

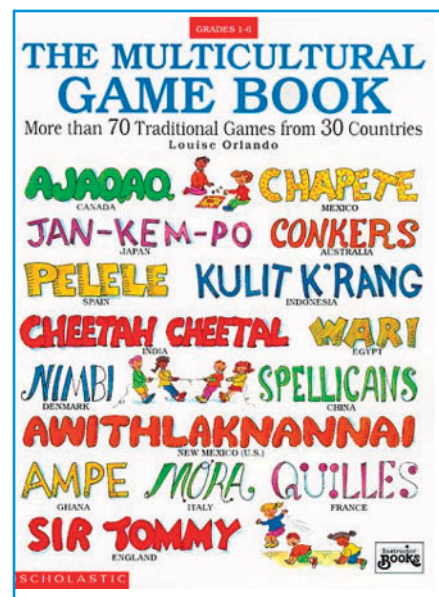
Catching Stars

a fun African game for a group

People everywhere have always been fascinated by stars. This game originated in Equatorial Guinea and Zaire and is played by children there and around the world.

To play the game:

1. Divide the players into two groups: Stars and Catchers.
2. Set up two parallel boundaries, about 6 metres (or 20 feet) apart.
3. The Catchers stand in the middle while the Stars stand on one boundary line. The Catchers start the game by reciting together:
"Star light, star bright! How many stars are out tonight?"
The Stars respond:
"More than you can catch!"
And then the Stars make a mad dash to the other boundary- trying not to be tagged by a Catcher!
4. Tagged Stars become Catchers.
The game continues with both sides reciting the verse until all the stars are caught.
5. The last person to be tagged is the winner!



This game is from the book *The Multicultural Game Book: More than 70 Traditional Games from 30 Countries* by Louise Orlando.

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