

June Staff Picks Part III

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The 13 products in our third installment of June Staff Picks include a cooperative game from **Peaceable Kingdom Press** that's a real "hoot," a monkey that helps lull kids to sleep from **Cloud B**, and the hotly anticipated **Rookie Perplexus** from **Plasmart Inc.** Make sure to look below to see the remaining June staff picks.



[Hoot Owl Hoot!](#) by **PEACEABLE KINGDOM PRESS**

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MSRP: \$14.99

Age Range: 4 to 12

Specialty: [Yes \(as of 2011\)](#)

Gender: [Boys And Girls](#)

Category: [Board Games](#)

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This game is easy enough for first time game players and the game can be made infinitely more challenging simply by adding more owl tokens into the game. This allows the game to age with the child or for older kids (or even adults) to play with younger kids. Like in Candyland, kids practice color recognition and moving tokens. Unlike Candyland, Hoot Owl Hoot is a cooperative game, meaning all players are playing for the same outcome together. A cooperative game eliminates stress, builds self-esteem, and teaches kids that playing together can be fun. Kids learn to work together, they share in the game play, and they practice cooperation. The object of the game is move all the owls from start to the nest before the sun rises. Players take turns, but work together. Launch date: May 2011.

Awards: A Dr. Toy Best Green Product for 2011; 2011 Parents' Choice Silver Honor Award; 2011 Parents' Choice Major Fun Award.

— As of 05/23/2011 this product had 5 out of 5 stars from 3 reviews on Amazon.com. **Pros:** Teaches kids to work together; difficulty can be increased as players get better; eco-friendly.