

ANNIE OAKLEY

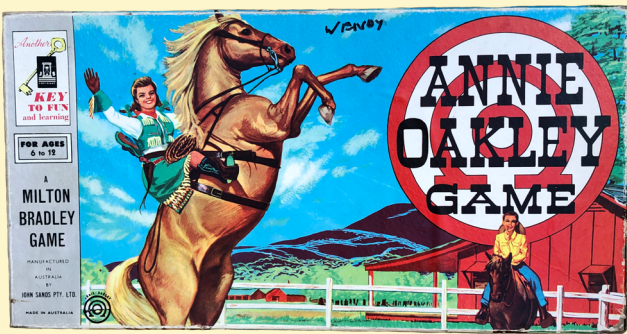
- AMERICAN SHARP SHOOTER -

This game was made in 1955 by Milton Bradley, a board game manufacturer based in the United States.

The game was based on the popular US television series, The Annie Oakley Show, which ran from 1954 to 1957 and featured fictional stories based on the real life late nineteenth century female sharpshooter Annie Oakley.

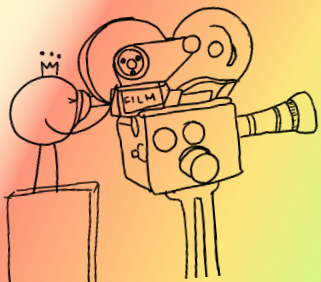
You can view an episode of The Annie Oakley Show here.
This one's called 'Annie and the first phone' and it runs for 27 minutes.

<https://youtu.be/5SR2dJhOv48>



Books, films, TV series and games like the Annie Oakley Game reflected the huge interest in the American Wild West in the 1950s and 1960s. Children everywhere played cowboys and Indians, battling it out, hiding behind obstacles while firing their cap guns or arrows at one another.

This game featured cowboys, outlaws and of course Annie Oakley herself. The aim was to collect the most reward money by capturing the outlaws and bringing them to Annie Oakley.

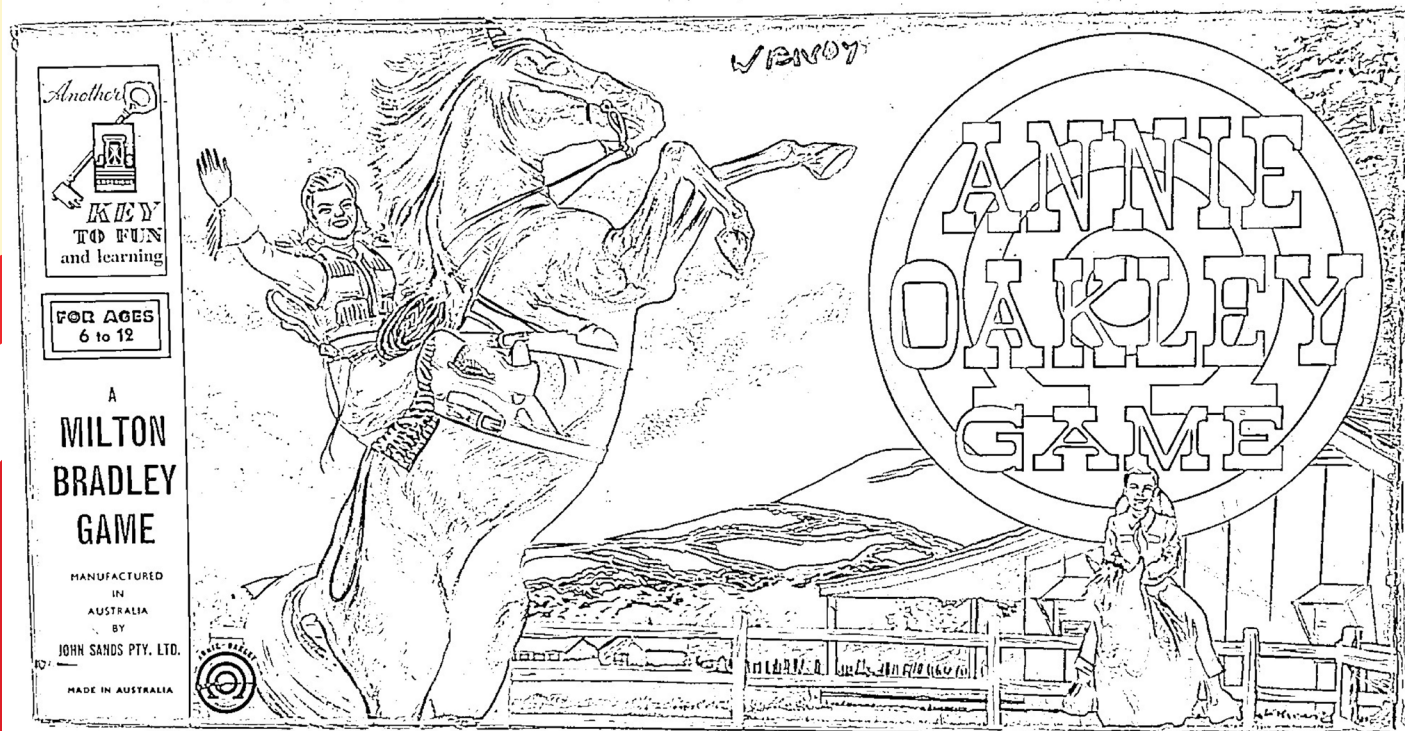


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If you enjoy colouring in, you might like to colour in this picture of the Annie Oakley Game, take a photo of it and send it to us. We'll put the best examples on our website. Email them to office@historyvictoria.org.au



And here is another image that you could colour in. It's of an Indian maiden (an American Indian) and it comes from the Third Book of The Victorian Readers, first produced by the Victorian Education Department in 1930.

Want to find out more about the real life Annie Oakley?

You can read about her on the US National Women's History Museum website.

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/annie-oakley>



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