

PRESS RELEASE

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SPACE COWBOYS announces “The Ascent”, a new Unlock! Short Adventures title, coming February 13, 2026.

You are Alice, a young aspiring mountaineer setting out to climb Mount Celestin in search of your missing grandfather. His advice echoes in your mind, helping you overcome obstacles as you work towards your goal: reaching the mountain’s previously unconquered summit.

The Ascent (difficulty level 2)

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Key features:

- An immersive adventure through mysterious, snow-covered mountains.
- The ideal format for discovering Unlock! or enjoying an accessible, thrilling gaming experience.

Short Adventures deliver Unlock! experiences that are just as rich and intense as those found in the larger boxes. They work with the same free Unlock! app, available on the App Store and Google Play. They feature all the ingredients that have made the game a success: cooperative adventures, puzzles, riddles and interactive machines to solve in the app. It’s the full Unlock! experience... in a shorter format, lasting 30 to 45 minutes!

Each adventure comes in its own compact, portable pack, with a difficulty level (easy, intermediate or difficult), a theme, and original puzzles and mechanisms. Each is a standalone experience and, as with Unlock!, none requires you to destroy any components during play.

Unlock! Short Adventures expands the Unlock! range, whose latest boxed set, Unlock! Enchanted Adventures, was released on October 10, 2025.

Unlock! Short Adventures

A game by Cyril Demaegd

1–6 players

45 minutes

Ages 10+

Recommended retail price: €6.99 | Available in stores from February 13

Press contact

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About Space Cowboys

SPACE COWBOYS is a board game publishing studio founded in 2014 by industry veterans. Following its first hit, Splendor, a nominee for the prestigious Spiel des Jahres award, the studio has continued to release successful titles, including Unlock! (2017 As d'Or Game of the Year), T.I.M.E Stories and Sherlock Holmes Consulting Detective (1985 Spiel des Jahres winner). The studio offers games for families (ages 10+) and experienced players alike, with two goals: to entertain and innovate through quality games.

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