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# For the Birds

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

## Overview:

All of the book titles in this game contain either the name of a specific bird or the general term *bird*. Given just one or two words and the name of the author, can you complete the well known titles?

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clue and write it on a pad or a whiteboard so all can see it. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the others may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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## QUESTIONS

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| 1. One Flew _____     | Ken Kesey               |
| 2. To Kill _____      | Harper Lee              |
| 3. Jonathan _____     | Richard Bach            |
| 4. The Maltese _____  | Dashiell Hammett        |
| 5. I Know _____       | Maya Angelou            |
| 6. Lonesome _____     | Larry McMurtry          |
| 7. The Painted _____  | Jerzy Kozinski          |
| 8. The _____          | Edgar Allan Poe         |
| 9. _____ the Pussycat | Edward Lear             |
| 10. The Ugly _____    | Hans Christian Andersen |
| 11. The Thorn _____   | Colleen McCullough      |
| 12. The Trumpet _____ | E. B. White             |
| 13. _____ Brief       | John Grisham            |
| 14. Still Life _____  | Tom Robbins             |
| 15. Make Way _____    | Robert McCloskey        |
| 16. Sweet _____       | Tennessee Williams      |
| 17. Four and _____    | Agatha Christie         |
| 18. The Merry _____   | Howard Pyle             |

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## ANSWERS

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| 1.  | One Flew <u>Over the Cuckoo's Nest</u>    | Ken Kesey               |
| 2.  | To Kill a <u>Mockingbird</u>              | Harper Lee              |
| 3.  | Jonathan <u>Livingston Seagull</u>        | Richard Bach            |
| 4.  | The Maltese <u>Falcon</u>                 | Dashiell Hammett        |
| 5.  | I Know <u>Why the Caged Bird Sings</u>    | Maya Angelou            |
| 6.  | Lonesome <u>Dove</u>                      | Larry McMurtry          |
| 7.  | The Painted <u>Bird</u>                   | Jerzy Kozinski          |
| 8.  | The <u>Raven</u>                          | Edgar Allan Poe         |
| 9.  | <u>The Owl and the Pussycat</u>           | Edward Lear             |
| 10. | The Ugly <u>Duckling</u>                  | Hans Christian Andersen |
| 11. | The Thorn <u>Birds</u>                    | Colleen McCullough      |
| 12. | The Trumpet <u>of the Swan</u>            | E. B. White             |
| 13. | <u>The Pelican</u> Brief                  | John Grisham            |
| 14. | Still Life <u>with Woodpecker</u>         | Tom Robbins             |
| 15. | Make Way <u>for Ducklings</u>             | Robert McCloskey        |
| 16. | Sweet <u>Bird of Youth</u>                | Tennessee Williams      |
| 17. | Four and <u>Twenty Blackbirds</u>         | Agatha Christie         |
| 18. | The Merry <u>Adventures of Robin Hood</u> | Howard Pyle             |