

There are three official ways to play *Bring Your Own Book* (though regular players will certainly come up with many more). The Classic rule set—the easiest for new players—is presented here. For the Democratic or Cutthroat rules, head to ironmaus.com.

QUICKSTART RULES: CLASSIC

Have you played before or just want to jump in? Follow these abbreviated instructions to play with 3-7 people.

SETUP: Everyone has a book and sits in a circle. The cards are placed face-down in the middle. The starting player should also have a 1-minute timer.

GOAL: Get four cards (with 5-7 players) or five cards (with 3-4).

PICKING: The starting player takes the top card off the deck, picks a prompt, and reads it aloud.

SEEKING: Everyone except the Picker searches their book for text to match the prompt. They're seeking for sequential text of any length: a single word, half of a sentence, a whole sentence, multiple sentences.

TIMER: The first Seeker to find matching text announces "I've got it" and starts the timer.

READING: When the timer runs out (or every Seeker announces "I've got it"), each Seeker reads what they've found. *Seekers who didn't find text in time open to a random page and read a random sentence from it.*

JUDGING: The Picker chooses their favorite submission and awards that Reader the card.

ROTATION: After each round, the person to the left of the last Picker starts the next round. *ALSO, every time any player reaches three cards, everyone passes their book one to the left.*

For more detailed instructions, demonstration videos, alternate ways to play, or frequently asked questions, check ironmaus.com.

