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job in VR yet? It is  
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# EDITOR'S DESK

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

This has been a strange year for the Christmas Buying Guide. In the months we have been working on it, I have pointed more people in PR to our guideline video for inclusion than in past years. Plenty of people in PR and Marketing have tried to send me a list of their products to be included. I give them the guidelines video, and they ask which of their products will be included. To which my answer has been - how many of those products did you provide us for review? I know the answer is none. They did not like that answer. Not one bit. Which is very interesting to me since we have had these guidelines for many years now. We keep our standards out there showing our belief in transparency.

We have written about how companies are doing less and expecting more money for it. We have written about the laziness in too many of the PR and Marketing circles. It came at us like a roaring lion this year. I have told plenty of people in PR and Marketing this year that ya'll get what you paid for. Pay nothing and then complain you did not get AAA service seems like someone out of touch with reality to me. I told others there failures to provide reviewable copies this year is now coming back to bite them. I find it absolutely hilarious they now have to reap what they sowed. They thought it was funny when they failed to send reviewable copies, reply to emails, answer the phone, and reply to voice messages left. Not so funny now huh?

The cool thing is how many people in PR and Marketing have provided us great family products, and continue to provide us great family products to review. This year is no exception. You will find quite a few amazing products in this Christmas Buying Guide. We have expanded our retro section and included many great titles that your family can enjoy. We continue to be cognizant of keeping costs low and helping your family find amazing deals. There are some great games in this Christmas Buying Guide that can be bought very cheaply.

There have been some systems retired from the Christmas Buying Guide this year because they did not have enough released since the last Christmas Buying Guide was published. There have been a few minor changes elsewhere in this layout. We are always looking to continu-

ously improve here at Family Friendly Gaming. Are there any upgrades you can think of? Is there anything you would like to see in next year's Christmas Buying Guide? How many of the ideas in this issue help your family?

I hope you and your entire family enjoy the Christmas Buying Guide for 2018. We stick to our guns in terms of guidelines. We have to review the product since the last Christmas Buying Guide. We do not focus on only Q4 releases. The companies do not dictate what will be included. We are independent from the corruption in the industry.

God bless,  
Paul Bury



## MISSION STATEMENT

Family Friendly Gaming (FFG) was created in March of the year of our Lord 2005 as the first ever Christian video game magazine. The goal of Family Friendly Gaming is to report on video games from the family view point. Family Friendly Gaming takes a fair and balanced approach to all news, previews, reviews, interviews, features, and other articles found within. The secular video game media reports mainly on the most morally bankrupt games and call those games good. The major secular media reports on the bad side of video games mainly. Most other Christian media outlets claim video games turn the player into a zombie, or they completely worship video games. Family Friendly Gaming reports the good, and bad side effects to video games. It is the belief of the owners that readers are smart enough to come to their conclusions without those in the media handing opinions to them. Those of us at Family Friendly Gaming believe by giving you the facts, you can decide for yourself. There are plenty of really good video games on the market that teach wonderful lessons. Both inside the Christian video game market, and from non-Christian video game developers. Family Friendly Gaming seeks out these video games to bring them to your attention. Since it is unknown before playing a game how family friendly it is; it is possible that this magazine will preview a game, and then the review will expose problems previously unknown. Family Friendly Gaming promises to always ask the question: "how God feels about certain video games." God's opinion on the matter is more important than any mere mortal. Which is why the rest of the industry does not influence FFG.

## CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Matthew 1:18-25 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Luke 2:1-20 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Matthew 2:1-12 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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# RETRO GAMES

**NFL Quarterback Club 2000**

NFL Quarterback Club 2000 looks good, sounds good, and has plenty of teams to play. I loved seeing legacy teams in NFL Quarterback Club 2000. This franchise obviously got better in later years. Quirks aside there is some fun football action that can be found in NFL Quarterback Club 2000. Kicking can be difficult in this game so we warned. Retro games will enjoy NFL Quarterback Club and know they are not supporting EA Sports.

**NFL Quarterback Club 96**

I enjoy playing retro sports games. I have also been fond of the NFL Quarterback Club franchise. NFL Quarterback Club 96 has some good things in it and some irritations. NFL Quarterback Club 96 looks good, sounds good, has great presentation, and the game is very playable. You need good timing on the passes in this football video game. You also need to press a lot of buttons on every single play.

**Bob the Builder Can We Fix It?**

I wish there were some more Bob The Builder video games out there for families. If you have a video game system that can play a Playstation video game and you have children then please check out Bob the Builder Can We Fix It?. I am surprised it did not earn the respected EC rating. The menu screens in Bob the Builder Can We Fix It? were kept safe for children. Some more mini games would have been nice, but this is an older game so I temper my expectations.

**Super Bases Loaded**

We have had multiple fun and competitive games in Super Bases Loaded. We have enjoyed this retro video game with some quirky controls. The presentation is good for the era, especially when a home run is hit. That is really cool. Trying to catch a ball in the outfield can be very challenging in Super Bases Loaded. I also ran into glitches where the game would not swap from infielder to outfielder. All in all this is a fun retro game families can enjoy.

# NINTENDO 3DS



## Cooking Mama Sweet Shop

The more I played Cooking Mama Sweet Shop the more I got into it. Cooking Mama Sweet Shop sucked me in, and kept me there happily for many hours. There are 160 mini games in Cooking Mama Sweet Shop played across sixty different recipes. Cooking Mama Sweet Shop also has the local download play where up to four family members can enjoy this game at the same time. Please note that you will need one Nintendo 3DS per player to do that. This is one of the few games to earn a perfect 100 score from Family Friendly Gaming.

## Mario Party The Top 100

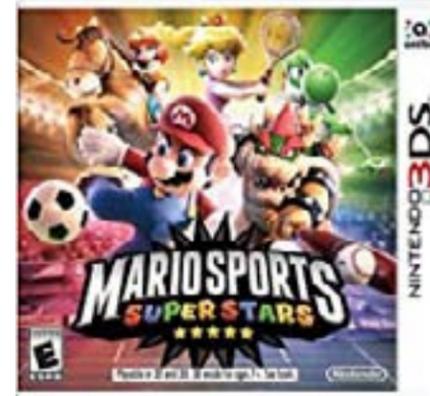
The controls are generally very tight in Mario Party The Top 100. This 3DS game tells you what system the mini game originally came from. So in a way Mario Party The Top 100 is a hand held compilation of what Nintendo thinks their best mini games are from the Mario Party series. I feel Mario Party The Top 100 is worth twenty-five to thirty dollars brand new. It looks good, sounds good, and gives us an extra life after every one hundred coins.



## Hey! Pikmin



At its core Hey! Pikmin is Pikmin done in the 2D plane. Some might think that will not work. I found it did work. It works quite well in fact. I had a blast playing this game. Whether it was going through levels, at the Pikmin Park, or in bonus levels; I found this game to be charming on so many levels. The controls are easy to pick up. We tap on the screen where we want to launch a Pikmin. The same goes for using the jetpack, or whistling the Pikmin back to us.

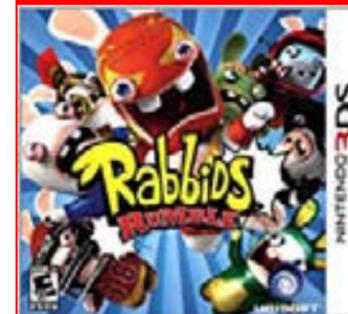


## Mario Sports Superstars

Mario Sports Superstars can be played locally with others that also have a Nintendo 3DS. It can also be played across the Internet. Players can power up thanks to the Amiibo cards. Mario Sports Superstars even comes with one Amiibo card. The presentation and graphics in Mario Sports Superstars impressed me. I enjoyed playing all of the games. I even dominated in some of them. Each of the sports in Mario Sports Superstars is lacking depth.

## Japanese Rail Sim 3D Travel of Steam

We earn coins in Japanese Rail Sim 3D Travel of Steam for completing sections of the route. These coins can be saved up and then library content can be purchased. The library content teaches about the engines, and areas. Japanese Rail Sim 3D Travel of Steam is an educational game. I have never been to Japan so the content in Japanese Rail Sim 3D Travel of Steam is fascinating.



## Rabbids Rumble

The music in Rabbids Rumble is good and there is plenty of humor in this hand held video game. I like the graphics in Rabbids Rumble. I enjoyed the little Rabbids cut scenes before playing one of the mini games. The controls are generally touch and work fantastically. Rabbids Rumble is worth fifteen dollars in my opinion. If you like Rabbids you should like this 3DS video game.

## Link-a-Pix Color

There are numbers on the grid of each puzzle in Link-a-Pix Color. Let us say there is a three, a space, and a three. We draw a line from the three across the space to the other three. That completes those two numbers. There is also a picture of what we are creating. So you can try to use that to discern what the final object will be. Link-a-Pix Color is fun and slightly educational.



## 80's Overdrive

80's Overdrive has amazing music that families can enjoy. I enjoyed listening to it. 80's Overdrive also teaches one really important lesson. Do you want to know what that lesson is? I knew you would. That lesson is do not hit other cars on the road. Can you do that for me? I knew you could.

# FOR KIDS

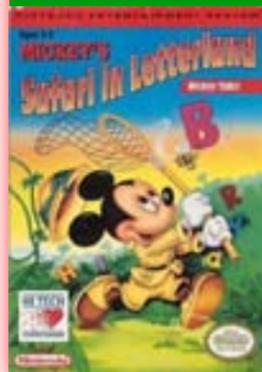


## Sesame Street Big Bird's Hide and Speak

The graphics look good for the era. The music and audio are really good for the era. Sesame Street Big Bird's Hide and Speak can be found cheap, and kids have a blast for many hours. If you have children and are into retro gaming then I recommend Sesame Street Big Bird's Hide and Speak. This game is easy to understand, and fun to play.

## Peter Rabbit: Let's Go

One of the activities kids can perform in Peter Rabbit: Let's Go is coloring on the screen. The coloring screen also has stamps that can be put on the screen. This can allow young children the ability to express their creativity. Also in a way that will not mess up your table, wall, floor, or other part of your domicile. Peter Rabbit: Let's Go is for young kids.



## Mickey's Safari in Letterland

Graphically Mickey's Safari in Letterland impressed me for its era. The animations are great. The music in Mickey's Safari in Letterland is very catchy. I like the special effect sounds in Mickey's Safari in Letterland as well. There is no violence or death in Mickey's Safari in Letterland. When Mickey bumps into an enemy he trips over them. He can land on them and squish them a bit. This is a great learning game for kids. Children can learn the alphabet and short words. All while playing in a safe environment. Kids will have a blast playing Mickey's Safari in Letterland.

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# PC VR

## Astraeus

I was sitting there one day minding my own business. Trying not to get sucked into the vortex of anyone else's problems. Then an interesting email came across. Family Friendly Gaming was given a digital download code to Astraeus on the PC VR. This game comes from the same person that made Darknet. I was intrigued, interested, and extremely curious. Darknet had its Playstation VR moments.

## Renzo Racer

Ensenasoft has done something really cool with Renzo Racer. What is this really cool thing you may be asking. It is adding a VR mode to Renzo Racer. I ran into some issues trying to play Renzo Racer in VR mode. I had to turn on the Oculus Rift software, then open the game, and wait for Steam VR software to say things were good. Finally I was able to play Renzo Racer in VR.



## Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes

This is one interesting video game. Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes is for two or more family members to play at the same time. One family member looks at the screen and the other family members look at the Bomb Manual. Can you guess what the family member looking at the screen does? They defuse the bomb. Families can make three mistakes and then the bomb goes off.



## VR Jogger

VR Jogger has three courses in it. There is a light, medium, and long. The light takes three minutes at a good clip, the medium takes six, and the long takes thirteen. You can beat those times if you get moving. I did that at first, and then decided I wanted to see the scenery and explore the area some more. I wish VR Jogger let us go off the track and see what else is out there. That would also be a good way to hide some Easter Eggs like those statues.



# PS4 VR

## Job Simulator

There are four jobs to play in Job Simulator. They are office worker, gourmet chef, store clerk, and auto mechanic. We have done videos of all of the jobs in Job Simulator. The first one took between fifteen and twenty minutes to beat, the last three take thirty minutes each. We are talking under two hours of game play time in Job Simulator. Families will need two PS Move controllers, the PS4, PS4 Eye, and PS4 VR to play Job Simulator. The graphics look really good, and it is easy to interact in this environment. Make sure you have enough free space around you. We have bumped other people and devices while playing Job Simulator. The audio is good, and the directions are in verbal, written, and picture formats.



## StarDrone VR

It is neat to see more VR video games getting released. Our PS4 VR is not used a lot these days. So it is cool to have another game that allows us to dust it off. It is also neat to see smaller developers trying their hands at developing VR video games. It was a rockish pleasure for me to play and review StarDrone VR on the Playstation 4 VR. I hope to see more games like this one in the future.



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# NINTENDO SWITCH



## Plantera Deluxe

Beware the foxes in Plantera. They want to eat your chickens. Bad foxes! The goal in Plantera is to improve your garden, expand your garden, and collect all kinds of crops. There is a ceiling on the animals and crops on your farm. I liked purchasing items in Plantera that let me scare animals away. I had a lot of fun playing Plantera on the Nintendo Switch, Wii U and Nintendo 3DS. I believe you will as well. Plantera is a fun, relaxing game that is safe for the entire family. The only thing this game is missing is a physical copy version for the million upon millions of families within the physical copy movement.

## Sonic Forces

I really got into Sonic Forces. I was concerned about this game too. Would it be ultra war zone violent? Sonic Forces is not. In fact it reminds me of Sonic Colors. There are 2D portions and sort of 3D. You know that 3D where we are running really fast and can move to the left or right a bit on the path? That is what happens in Sonic Forces. We fight bosses mainly in 3D areas.



## Sparkle Unleashed

I like the controls in Sparkle Unleashed. I found they work pretty good in this downloadable only puzzle video game. That is right I could not find a physical copy version of Sparkle Unleashed on the Nintendo Switch. Sparkle Unleashed comes with a tutorial. Hardcore gamers can skip it if they choose to play Sparkle Unleashed without any kind of guidance or direction. To be fair there is not much need for guidance or direction in Sparkle Unleashed unless you have never played this kind of a game before.

## Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe is one of the few memorable Kart racers in awhile. Mario Kart 8 Deluxe has multiple control schemes which means as long as you have the two Joy-Cons that came with the Switch then two people can play with tilt controls. I like the fact that content such as the DLC from Mario Kart 8 are kept and built into Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. I do have one thing that I wish never came back - the Boo Power-up. This dreaded item takes another players item away and gives it to the user of Boo.



# PLAYSTATION 4



## Puyo Puyo Tetris

Puyo Puyo Tetris has plenty of customization in it. Players that are better can handicap themselves. The English voice acting is fantastic in Puyo Puyo Tetris. I like the graphics, especially all of the colors. The storyline revolves around characters crossing into different dimensions. Yeah I know that is a bit over used in the video game industry. Be careful because Puyo Puyo Tetris can be addictive. I would complete a level and want to move on to the next one. There is enough content in Puyo Puyo Tetris to warrant the thirty to forty dollar price range in my opinion.

## PES 2019

The graphics and presentation of PES 2019 really impressed me. This sports video game has over four hundred teams, and over ten thousand players. That is quite a bit. PES 2019 looks very authentic as well. From the players coming out onto the field to the referees throwing those yellow cards. PES 2019 feels like soccer from the top to the bottom. Whether you are trying to score a goal, or pass the ball around.



## Hotel Transylvania 3 Monsters Overboard

As an adult I found myself very impressed with Hotel Transylvania 3 Monsters Overboard. The best way to describe this game is a Pikmin game for kids. There are four different kinds of Impas in Hotel Transylvania 3 Monsters Overboard. They have different skills, and powers. There are treasures to find that help us get more Impas, make them more powerful, and other things.

## Super Bomberman R Shiny Edition

Not only did I play Super Bomberman R Shiny Edition, I also video recorded my game-play. This is my second time playing this game. The first time was on the Nintendo Switch. I was better at this game the second time around. I still ran into some of the same challenges as before. Super Bomberman R Shiny Edition has a lot to do in it, and there are some cool characters we can be. I feel the controls on the Playstation 4 are better than the Nintendo Switch. This might be a personal preference thing. I just like the controls on the PS4 better. I am sure I would like the Xbox One controls over the Switch controls as well. The PS4 and Xbox One controls feel more solid to me than the Switch controls. I had a lot of fun playing Super Bomberman R Shiny Edition from start to finish.



## The Crew 2

I love all the different kinds of racing in The Crew 2. We can go off-road, street race, drift, and more. The controls of the planes felt a little weird to me. Every vehicle in The Crew 2 builds a boost. These are used up quickly, and they charge pretty quick too. Boosting is how I won certain races in The Crew 2. I did not find a super easy mode in The Crew 2. I think the game may try and figure out where you are and compensate accordingly.

## Construction Simulator 2

Construction Simulator 2 is a 2.7 gig download if you need to know how much space to clear up. I enjoyed my time with Construction Simulator 2. It is very realistic in what we do and how we do it. There are reasons licenses are needed for some of these jobs. If you want to see if construction is something in your future then try out Construction Simulator 2. It can help you see what the job entails.

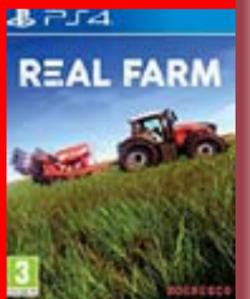


## Everybody's Golf

The music in Everybody's Golf is really nice. I liked listening to it. The sound bytes are a completely different story. Courses are in official and unofficial formats. Unofficial can have larger holes, tornado holes and more. Kid Gamer really liked how the tornado hole would suck in the ball if you got close.

## Real Farm

I like how Real Farm looks. It looks really nice. Real Farm also sounds really good too. The music in this farming video game was cool to listen to. The real time economy is interested in Real Farm. The main things we do in Real Farm is keep livestock, and grow crops. The thought of another farming game competing with Farming Simulator seemed like an awesome idea. Real Farm has three modes in it. The three modes in Real Farm are easy, normal, and hard. Families can play Real Farm in career or free modes.



## Tetra's Escape

The music in Tetra's Escape is really keen. There is a story mode only in Tetra's Escape. The graphics look blocky and indie. It goes with the theme of the action puzzler though. Especially one that uses Tetris shapes. Tetra's Escape comes with a rumble feature. That can be turned off thankfully. Tetra's Escape feels like an app to me.

## Tour de France 2018

Tour de France 2018 is more strategic than any other racing game I know. Stamina is extremely important in Tour de France 2018. If you use all your stamina too early you will watch everyone sprint right by you near the end. You can even blow up your racer and wind up going really slow. The screen gets kind of freaky when your racer is all blown up. I learned to take it slow in Tour de France 2018 in the beginning. I also learned how to rebuild stamina.



# XBOX ONE



## Forza Motorsport 7

Forza Motorsport 7 looks nice, sounds good, plays exceptionally well and there are plenty of cars to unlock and/or purchase. Rewinds and assists are found in Forza Motorsport 7. There is also the option to change the drivatar difficulty. That way if you just want to win all the time in Forza Motorsport 7 you can. The weather effects in Forza Motorsport 7 are insane. Storms come in and go out in the game. One lap may be wet in the rain and the next one might be steam coming off the road as the sun has come out burning off the liquid. Forza Motorsport 7 also includes a local split screen multiplayer function. There is that online mode if you want to play against others across the Internet.

## Rush A Disney Pixar Adventure

The atmosphere of Rush A Disney Pixar Adventure is pure fun. I lost track of how many times I had a blast and felt like a kid thanks to Rush A Disney Pixar Adventure. I feel Rush A Disney Pixar Adventure is worth twenty dollars brand new. I am so happy to be able to play and review Rush A Disney Pixar Adventure on the Xbox One. More games like this one please.



## Super Lucky's Tale

If you like 3D Mario games then you will really enjoy Super Lucky's Tale. This home console video game is easily worth twenty dollars brand new in my opinion. I hope there will be more games like Super Lucky's Tale released on the Xbox One in the years to come. This game helps the image of the industry and the Xbox One. Out of all the 3D Mario clones I have played this year I like this game the best.

## Zoo Tycoon Ultimate Animal Collection

Zoo Tycoon Ultimate Animal Collection includes Single Player, Online, Change Profile, and Options. We can play in Training Mode, Campaign Mode, Challenge Mode, and Sandbox Mode. Zoo Tycoon Ultimate Animal Collection includes the Original Campaign, South America Campaign, and the Australia Campaign. I like playing Zoo Tycoon Ultimate Animal Collection. It is fun for me to take care of the animals and build an amazing zoo. A sequel to Zoo Tycoon Ultimate Animal Collection would be awesome. This Kinect port from the Xbox 360 is fun too.



## Overcooked 2

Expect to swap your chefs a lot in Overcooked 2. I had one chef doing one thing and another doing another thing. Team work is required in Overcooked 2. I found Overcooked 2 to be easier than the first game, and have a better more forgiving learning curve. There are still some tough secret levels. The map screen lets us drive around in a vehicle until we come across a level to play. The kitchens in Overcooked 2 change. Some of them are easier to navigate than others. I found it was wise to target easier plates first

## Hunting Simulator

Construction Simulator 2 is a 2.7 gig download if you need to know how much space to clear up. I enjoyed my time with Construction Simulator 2. It is very realistic in what we do and how we do it. There are reasons licenses are needed for some of these jobs. If you want to see if construction is something in your future then try out Construction Simulator 2. It can help you see what the job entails.



## Crayola Scoot

This game is an interesting blend of styles. We have the Tony Hawk kind of tricks going on (with a scooter). We have painting the areas like Splatoon. There are different goals in the levels in Crayola Scoot. In some levels we must paint the most area our color. In others we do other things. These can range from getting the most crayons to tagging the other scooter characters. Crayola Scoot looks good graphically, and it has good sounds to it. Multiple family members can enjoy Crayola Scoot at the same time.

## PAW Patrol on a Roll

PAW Patrol On a Roll reminds me of the Go Diego Go video games on the Wii. Want to hear something interesting? I like PAW Patrol On a Roll better than most of those Go Diego Go games on the Wii. PAW Patrol On a Roll has more diversity in what we do, and feels more polished to me. Kids get a kick out of playing PAW Patrol On a Roll. They also like finding all of the badges and puppy treats.



## Disneyland Adventures



The main lesson in Disneyland Adventures is to help others. Different Disneyland characters need help with a variety of things. Then there is the fun of playing the games. Players do the best job they can to get all of the gold stars. Or try harder next time. Two family members can enjoy Disneyland Adventures together. This is one of the best aspects of this game. There are thirty-five Disney characters to find in Disneyland Adventures. They are in different places in the park. There are eighteen attractions to enjoy in this game.

## Lego City Undercover

The game play area in Lego City Undercover is huge. There are plenty of things to do, and collect in this under cover police Lego video game. There is ton of humor in the story line too. We were laughing a lot at the different lines in Lego City Undercover. There are references in Lego City Undercover to a variety of different entertainment franchises. The voice acting is good, and so is the animation.



# PERSONAL COMPUTER



## Baja Edge of Control HD

Baja Edge of Control HD is a really fun video game. I had a blast racing in Baja Edge of Control HD on the Playstation 4. This is a decent racer game that is not as involved or complex at some other racing games. At the same time Baja Edge of Control HD is approachable by all skill sets within a family. I value Baja Edge of Control HD at twenty to twenty-five dollars brand new. I hope to see more game like Baja Edge of Control HD in the near future.

## Slime Rancher

Slimes will drop plort. We collect it and then sell it. Then we can upgrade a variety of things on our farm. It is also important to farm the food for the slimes. I kept some wild food I found and built areas for them to grow on my farm. There are a variety of different kinds of slimes in Slime Rancher. Certain slimes can merge together to make new slimes. Some of these mixtures are beneficial and some are harmful.



## Pro Cycling Manager 2018



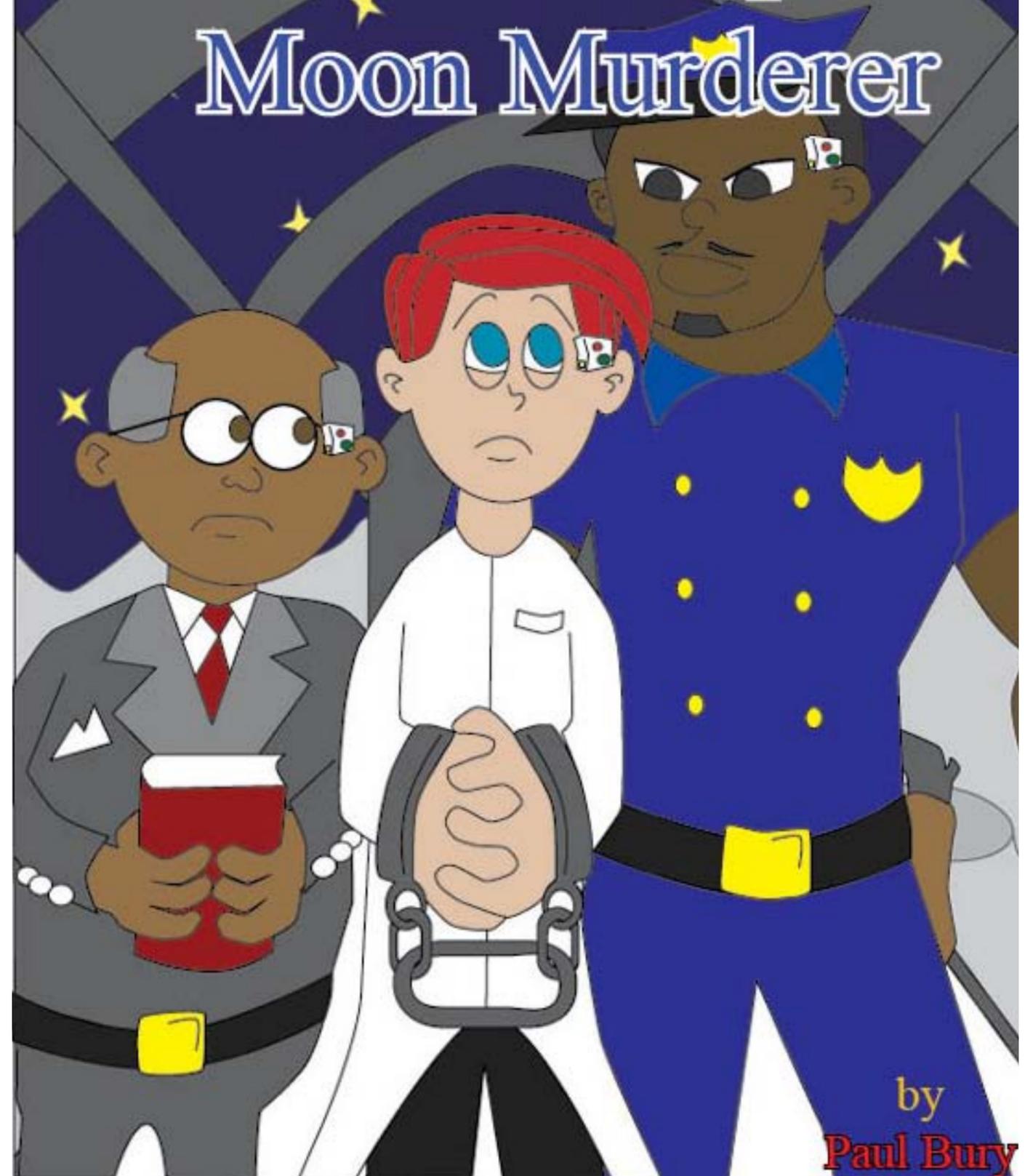
I like how Pro Cycling Manager 2018 lets us manage a team or a player. I had a deep learning curve with Pro Cycling Manager 2018. I had to understand how to race Tour de France. To me these guys pedal as fast as they can. There is strategy involved in Pro Cycling Manager 2018 based on how the legs are laid out. Kill your team members too much on a hill, and they do not have the stamina for the sprint. How early do you sprint?

## Legendary Eleven

I had fun playing Legendary Eleven. Families can have fun playing one another in Legendary Eleven. This is a solid indie soccer game. There is less content in Legendary Eleven than say the current soccer king - PES. Legendary Eleven also costs a whole lot less. Legendary Eleven is more about having fun and playing soccer than a massive simulation. The short shorts, and long legs are very distinctive in Legendary Eleven.



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# BLU-RAY

## Smurfs The Lost Village



The storyline in Smurfs The Lost Village is very interesting. Smurfette is trying to find her place in the world. She was created by the evil wizard Gargamel to find the Smurfs. She completes that task and Papa Smurf uses some magic to turn her from evil to good. Gargamel still thinks she will help him find Smurfs. There is a new village discovered in the Forbidden Forest. This is one of those fun movies that we recommend. Plus at this point in time you should be able to find it for a really good price. We got it for a good price on Black Friday 2017.

## The Emoji Movie

What is your purpose? How has God designed you? Have you found your purpose in life? The Emoji Movie touches on this concept. A meh emoji (Gene) wants to feel useful. He wants to participate. There is one small problem though. He is much more than a meh emoji. He can make other emoji faces. At first I thought maybe he was a random emoji. Later I learned the full truth. You will have to watch it to find that truth. I really liked this movie.



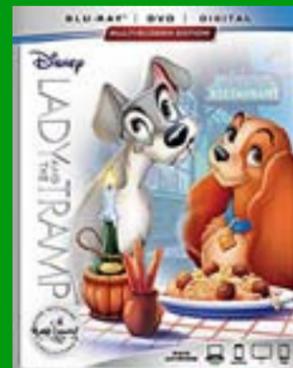
## My Little Pony The Movie



My Little Pony The Movie has neat animation, and great music. There is some action adventure violence in My Little Pony The Movie. There is also some magical content. The Storm King invades Equestria just before they have the Festival of Friendship. One princess survives the attack and goes off to get some help. Will she find it in time? What happens when she runs across creatures that will betray her for their own benefit. Women and girls may be the target of this movie but other family members can enjoy it as well.

## Lady and the Tramp

Lady and the Tramp Walt Disney Signature Collection can be used to discuss and debate structure versus anarchy. Both systems are actively supported and explained in Lady and the Tramp Walt Disney Signature Collection. Which side of the fence do you come down on? I know which side I fall on in most things. Lady and the Tramp Walt Disney Signature Collection also reminds me the problem of free will is some people make the wrong choices.



# DVD

## Big Hero Six The Series Back in Action



It felt great to get back into the Big Hero Six world with Big Hero Six The Series Back in Action. Most of the gang is opposed to becoming super heroes on a regular basis. Circumstances require them to step up and stop evil doers. There are six bonus shorts on the Big Hero Six The Series Back in Action DVD. They are Baymax and Hiro, Baymax and Wasabi, Bayman and Go Go, Baymax and Fred, Baymax and Honey Lemon, and Baymax and Mochi. It would be great for entire seasons of this show to release on DVD. For now we have to settle for this sampler. Which has plenty of entertainment value in its own right.

## Despicable Me 2

Despicable Me 2 is filled with plenty of funny moments. Gru is working on a line of jellies and jams now. He has given up villainy. Then the AVL comes along and recruits him to be a force of good. The Anti Villainy League is like secret agents that try to stop super villains from their massive crimes. Gru is up for the challenges. Little does he know his minions are being stolen right from under his nose.



## Despicable Me 3



Despicable Me 3 continues the franchise and the humor is definitely there. Gru finds out he has a twin brother. His mother lied to him all these years. Gru's long lost father recently died and was also a villain. His twin brother is not as good at is as Gru once was. Gru also got fired from his job when there was a change of leadership at the Anti-Villain League. Why was he fired? He had not been able to capture Balthazar Bratt. No one else had been able to either, yet they got to keep their jobs.

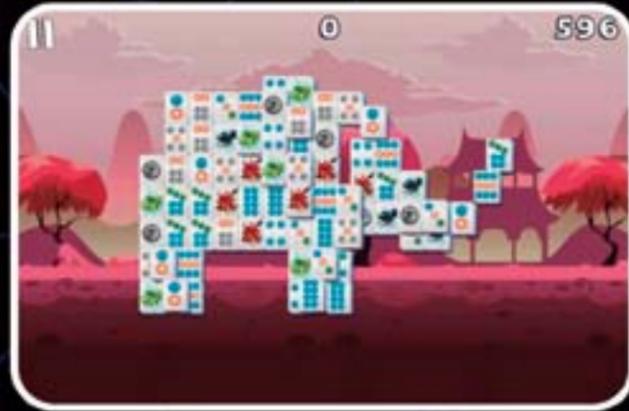
## Trolls

Trolls are very happy creatures. The Bergens are unhappy, miserable creatures that find the Trolls. They realize that they can be happy by eating a Troll. The Trolls are not that keen on being eaten. So they escape from the Bergens town. They do not want to lose so many Trolls in another Trollstists. That is the holiday the Bergens have once a year where Trolls are eaten. There is a real interesting debate in Trolls. That debate is concerning being positive or being negative. Should you be happy or unhappy? Should you see the glass as half full or half empty? Where does happiness come from?



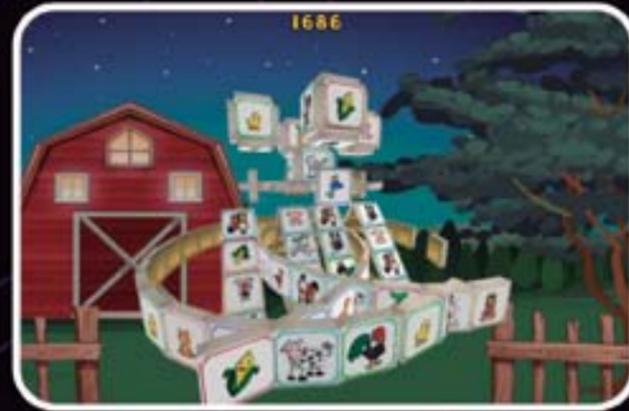


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# EDITOR'S PICKS



**Alpha/Omega The Christian RPG**

The music in Alpha/Omega The Christian RPG is fantastic. I did get tired of that one song after awhile. The awesome Christian lyrics were very uplifting to hear in a video game. I have not heard anything so great in a video game since The Bible Game. The graphics are indie and remind me of Ash video games. I hope Alpha/Omega The Christian RPG gets a physical copy.

**Party Planet**

There are thirty mini games in Party Planet. Eighteen of them are multiplayer. The multiplayer mini games in Party Planet can be played in competitive or cooperative fashion. Many of the mini games in Party Planet will feel familiar. I found Air Hockey, Snake, Joust, Memory, and others in Party Planet. Well clones of them I should say. That is not a bad thing since these are entertaining and fun games.



**Freaky Friday**

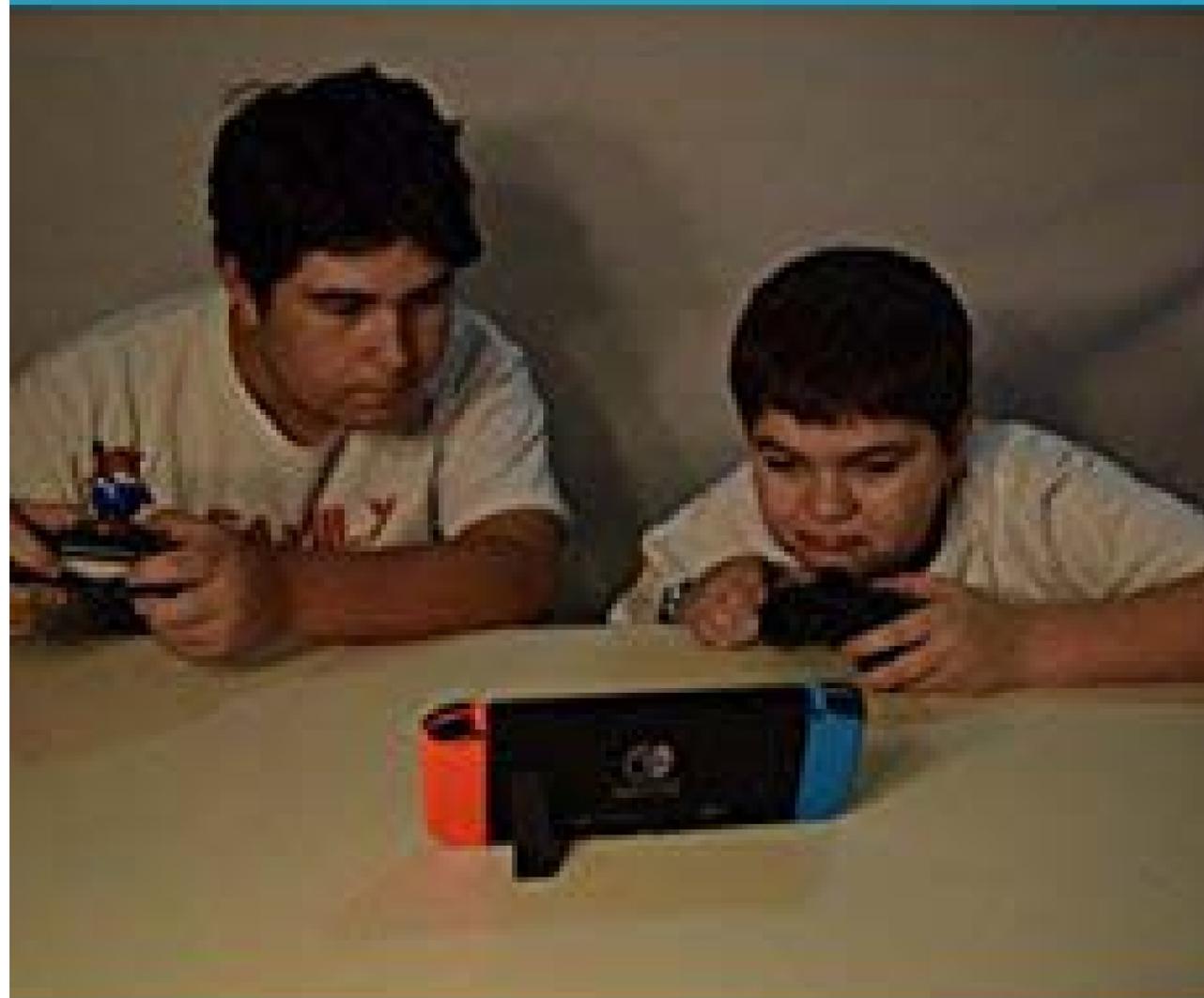
A magical hourglass swaps the places of the mother and daughter. The mother has to go to high school, and the daughter has to try and finish planning the wedding. There is plenty of humor in Freaky Friday as the two try to figure things out they have never faced before. There are certain logistics that cause problems in Freaky Friday. Things like where are your classes? What is your locker number? How to do a certain kind of dance?

**Gear.Club Unlimited**

If you are looking for a fun racing game on the Nintendo Switch then look at Gear.Club Unlimited. This racing game looks good and it sounds good. Gear.Club Unlimited gets close to looking like one of the Forza games. There are some nice visual features here and there. Gear.Club Unlimited is a bit behind. Not by much though. Which is neat to see. We have a new racer we can play when we are done with the Forza games. Thanks to Family Friendly Gaming Universe supporting this game there has been a sequel announced. Will it appear in the Christmas Buying Guide next year?



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# HARDWARE



## Hermes E2 Mechanical Gaming Keyboard

I really like the Hermes E2 Mechanical Gaming Keyboard. It may not have as many features and options as some of the bigger keyboards. Hermes E2 Mechanical Gaming Keyboard should cost you less though. Plus the Hermes E2 Mechanical Gaming Keyboard is more compact if you have less space for a key board. It was a pleasure for me to use this Keyboard.

## Hermes M3 Keyboard

The Hermes M3 Keyboard comes with a cord that plugs into the keyboard. It is a micro USB cord to a regular USB cord. You will need an open USB port on your gaming machines to plug in the Hermes M3 Keyboard. I had no issues using the Hermes M3 Keyboard. The price of this keyboard is pretty hefty for its small size. The lights, colors, and easily removable keys are where most of the cost comes into play in my opinion.



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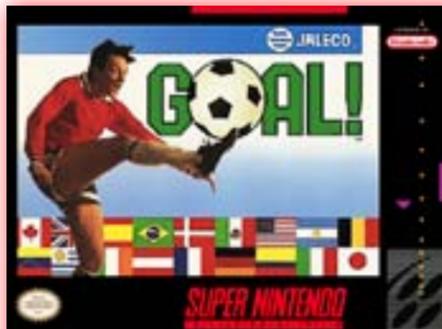
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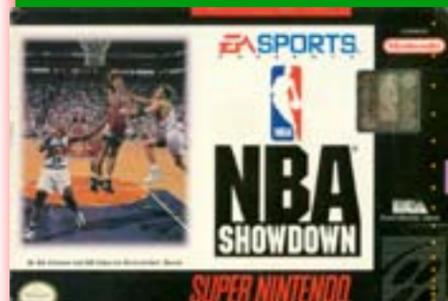


## Super GOAL!

I am very thankful Family Friendly Gaming purchased Super GOAL! on the Super NES. This soccer video game looks good, sounds, good, and plays decently. There are twenty-four countries that can be played in Super GOAL!. There are also plenty of options that can be selected and changed in this game. We had a blast playing Super GOAL! on the SNES. Did you watch our video of this retro game?

## Barbie Super Model

It is amazing that Family Friendly Gaming purchased this retro girls game. Barbie Super Model is all about fashion. This Genesis, Super NES, and MS-DOS video game lets girls take Barbie out in Hollywood, Hawaii, Aspen, and finally New York City. We move along from the left to the right collecting items. Then along the way we do a photo shoot which is a memory mini game. Then we get to the far right side.



## NBA Showdown

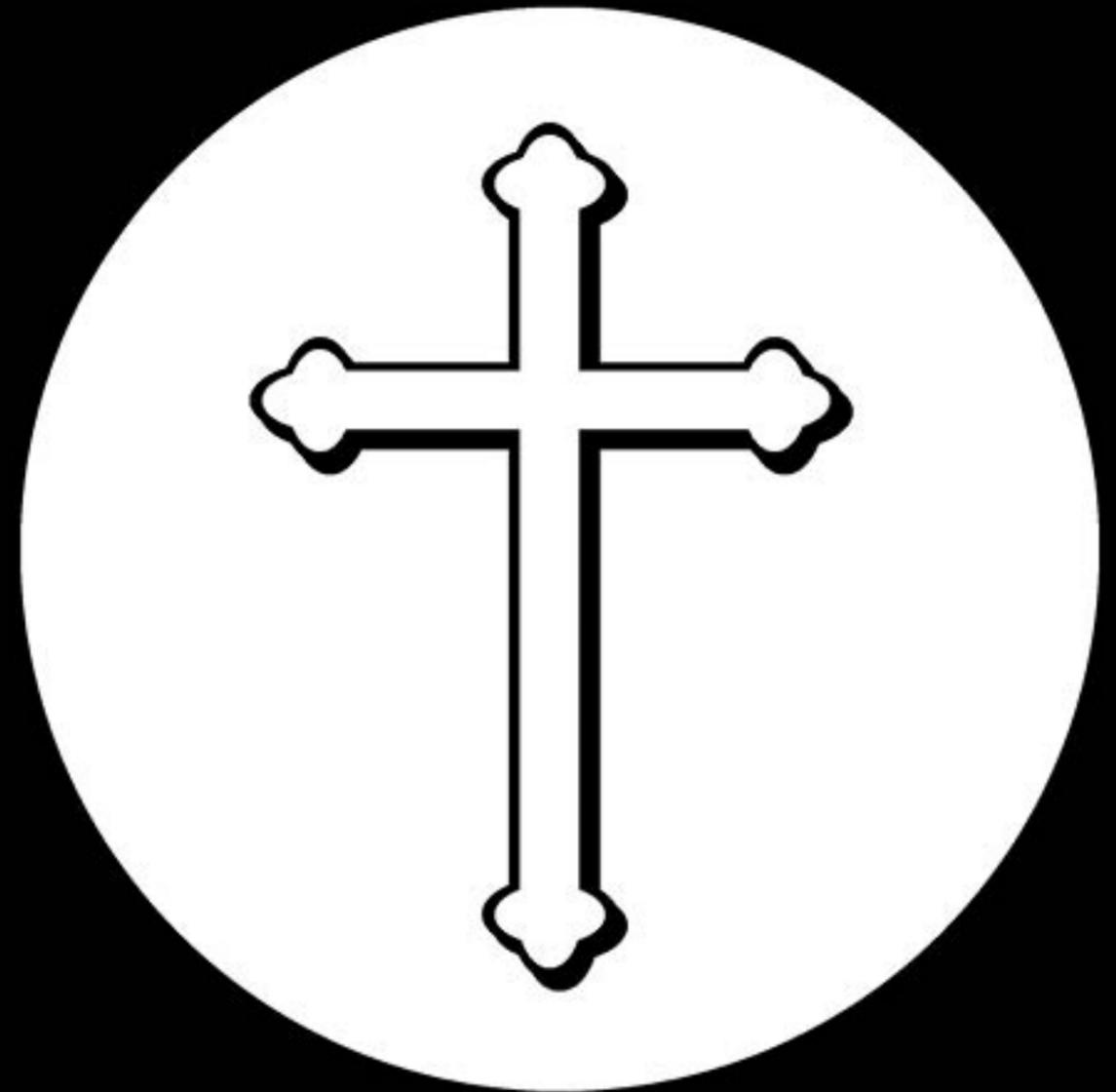
Hopefully you enjoyed the back and forth video we had of NBA Showdown. This is a solid retro basketball video game. It does have a couple of issues which I will get into in this review. The players are large and look great. The sounds are a bit too quiet for our tastes. Too much squeaking on the floor. The crowd noises are a sound byte or two. Which diminishes the overall game play experience.

## Super 3-D Noah's Ark

Super 3-D Noah's Ark is a first person shooter on Noah's Ark. We collect food, and slingshots to get the animals back in line. Super 3-D Noah's Ark is a very retro game. The graphics looked good for that era in time. The music in Super 3-D Noah's Ark is okay. There are Bible trivia questions that can be found in some places. They even list the Bible verse they come from. Which means you can look it up if you do not immediately know the answer. Just have a Bible or Internet browser nearby.



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# LAST MINUTE



## Lenovo Mirage Solo with Daydream

The Lenovo Mirage Solo with Daydream is a bluetooth device that does not require cords to be connected to any other system. No PC, or PS4 is needed to play the Lenovo Mirage Solo with Daydream. There is a down side to this though. The charge of the Lenovo Mirage Solo with Daydream only lasts a couple of hours. The controller with five buttons (two are for audio) also needs to charge. The system comes with one charger for both.

## Dance Dance Revolution Mario Mix

In my opinion Dance Dance Revolution Mario Mix is worth thirty dollars. This is an unique dance video game that not many gamers own. So you might be willing to pay more for it. It was a pleasure for me to play and review Dance Dance Revolution Mario Mix on the Game-cube. I hope to see sequels to this dance video game in the near future. The video game industry needs it, and more dance games like this.

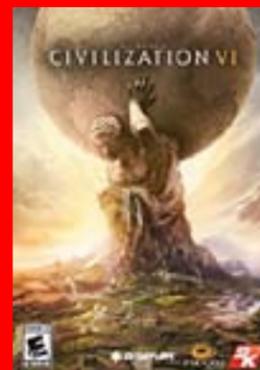


## Hotel Transylvania 3

There is another really good and strong lesson in Hotel Transylvania 3. That lesson is spend quality family time. The characters in Hotel Transylvania 3 realize they need a break. They go on a vacation. Sure a cruise ship is just a hotel on the ocean. The animation in Hotel Transylvania 3 is top notch. There is some cartoon violence, mild peril, and a few scary images. Hotel Transylvania 3 is toned down from previous movies in this series. There are less zombies, ghouls, and skeletons.

## Civilization VI

Civilization VI can be played in Single Player, Multiplayer, Game Options, Additional Content, Tutorial, Benchmark and Credits. There are multiple difficulties, game speeds, map types, and map sizes in Civilization VI. I like the customization options found within Civilization VI on the PC. I learned to play slowly and carefully in Civilization VI. There are different troops that can be made. We get builders, archers, warriors, scouts, and more in this strategy turn based video game. Be sure to overwhelm an enemy before attacking. Declaring war can be problematic if you are not strong enough.



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