

Five-Card Fictions Guide

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1-5 Players

1-30 Minutes

Five-card fictions decks give you a set of 52 cards that tell stories through endless combinations. Play alone or with friends, letting strange little stories unfold. Here are some different ways to play:

Basic Fictions

Take out the beginning and end cards, and shuffle the rest of the deck. Lay out 5 or so cards between the beginning and end cards, and read them in order.

Custom Fictions

Place one card at random in a specific place. Then draw 4 more cards, and place them in whatever order you find satisfying.

Fiction Map

Lay out a 5x5 grid of cards. Trace a path from one side to the other in whatever way you feel gives you a satisfying story.

Group Fictions

Deal 5 cards to each player. Each player takes turns placing cards until you have a complete story.

Fictions to Fictions

The game is played in rounds. Each round one player is the Judge. The other players each give the Judge one card face-down, which is their suggestion for what will be the next part of the story. The Judge chooses one, and the player who gave that card earns a point. After that, the next player is the Judge, until you reach the length you've settled on. Whoever has the most points when the story ends is the winner.

Five-Card Fictions Vol. 2: Karin Days

Karin Saionji is the student council president, always trying to keep order in the school. There's another girl named Miyuki, slovenly yet adorable, and a teacher named Mihama-sensei.

Take out the beginning and ending and ending cards (and this cover card), and shuffle the remaining 50 cards. Draw 5 or so cards, and put them between the beginning and ending cards. Read them in order to discover a story. Rearrange them if you think the story your shuffling created is inadequate.

See the companion PDF for more ideas on how to play and the full credits.

Alternately, get some friends, shuffle the cards, give each a hand of 6 cards, and take turns playing cards to make a story together. Also, this is a direct sequel to Miyuki Days, and you can shuffle the two decks together if you like.

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