

# NEW YORK NOIR: GUIDE TO YOUR FIRST PLAY

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## Is New York Noir right for you?

- It's a cooperative (solo), narrative mystery deduction game, centered around reading.
- It's based on the classic game *Sherlock Holmes Consulting Detective*.
- Some choose-your-own-adventure game elements, but you are in more control.
- In the end you will be scored on how well you can answer questions about the mystery.
- Much of your time will be spent looking up info in directories. It is a low-tech game.
- Contains adult settings and language that may be uncomfortable to some players.

## If playing "**The Past is a Crooked Game**":

- Gently introduces you to the world of New York Noir; expect **1-3 hours** of play.
- You're a kid in 1915 tasked by your father (a cop) to help solve a local robbery.

## If playing "**The Wrong Book**" or "**Foxtrot East**":

- These are **HARD** cases aimed at players who have some experience with the genre, and require good note taking and attention to details.
- "**The Wrong Book**" is set in 1948; you're a retired homicide cop and a private investigator; expect **4-6 hours** of play over 3 virtual days.
- "**Foxtrot East**" is set in 1942; you're an NYPD detective investigating a possible murder; expect **8-14 hours** of play over 6 virtual days.
- Gentle built-in hint system if you ever get stuck and need a nudge.
- Cases and directories are freely available in pdf format on **boardgamegeek.com** if you want to download and continue playing another day (search for New York Noir).

## See the **QUICK START GUIDE** for instructions and tips, including:

- Multiplayer rules: Game is fully cooperative; you play as a single detective
- How to use the various directories and maps.
- How to use the case log and keep notes
- How to use the casebook table of contents and Hints
- How required markers/tags work and overtime works
- Important tips about:
  - Understanding how to use the Reverse Directory to visit apartment buildings
  - Understanding neighboring maps
  - Understanding subways and taxicabs
  - Avoiding brute force searching

## See the full **RULEBOOK** for:

- Frequently asked Questions and Answers
- A Navigation Guide to New York City
- A Detective's Research Guide with a list of common places to visit to do research