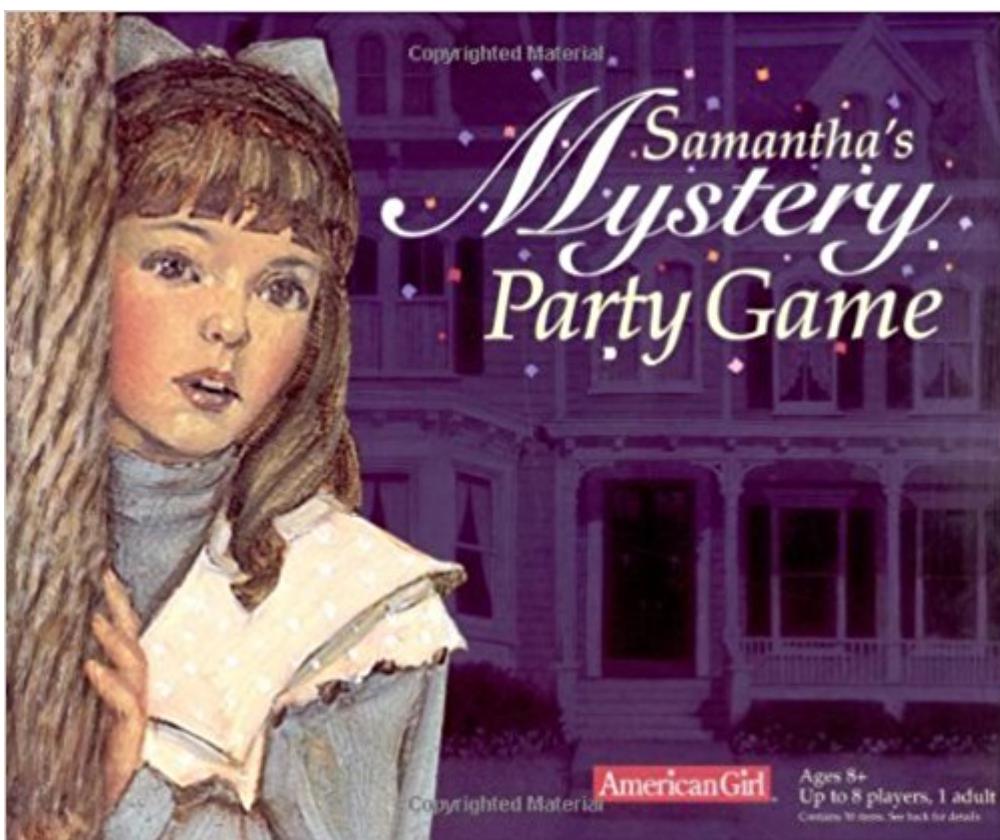


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# Samantha's Mystery Party Game (American Girl Collection)



## **Synopsis**

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## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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We did this for my daughter's 8th birthday party. SOOO cute! The girls all really enjoyed it, although I could tell they were getting a touch tired of it at the very end. It took us just shy of an hour to do it, but it was with a group of almost 3rd graders, so some were better readers than others and I think that influenced our time frame. After we did the game, we had a little tapas type of dinner and then watched the Samantha movie we had picked up at the American Girl store. It was seriously the quietest birthday party full of little girls that I've ever experienced -- I even got to sit down with a glass of wine towards the end!

This is a great party for girls who like to dress up in fancy dresses. The invitations tell the invitees what to wear, but they don't get the scripts until they arrive at the party. The girls all came dressed up in old-fashioned party dresses with big bows in their hair, ready for a tea party. We had the girls help decorate cookies for the party when they first arrived, then handed out the scripts. There are parts for 8 girls and a mom, or nine girls. One girl needs to be comfortable hiding under the table for

part of the action. Another is supposed to be in a nearby room for part of the action, but we had her sit nearby to feel a part of things. They were ready to do it again when it was over!

I used this game for my daughter's 8th Birthday Party. It was perfect for this age group. The kit comes with all of the Birthday invitations, and 9 bound scripts. (plus more!) Each child plays a character in this drama/play from the Samantha series from American Girl. The girls dressed in costumes with large bows in their hair, then we finished it off with a real victorian tea party. They loved it and said that this was the best Birthday Party ever. The play takes around an hour. The guests must be able to read, so if you have a younger sibling they can either be a shadow to one of the other characters, or just be one of the silent guests.

My initial reaction to the game was to wonder if I could jazz it up a bit, maybe add some clues, or make them harder to find. But, time got away from me and I just followed the instructions and the girls had a terrific time. It took us about an hour to set up (before the party) and 45 minutes to play. Thanks to the November 2004 movie, Samantha's story was well known to all the guests. Even those who were not great at reading aloud enjoyed the game. While the outcome of the story was obvious to me, and eventually to the girls, they got a kick out of solving it and seeing their guesses proven right. We used our game for a 9 year old's birthday party. The game was fun and it met my goal of planning a good party without getting into one of those \$20+ a person, preplanned event parties. I really don't think children's birthday parties ought to be huge extravaganzas. We had eight girls giggling all over the house. (A little goofy improvisation channeling Steve from Blues Clues didn't hurt!) In addition we kept to the American girl theme by playing outdoor games, parlour games and making peppermint ice cream. As they say, a splendid time was had by all.

This was a fun and inexpensive party game and the girls all seemed to enjoy it! I had my older teenage daughter help with it and it turned out well.

What an absurd game. Let's stereotype kids who have lost their parents or were given up for adoption all for the sake of earning a dollar! Fire the one who came up with this idea!

What a shame to have a "game" that perpetuates stereotypes about orphans and adopting. Another reason to dislike the whole "American Girls" brand.:+P

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