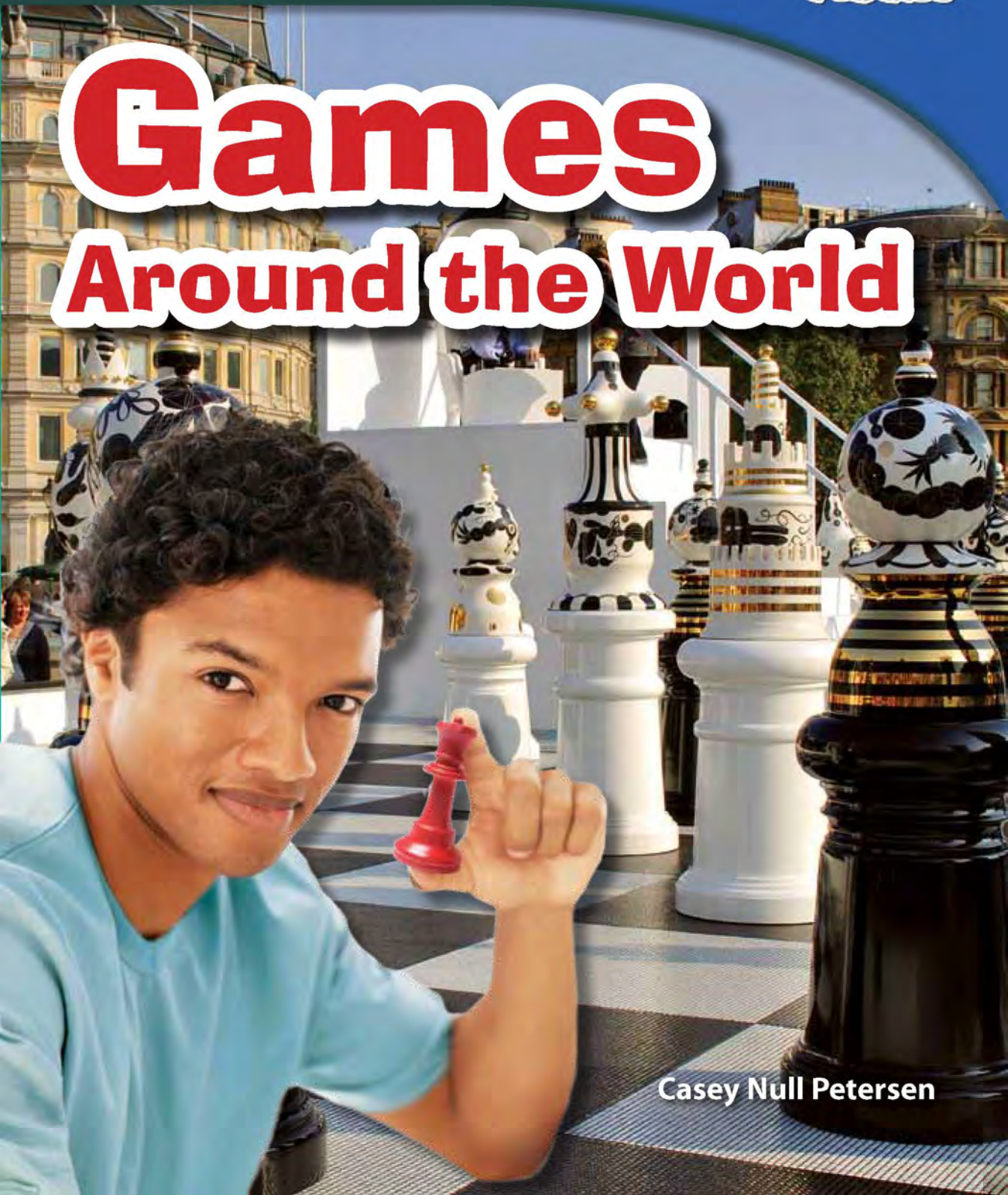
TIME FOR KIDS

Games Around the World



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A World of Games



children playing tag

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All around the world, people play games. Many games have been handed down through the years. Others have traveled across seas and continents. Right now a child far away might be playing your favorite game.

young golf players ➤





▲ children playing tug-of-war

No matter who you are, there is a game for you to enjoy. So, come on…let's play!

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Singing Games

The game London Bridge comes from England. To play, two children form a bridge with their arms. Those two players are the gatekeepers. Everyone sings "London Bridge" while the other players try to pass under the bridge before it comes down at the song's end. When caught, the player chooses to stand behind one of the gatekeepers. After everyone has been caught, the two teams have a **tug-of-war**. In Golden Bridge, the game is called Golden Bridge. Children in France play another version.



To play the game, children hold their hands together to make a bridge. Children pass under just as a ship passes under a bridge.

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Did You Know?

London Bridge is played in Latin America, too. Here are the Spanish words in English.

Here's a woman (or man) selling figs,
Selling figs, selling figs,
Here's a woman selling figs,
Here she comes.
Now the figs she has sold,
She has sold, she has sold,
Now the figs she has sold,
Here she comes.



London Bridge

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In Greece, children play Ringel Ringel. It is a lot like **Ring Around the Rosie**, one of the first games children in the United States learn to play. In fact, children play some form of this game in nearly every country.



It's All Greek to Me

Here are the words to Ringel Ringel in English. When children get to *hush, hush, hush*, they all squat down.

Ringel, Ringel, ring-o!
See the children three-o,
Sitting by the lilac bush.
Call together, hush, hush, hush!

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Did You Know?

There are different ideas about where Ring Around the Rosie comes from. Some people think that *rosie* is from the French word *rosier*, which means rose tree.





▲ a rose tree

▼ a painting of children playing Ring Around the Rosie



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