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**Days of Wonder announces *Ticket to Ride* –
The Cross-Country Train Adventure Game!**

Saratoga, CA; Paris, France – January 12, 2004 – Days of Wonder, Inc. announces the upcoming release of *Ticket to Ride*[™], a new railroad adventure boardgame from noted game designer, Alan R. Moon.

With elegantly simple gameplay, *Ticket to Ride* can be learned in 3 minutes, yet players face strategic and tactical decisions that vary with every turn. Players collect cards of various types of train cars that are then used to claim railway routes connecting various cities across a map of North America. The longer the routes, the more points they earn. Additional points come to those who can fulfill Destination Tickets – goal cards that connect two distant cities; and also to the player who builds the longest continuous route.

“The rules are simple enough to write on a train ticket – each turn you either draw more cards, claim a route or get more Destination Tickets”, says *Ticket to Ride* author, Alan R. Moon. “The tension comes because you're forced to choose only one action - and of course you always want to do more than one! If you draw more cards, another player may claim a route that is critical to your success. If you claim a route of your own, you might miss out on some key cards.”

Ticket to Ride continues in the tradition of Days of Wonder's big format board games featuring high-quality illustrations and components including: an oversize board map of North America, 225 plastic train cars, 144 illustrated cards, and wooden scoring markers.

Ticket to Ride is a 2 to 5 player game for players 8 years and older. Average game length is between 30 and 45 minutes. *Ticket to Ride* will be available in English, French, German, Dutch and Korean versions. The game will be available in Europe in late February and in North America and Korea in late March. You will find it in hobby game retail stores, online game retailers, and from at www.daysof wonder.com. Suggested retail price is US \$39.95.

About Days of Wonder

Days of Wonder, Inc. publishes high-quality, family-strategy board and card games in many languages that are easy to learn and fun to play. Days of Wonder is a privately held company with offices in Saratoga, California and Paris, France.