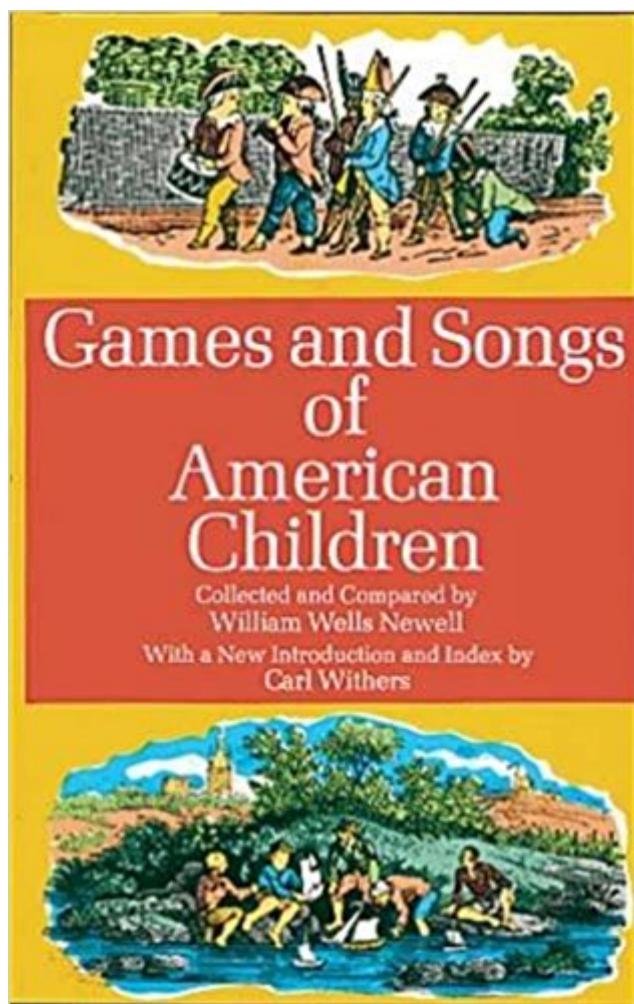


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I thought a lot about number of stars, though the author is long dead. But my gripe is far outside the realm of how it was delivered. This book is a wonderful and fascinating resource, far beyond children's games. Songs, dances, social rituals long forgotten, carefully traced by an excellent historian to their roots in England or elsewhere. The first section, on courting games, very popular in the 18th and early 19th century, with accompanying strange songs and rituals, is a gold mine for an author or researcher. It's a keeper. That's my problem. I really expected better of Dover, a fine old publishing house. The binding is as secure and high in quality as always with Dover. But the print is just awful. Perhaps it's only my copy, though I doubt it. The print is rather small, but not minuscule. The problem is the ink, which they seemed to be on a crusade to save. The printing is so faded as to be often unreadable, with gaps in letters where it's disappeared altogether. At the end of eight or so hours on the computer, I don't need this. My eyesight is excellent, and reading this is a strain. The sort of garbage I expect from the flood of titles sold by Ulan and Nabu, not Dover.

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