

TOKE AND ROLL (THE DICE)

Mr. Bud's Pot Smoking Games offers alternative pastimes for chronic fans

Everyone's heard of drinking games; they're old news, man. In this hiptastic new time, with dispensary lines around the corner and even squares lighting up, weed steps closer and closer to social acceptability with each passing year.

But that's just the thing. The fact that alcohol is a social lubricant allows for a thousand ways to drink and hang. Like I said, everyone knows about beer pong and flip cup, but what are we to do when a gaggle of party-goers wants to smoke in a competitive fashion? Mr. Bud, author of 2014's *Mr. Bud's Pot Smoking Games: 25 Fun Ways to Get Baked With Your Friends* (Ulysses Press, 2014, \$14.95), has the answer.

OK, so he's no Leo Tolstoy. But Mr. Bud sure knows how to take Yahtzee to the next level. He's got a sunny disposition rarely found in drunks (or Tolstoy), and that's the first thing you'll notice upon picking up the book. Dude has the same cadence as Jim Breuer in *Half Baked*, and it's all in good fun. Whereas drinking games force the loser to drink (and drink and drink and drink), Mr. Bud's games are all designed so

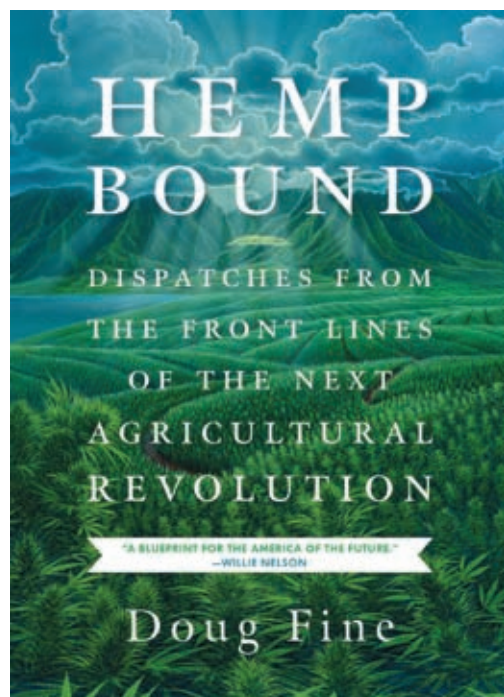
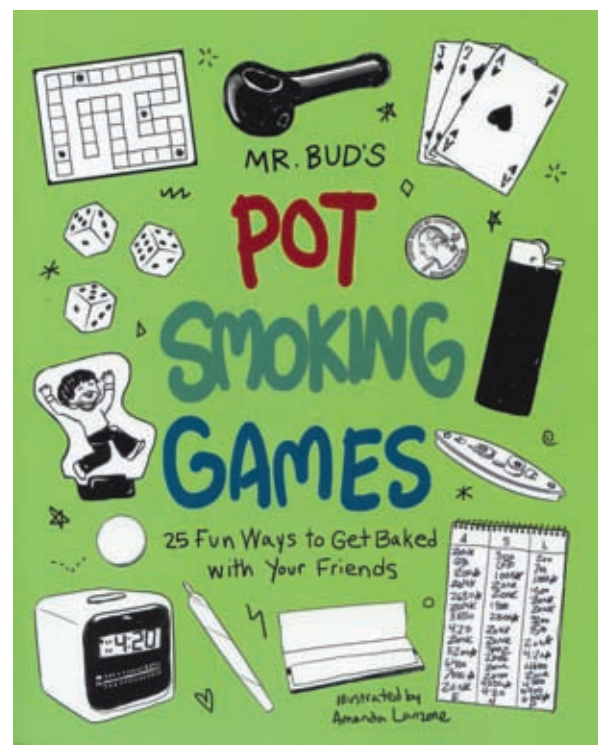
that the winner gets rewarded with smoke (and smoke and smoke and smoke).

From rummy to Twister to hold 'em to chess, the book covers all the classic games you played from childhood to adulthood, and reminds you repeatedly that they're all way more awesome if you shmeek a beel at the halfway point.

All bases are covered, too; there's a section of games where you literally just smoke weed, and that's the whole point (hold it the longest and win!). Also, there's a list of recommended movies, brownie recipes, board game pieces, instructions on how to make an apple pipe, a run down on how to shotgun and some brief anecdotes that bring Willie Nelson to mind.

So yes, perhaps marijuana lacks a certain *je ne sais quoi* found in cocktail lounges, but it's books like this that bring the creative side of pot to the foreground, and that can't be bad, right? Instead of that "amotivational syndrome" we've heard so much about?

Ah, who cares, let's go play Battlespliffs again.
— Andy Valentine



HEMP BOUND

A detailed and humorous look at weed's straight sister

George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both grew hemp. Fast-forward to 2014, when President Barack Obama signed a Farm Bill into law that relaxed some of the restrictions on growing the crop most likely to have been found on a Deadhead. Michelle Obama won't be growing hemp in her White House Garden any time soon, but the bill allows research institutions and state departments of agriculture to grow hemp in states where pro-hemp legislation has already been enacted. Oregon is one of those states.

The 2014 Farm Bill also recognizes the legal distinction between marijuana and industrial hemp: the "term 'industrial hemp' means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol H. R. 2642—265 concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis."

In other words, hemp won't get you high. What it will do, according to Doug Fine in his book *Hemp Bound: Dispatches from the Front Lines of the Next Agricultural Revolution* (\$14.95, Chelsea Green, 2014), is revolutionize the economy, make great houses and take out the ring around your collar. "You can actually use Dr. Bronner's 18-in-1 Hemp Pure-Castile Soap to nontoxically and hypoallergenicly clean your laundry," Fine writes.

Hemp Bound is an enthusiastic discussion of the wonders of hemp by a "comedic investigative journalist," written as the trend towards legalization of marijuana and its relatives marches on. Fine chronicles riding in a hemp-powered limo, learning about building tractors from hemp-derived sources, hemp farming and everything else you might want to know about how hemp can change the world — or at least parts of it.

The factual information isn't weighed down by wonky or jargony language, and Fine breaks up the narrative with short focused sections on "hemp pioneers" (and yes, David Bronner of the "magic soap" is one).

In addition to picking up a copy of *Hemp Bound*, those inclined to travel can check out Doug Fine 7:30 pm April 27 at Powell's City of Books, 1005 W. Burnside St., Portland. The "rollicking" presentation is free. — Camilla Mortensen



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