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# Editor's Desk

## Christmas 2011

We see two products being huge this Christmas. Those two products are the Nintendo 3DS, and Xbox 360 Kinect. If you already have either of (or both) these products you know what we are talking about.

None of the companies paid us any money to be included in our Christmas Buying Guide. These games scored the best throughout the year. These games are the best games for families. These games are the safest out on the market. No video game is perfect, so expect even the best of the best to have a blemish or two.

Family Friendly Gaming gives out our seal of approval for only the top two to three percent of products. Many of the games in this Christmas Buying Guide have earned the seal of approval. They are almost always top of their class. There are games in this Christmas Buying Guide that did not earn the seal of approval, but they did receive very high scores.

There are games we hoped we could include but for some reason a reviewable copy did not arrive. Maybe our two point one million unique IP addresses is not enough. Maybe they forgot about the biggest, best, and brightest magazine for families in the video game industry. Maybe they thought

having us run their news stories, images, and videos was enough to sway the consumer. I do not know all of the possible reasons. I do know that is why some products are not in the following pages. We work long hours to bring all ya'll every single ounce of coverage. We will continue that in the upcoming years.

The games found in the Christmas Buying Guide have brought us hours of enjoyment. Multiple members of Family Friendly Gaming have found these games to be fun. Either the games have good lessons or no bad ones. You can expect little to no offensive content in the games in the following pages. We have extremely high standards here at Family Friendly Gaming.

In a lot of ways the Christmas Buying Guide stresses me out. We work on this at the same time we are getting drowned in games. Everybody and their brother wants us to cover their game. Names blur, games blur, days blur, and content blurs. But when we are done I am so happy. I know millions of people on the planet earth can use this. I know I have done a service to families, gamers, churches, and more. I know we have made an even bigger impact.

Yes a lot of work goes into the Christmas Buying Guide. I sometimes get asked

why we don't charge for it. I am not trying to get rich off Family Friendly Gaming or the Christmas Buying Guides. I am doing God's will for my life, and in the process making the world a better place. These games are ones that are good for families. They are good for the video game industry. By focusing on them we are helping move the industry more towards them. So we will not ask you for money.

I hope you get something from the Christmas Buying Guide this year. We were overwhelmed with positive feedback to last years Christmas Buying Guide. I welcome your comments, suggestions, and questions.

God bless you, and yours,  
Paul Bury



Family Friendly Gaming 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."

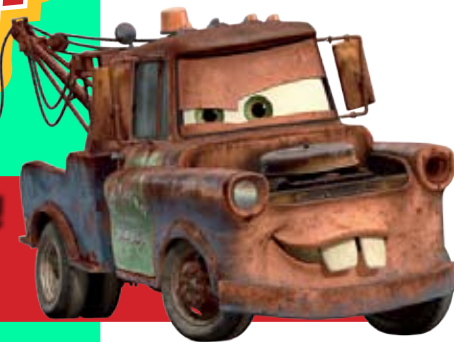


## 'SOUPED UP' SPECIAL!

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### MATER'S 'TOW-MATO' SOUP with KA-CHOW!

Start your engines with Mater's souped-up take on a lunchtime classic!



**What is Sauté and Roux?**  
Sauté means to fry in a small amount of oil.  
Roux is a simple thickener made of butter and flour.

### Mater's Tow-Mato Soup Original Recipe (Serves 6)

- 5 cups chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon dry oregano
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons salted butter
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon sugar, to taste

**Adult supervision is required to prepare this recipe.**

**Step 1** » Heat olive oil in a large sauce pan over med-high heat.

**Step 2** » Sauté garlic and onion until tender and golden brown.

**Step 3** » Add tomatoes, broth and spices and cook for 20 minutes, stirring frequently.

**Step 4** » Make a roux in a separate pan: melt butter over medium heat and stir in your flour until smooth. Cook until medium brown.

**Step 5** » Stir your roux into the soup, simmer for 10 minutes.

**Serve with your favorite Ka-chow!**

## KA-CHOW!

Rev-up your favorite soup by adding a little Ka-chow!  
Try these tasty and healthy topping ideas:



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# XBOX 360



## Kinectimals Now With Bears

Sequels have big shoes to fill. Thankfully for Microsoft Game Studios Kinectimals Now With Bears is true to the original. Plus they added in bears. These cute and cuddling cubs bring some new ideas to the franchise. Millions upon millions of families can appreciate Kinectimals Now With Bears, and how it earned the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. One of the reasons is family members of all ages can enjoy Kinectimals Now With Bears. If you never purchased Kinectimals (and have an Xbox 360 Kinect) then you need to check out Kinectimals Now With Bears.

## Twister Mania

Twister Mania is another Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval winner. Majesco Entertainment has a history of publishing high quality titles for families. Their long list of honors has Family Friendly Gaming pay close attention to any release. Twister Mania is a fantastic game that has enough modes to keep families moving, laughing, and having fun for months. This title is one of the reasons the Kinect on the Xbox 360 will be huge this Christmas. Twister Mania is a must have for families that Kinect.



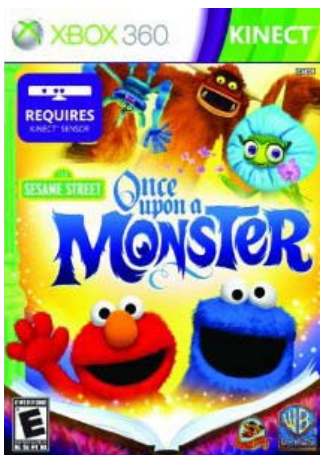
## Kinect Adventures

Kinect Adventures is another one of those Xbox 360 Kinect titles that has brought joy to millions of families. Like so many games in this Christmas Buying Guide Kinect Adventures earned the seal of approval. In some ways you are reading all about the best of the best in the year of our Lord 2011. Kinect Adventures shows the entire industry how to make a fun game on the Kinect that all ages of the family can enjoy. Going down the river on that raft is one of best mini games we have played all year long.

## NBA 2K12

Sports games have come a long ways over the years inside the video game industry. NBA 2K12 is one of the best sports translations of all time. 2K Sports shows why they are the kings of basketball games with NBA 2K12. Family members can pick Jordan, Bird, Chamberlin, and more. Play with the legends of basketball. Who is the best of all time? You can decide that in your house thanks to NBA 2K12. With such wonderful ideas, and stellar presentation, Family Friendly Gaming is eager for 2K Sports to make another football game.



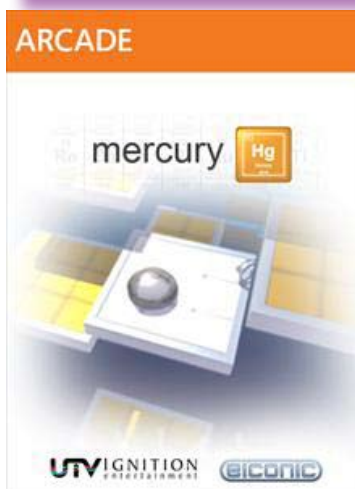


### Sesame Street Once Upon a Monster

Warner Bros Interactive is rocking the socks off of families this Christmas. Sesame Street Once Upon a Monster is a wonderful Kinect game that gets kids up and moving around. This kid friendly game uses the technology properly. This exciting educational game earned the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. Children love playing Sesame Street Once Upon a Monster on the Xbox 360. The storybook nature of this Sesame Street game fits the theme masterfully. If you are looking for a fun game for your children this Christmas and you have Kinect - you can't go wrong with Sesame Street Once Upon a Monster.

### Kinect Sports Season Two

Microsoft knows when they have a good thing. Kinect Sports Season Two is a good thing for those who are capable of getting up off the couch and interactive with their sports video games. Microsoft could have rushed another game in the franchise that was more of the same. But they decided to up the stakes with Kinect Sports Season Two. Players can now give verbal commands. There is something so amazing about being able to say: "HIKE," and the game hikes the ball to your avatar. You really can't go wrong with Kinect Sports Season Two this Christmas.



### Mercury Hg

Who knew rolling around mercury could be fun? Family Friendly Gaming knew. Mercury Hg brings back one of the most unique puzzle franchises of all time. This game is on the Xbox 360, and Playstation 3 as a downloadable game. Families that download this home console game can expect many levels to keep them busy for a month or more. The various puzzle elements will entertain, enlight, and may even frustrate. But we found with some perserverance levels can be completed. If downloadable games are part of your Christmas plan, then check out Mercury Hg.

### Fantastic Pets

THQ is one of the big boys in the video game industry. Fantastic Pets is their pet simulator on the Xbox 360. Kinect is needed for this home console game. The twist in Fantastic Pets is you get to befriend all kinds of mythical creatures. So if you have burned through Kinectimals and would like some more pets to play with then check out Fantastic Pets. This game does some interesting and unique things for this genre. Kids enjoy playing with dragons, unicorns and more. Fantastic Pets caught Family Friendly Gaming's eye.



### Marvel Pinball

Zen Studios caught the attention of Family Friendly Gaming this year with their Marvel Pinball video game release. This Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 downloadable game mixes Marvel Comic book characters with pinball. And they put it on video game machines. Marvel Pinball is not for everyone in the family. But those that remember pinball fondly, and like Marvel characters will be in tilt heaven. There are also a couple of add on tables that can be purchased for those that really get into Marvel Pinball.

# NINTENDO 3DS



## Deca Sports Extreme

Deca Sports Extreme has a few records that are important to families. It is currently the highest scoring Nintendo 3DS title. It is also the first ever Nintendo 3DS video game to earn the seal of approval. Only the top 2-3% of all products reviewed earn that right. Deca Sports Extreme earns its way on to the Christmas Buying Guide. If you are looking for a fun handheld title that will last for months, then you need to look long and hard at Deca Sports Extreme. You will not be disappointed with this fun sports title.

## Super Mario 3D Land

Nintendo built this handheld title from the ground up. It shows, and the review of this 3DS title exhibits the appreciation for it. Super Mario 3D Land brings back the Tanooki Suit, which fans have been clamoring for - for years. Super Mario 3D Land mixes the insane fun of Super Mario to the concept of a handheld. There are hundreds of hours of secrets in Super Mario 3D Land, including a Special World and Luigi to rescue after beating the game the first time. Anyone on your Christmas list who likes platformers will appreciate Super Mario 3D Land as a gift.

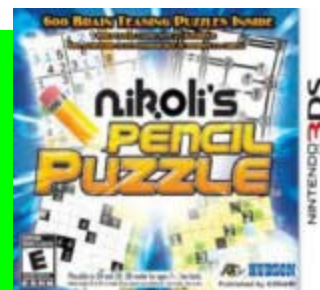


## Dual Pen Sports

Namco Bandai shook things up at Family Friendly Gaming with Dual Pen Sports. This was the first upper echelon title that we received for review this year. The concept of using two stylus' with the Nintendo 3DS works better than it sounds. This is another sports title that brings joy to our lives. The price of Dual Pen Sports should be very competitive now so you can find that special gaming someone a wonderful game, and not break the bank at the same time.

## Nikoli's Pencil Puzzle

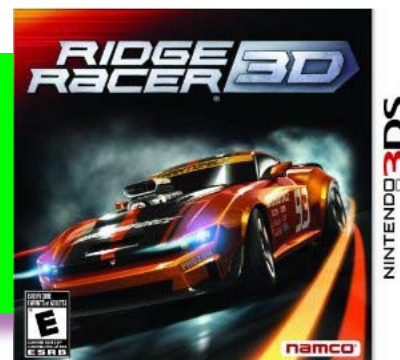
Puzzle games have been huge over the many years the video game industry been around. Nikoli's Pencil Puzzle has four amazing, and fun puzzle games included. Sudoku has 300 puzzles, Shikaku has 110 puzzles, Hashi has 70 puzzles, and Akari has 120 puzzles. Families will get their money's worth out of this handheld title. Nikoli's Pencil Puzzle will require diverse thought patterns. Konami has done a wonderful thing by publishing this Hudson Entertainment Nintendo 3DS video game. Staffers have spent countless hours enjoying Nikoli's Pencil Puzzle.





## Cooking Mama 4 Kitchen Magic

## Ridge Racer 3D



## Pac-Man & Galaga Dimensions

## Cars 2

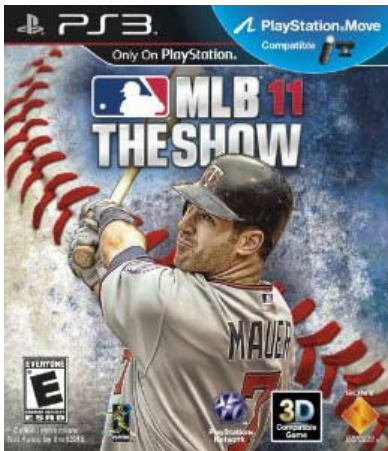


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# PLAYSTATION 3

## NBA 2K12

Sony Playstation 3 fanboys and Xbox 360 fanboys debate all over the Internet which system is better. They argue ferociously about it all the time. But when it comes to basketball games, both systems have the best basketball game of all time - NBA 2K12. 2K Sports created the most amazing sports game we have played here at Family Friendly Gaming in some time. The legends of basketball is one of the reasons this home console title earned the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. Fanboys can chew on the fact that this version has Playstation Move compatibility.

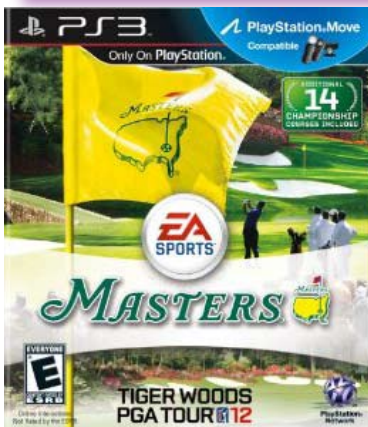
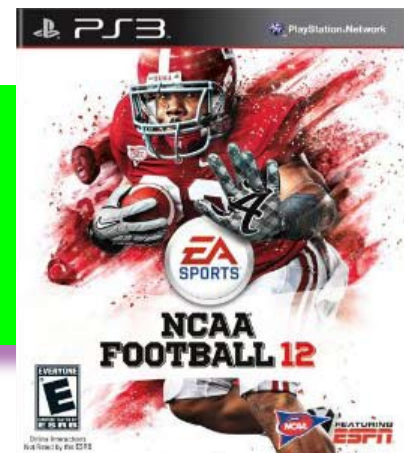


## MLB11 The Show

There is one king of baseball video games. That king is MLB11 The Show. Sony knows how to make a baseball game. This franchise has been top dog for some time now. Instead of sitting on their success, Sony continues to improve The Show. The Playstation Move compatibility is part of the reason the MLB11 The Show earned the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. If the sports gamers on your list has a PS3, and likes baseball then you should consider getting them MLB11 The Show.

## NCAA Football 12

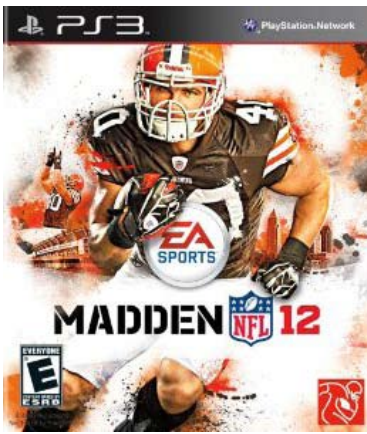
There are few sports conversations that last long without mentioning EA Sports. They are the elephant in the room. They have lasted in the sports game genre longer than anyone else. They churn out hit after hit every single year. They have had their flops in the past, but NCAA Football 12 on the Playstation 3 is not one of those. College football fans can enjoy one of the best college football games of all time. NCAA Football 12 is drastically different from Madden NFL 12. This is the college flavor.



## Tiger Woods PGA Tour 12

EA Sports may not get the best sports game of the year award. But they do make up for it in terms of quantity. Tiger Woods PGA Tour 12 is a fantastic golf game from the ground up. Family Friendly Gaming questioned EA Sports about continuing with a disgraced sports figure on the front cover. His selfish problems have shattered his once wholesome image. He destroyed his family. Thankfully none of that kind of content is in Tiger Woods PGA Tour 12 for the Playstation 3.



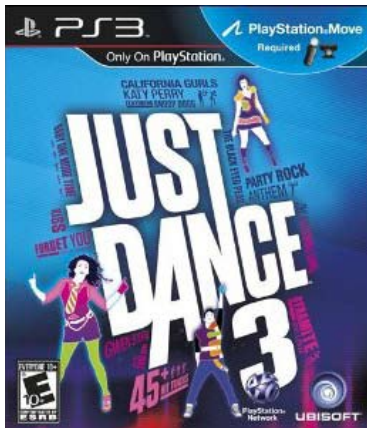


## Madden NFL 12

The biggest known name in football games today is Madden. Since EA Sports has a monopoly one might think they would relax and enjoy being the only game in town. Yet Madden NFL 12 shows EA Sports is committed to improving each and every single year. This sports game has an all new fresh approach, and appearance. They went to the broadcast booth and learned some secrets. The end result is fans know they are getting the best football game on the Playstation 3. They have earned this spot in this buying guide.

## Eyepet and Friends

What do you do when you have a hit franchise on your hands? You make it bigger, you make it badder, you make it awesome. Sony did just that with Eyepet and Friends. Families can rest assured that Eyepet and Friends is twice as much fun as the original. Nothing screams fun like having an Eyepet to play with. What makes it better is there are friends in this Playstation 3 game. When looking for good games for your family this Christmas - take a good look at Eyepet and Friends. You can thank us later.



## Just Dance 3

Yes Just Dance 3 is on the Xbox 360, and Wii as well. Playstation 3 owners get to Move thanks to the Wand. Families need to be aware that Just Dance 3 is rated E10+ for lyrical content. There is a Just Dance Kids 2 on the PS3 that may interest families as well. Just Dance 3 will get gamers off the couch, and have them exercising. There are enough songs to warrant all kinds of hours of replay value. Just Dance 3 is one of the best dancing games thanks to Ubisoft's commitment to consistently improve.

## LittleBIGPlanet 2 Special Edition

If you did not pick up LittleBIGPlanet then you need to check out LittleBIGPlanet 2 Special Edition. This Playstation 3 (PS3) home console game allows family members to express their creativity. LittleBIGPlanet 2 Special Edition lets us create our very own little games. Not just levels like the original LittleBIGPlanet. The thirty-five dollars of extra content, and Playstation Move combatibility help LittleBIGPlanet 2 Special Edition earn its spot on this Christmas Buying Guide. Sackboy is waiting for you.



## de Blob 2

de Blob 2 is rated E10+ so it is not appropriate for all ages of the family. Those that are old enough get to play an interesting action adventure platformer where you bring color back to this fantasy world. The creatures are strange, and the evil empire is stranger. Sort of like a very oppressive government that thinks it needs to be in all areas of the people's lives. Thankfully for the oppressed in this game, de Blob is there to bring back color. de Blob 2 can teach us the various colors of the rainbow, and how to get certain colors to come out.



# WII

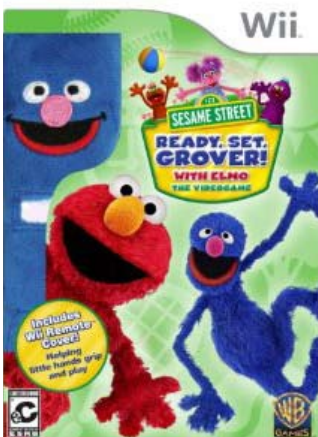


## Go Vacation

Few video games this year contain areas as large as Go Vacation. One would expect such an amazing looking game that includes so much landscape to be on the Personal Computer (PC). But Go Vacation is on the Wii thanks to our friends over at Namco Bandai. Go Vacation quadruples the content in We Ski. This game earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. Since this Christmas Buying Guide is the best of the best expect to see a more games with that particular honor. Purchase Go Vacation and expect to spend months finding all of the content.

## Fishing Resort

XSeed Games published Fishing Resort. It does come from Namco Bandai in Japan though. Fishing Resort comes from the mind of Yuji Naka. You might recognize that name since he created Sonic. As in the hedgehog. No wonder such a big name earned the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. Fishing Resort is all about going to beautiful looking areas and fishing. Like Go Vacation the areas in Fishing Resort are huge. Expect to spend months exploring everything. How they crammed so much content into this game is beyond us. But they did, and we are very thankful.



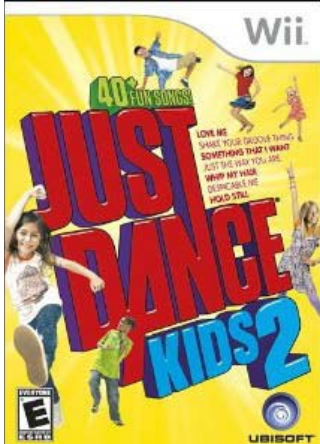
## Sesame Street Ready Set Grover

How many EC games were released this year? Not many. But Family Friendly Gaming does know of one - Sesame Street Ready Set Grover. Warner Bros Interactive has done families a service by publishing this Wii game. Not only do kids learn wonderful lessons from Sesame Street Ready Set Grover, they also get a Grover sleeve for their Wii Remotes. This goes a long ways with the younger members of the family. If you have a young child, and a Wii you will want to seriously take a very strong look at Sesame Street Ready Set Grover.

## Mario Sports Mix

Yes Mario Sports Mix was released earlier in the year. However this game was rated so highly that it stood the test of the entire year. Families love having fun with all of the different sports in Mario Sports Mix. The Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval has certainly helped this title in terms of sales thus far. If you are looking for a fun game for the entire family that has arcade translations of sports games then Mario Sports Mix is for you. Slam dunk with Mario, play some hockey with Bowser, and enjoy some volleyball with Peach.





### Just Dance Kids 2

Ubisoft listened to Family Friendly Gaming when we told them we wanted a kids version of Just Dance. After playing Just Dance Kids we told them it needed a sequel. Guess what Ubisoft did? They improved upon every section of the game. Just Dance Kids 2 expanded from just the Wii to the PS3 and Xbox 360 as well. Wii owners get a few nifty exclusives. If you are looking for a game to help your children get those wiggles out, then Just Dance Kids 2 is one to keep in mind this Christmas. Kids here absolutely love it.

### My First Mote

Kids want to be just like their parents. PDP came up with a fantastic little product for children. My First Mote has Cars 2 themed face plates, and makes using the Wii easier for children. You know the younger members of the family want to do what you do. They want to be like you. My First Mote is a Wii Remote that their little hands can use. The feedback and testing of My First Mote has been so positive that it has earned its way on to the Christmas Buying Guide. This is another good little product for children.

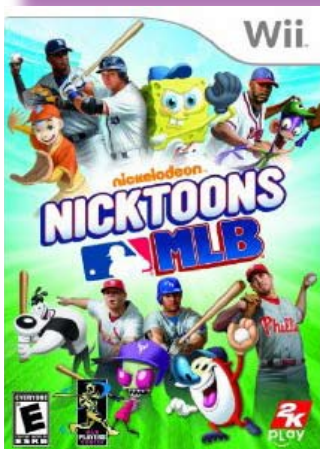
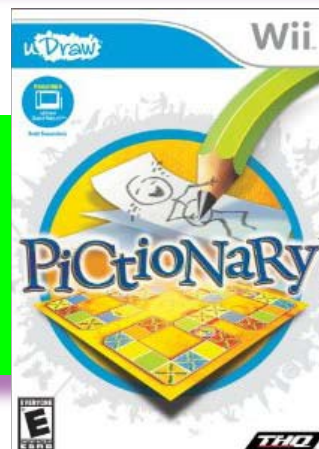


### Fortune Street

Families that enjoy board games like Monopoly will eat up Fortune Street. Square Enix and Nintendo were not always such good friends. However they have made up and are producing fantastic games for families like Fortune Street. This home console game is going to go down in the history books. We hope you will investigate some of your time to see if Fortune Street fits your family or not. Family Friendly Gaming came away extremely impressed from this digital board game on the Nintendo Wii.

### Pictionary

uDraw has taken the gaming world by storm. Pictionary is a wonderful game for families on the Wii. THQ knows how to publish a game that everyone in the family can enjoy. Everyone at Family Friendly Gaming had fun with Pictionary even though few of us aren't any good at art. The lack of artistic talent is part of the fun of Pictionary. Countless hours of fun can be achieved in this home console title. If you are looking for a fun game to play together then take a strong look Pictionary on the Wii. A uDraw peripheral is needed.



### Nicktoons MLB

Baseball games are one thing. Cartoon network games are another thing. But putting both of them together? 2K Play knows what they are doing with Nicktoons MLB. This game mixes cartoon characters with real live baseball players for one amazing arcade video game baseball experience. Families can have all kinds of fun with this home console game that is on the Wii and Xbox 360. Family Friendly Gaming had a blast playing Nicktoons MLB. 2K Play knows what they are doing with this high profile title.

# NINTENDO DS



## Bejeweled 3

PopCap Games has a clue when it comes to the matching three genre. They have brought Bejeweled 3 to the Nintendo DS. That way families on the go can enjoy this puzzle action game. There are enough quests, and modes to keep all ages of the family busy for quite some time. If you are looking for a game on the Nintendo DS for Christmas then Family Friendly Gaming suggests you take a look at Bejeweled 3. This puzzle game also appears on the Xbox 360. There are variations between the two versions.

## Wappy Dog

Fewer products return such joy and irritation than Wappy Dog. The young at heart love to hear the sounds from the robotic dog. The virtual pet game on the Nintendo DS is another area where children really get into this product. Some adults are not fond of the sounds in Wappy Dog. The robotic dog can be turned off. Kids can play with Wappy Dog completely inside the Nintendo DS game. The interactivity between toy and video game is a nice trend to see again.



## Camping Mama Outdoor Adventures

Mama may have moved on to the Nintendo 3DS in Cooking Mama 4 Kitchen Magic. She however did not completely leave the Nintendo DS alone this Christmas season. Camping Mama Outdoor Adventures is a wonderful mixture of so many different mini game styles. The whole woodland adventure theme takes the franchise in a different direction. Can you survive in the forest? Can you enjoy good old family time out in the woods? Fishing, cooking, and more are found in Camping Mama Outdoor Adventures.

## Moxie Girlz

What Christmas Buying Guide would be complete without including some games specifically designed for the female side of the family? Family Friendly Gaming has you covered with Moxie Girlz on the Nintendo DS. This hand held gem helps girls learn all about making their own magazine. Sure there is a lot more work to it than this hand held game shows, but girls can get started on the path of magazine creation. GameMill Entertainment has shown they can publish good games for all areas of the family.



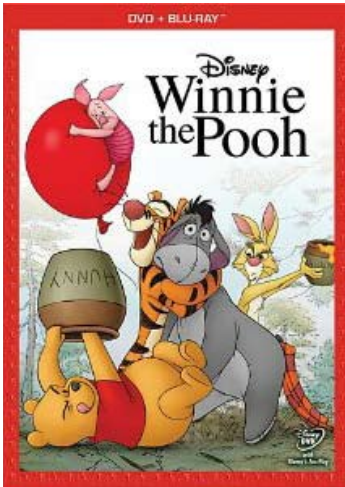


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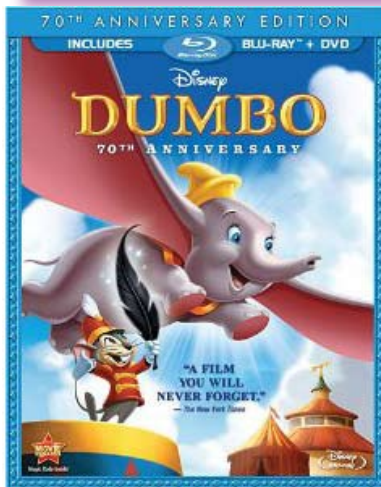


## Winnie the Pooh

Silly old bear is something we adults remember from our childhoods. Now thanks to Disney we can share that memory with our children in the new Winnie the Pooh DVD and Blu-ray movie. These discs received one of the highest scores for the Blu-ray and DVD section this year. The animals from the 100-acre woods learn some fun lessons while going on a major quest. By watching Winnie the Pooh your family finds out if Pooh bear finally gets the honey or not. And what happened to Eeyore's tail.

## Tangled

Men love women with long hair. Tangled takes that long hair to an amazing extreme. Disney re-imagined Rapunzel in a way that the entire family can enjoy. Tangled has a strong male character who needs to be shown the right path to walk on. The evil mother is not really a mother at all. She kidnapped Rapunzel thanks to her own selfishness. Her control freak nature causes all kinds of turmoil for various characters. A sword wielding horse allows us to let down our hair. Children of all ages enjoy the wild ride in Tangled.



## Dumbo 70th Anniversary

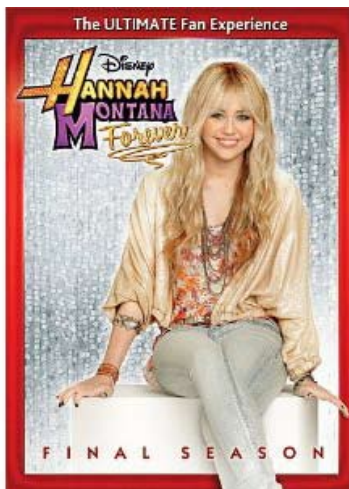
Children love Dumbo. Parents are shocked that he is seventy years old. Disney did the Dumbo 70th Anniversary package properly. There are enough bonus features, and behind the scenes content to keep families happy for weeks. Dumbo 70th Anniversary on DVD and Blu-ray is one of those movies that can be cherished for years to come. The movie may be short, but the plot is completely timeless. If you are looking for a movie this Christmas for your family please take a look at.

## Bambi II

Sequels to wonderful franchises have not always fared very well. Thankfully Bambi II lives up to the original. Disney is also intelligent enough to release multiple packages of the movie. There is a DVD, a Blu-ray, and then combinations of the two. That way families can pick the package that best fits their Christmas needs. Bambi II will illicit an emotional response just like the first one. The timeless concepts in Bambi II will reach all ages of the family. Fathers will really relate to Bambi II.







### Hannah Montana Forever Final Season

Hannah Montana Forever Final Season ends on a high note. It is a shame this show is gone because it was one of the best we have seen here at Family Friendly Gaming. The humor, class, and real life lessons are oozing through every episode. Hopefully Miley will realize what she threw away and come back to this show. Until then families can enjoy Hannah Montana Forever Final Season on DVD. This television show is the highest scoring season of a television show that Family Friendly Gaming reviewed this year.

### Dennis the Menace Season One

Disney almost came away with a clean sweep of this department this year. Shout Factory laughed their way into our hearts with Dennis the Menace Season One on DVD. This classic television show may not have gotten color, but it did get the second highest rated television show season. The only warning we give parents about Dennis the Menace Season One is it may give your children some ideas of things to do that you will not want them doing. Otherwise Dennis the Menace Season One is a fun show that is safe for the entire family.



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# PC

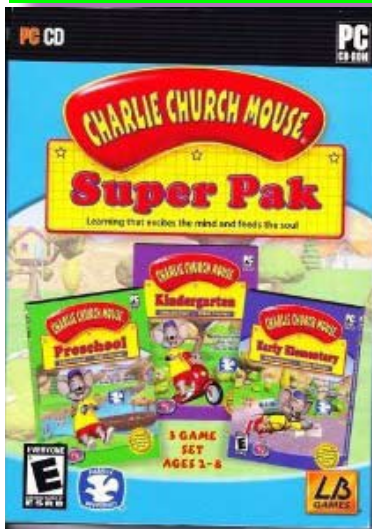


## Herotopia

Family Friendly Gaming does not review as many Personal Computer (PC) games as we do on other formats. There are however some stand out titles reviewed this year on the computer. Herotopia is one such title. This is an online game for kids. Children of all ages learn interesting things from Herotopia. The biggest lesson in Herotopia is how to combat bullying. Since the public schools are breeding grounds for the bullies, and children are victimized each and every single day.

## Drawn III Trail of Shadows

It takes something special to make it to the third iteration in a franchise. Drawn III Trail of Shadows is something special. Big Fish Games knows what they are doing in terms of video games. They have a well known, and well established portal. The Drawn franchise is one of their biggest. Drawn III Trail of Shadows will test you mind as you look around trying to solve the various puzzles in this Personal Computer video game. Various difficulty settings, and some interesting mini games will make you ask them for a sequel.



## Charlie the Church Mouse Super Pack

Family Friendly Gaming was not very pleased to see Left Behind games buy out so many Christian video game developers. However they have done some neat things with the various franchises. Charlie the Church Mouse Super Pack is one of those neat things. Who doesn't like three games for the price of one? This Personal Computer game will teach children all kinds of wonderful lessons while being entertained at the same time. Why can't all video games be this great? Read our review, and decide if you should purchase Charlie the Church Mouse Super Pack or not.

## Boulder Dash XL

There really is nothing new under the sun. Boulder Dash XL shows that old concepts for video games are still good today. Boulder Dash XL will challenge players as they try to get enough gems to open the exit. All within a certain time frame, and avoid the enemies that want to end your run with one touch. Boulder Dash XL is one of the higher rated retro games that was re-imagined this year. Boulder Dash XL was on various platforms, but is being honored for the Personal Computer (PC) version in this Christmas Buying Guide.



# APPS

Disney Mobile has been making a name for themselves in the year of our Lord 2011.

Where's My Water? is one of those iPad/iPhone/iPod Touch apps. Where's My Water is an amazing physics puzzle game on the iPad. Everyone here at Family Friendly Gaming has enjoyed beating every single level in this game.



Mahjong games have been around for some time now. This app caught our eyes because it is Barnyard Mahjong. Take the fun of the Barnyard, and mix it with the tried and true Mahjong game. Families can spend countless hours solving the numerous boards. Careful it can be addicting.

Christian video game developers always catch our attention here at Family Friendly Gaming. Float comes from a Christian video game developer. They created a fun balloon app. The goal is to keep the balloons in the air. Tap on them to knock them higher. Easy right? It does get challenging later on. Beware the spikes.



Monkey Preschool Lunchbox is a great game for kids. This little app earned the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval because of how great it is. This app teaches kids important things they will need to go to school. Monkey Preschool Lunchbox is fun for kids, and they will ask to play over and over again.

Swap This! is one of those apps that sticks in our heads all of these months later. This fun puzzle game breaks the match three or more in a couple of ways that families are enjoying to this day. Looking for a fun app that is extremely high quality? Then take a good look at Swap This!.



Kids love Animal Drop. This free app is one that Family Friendly Gaming is proud to tell millions of families about. All it takes is a little time to download this free app that teaches children animal shapes and sounds. So if you want your money to stretch farther then check out Animal Drop.

Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs is one of those apps that actually controls properly. You have no idea how many apps we play that have control issues. So it was a real joy to be able to play and review Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs on the iPhone/iPod Touch. This is one movie based video game that is worth your time.



Arctic Escape rose above so many other apps this year with its unique winter wonderland presentation, and entertaining puzzle elements. Families will find their two dollars well spent on Arctic Escape for the iPhone/iPod Touch. You guide penguins to safety by putting down arrows which direct their path.



# POSSIBLES

These games did not make the Christmas Buying Guide. We have heard from reliable sources that reviewable copies are on their way. We expect these games to be high quality. Look for a

review online before making a purchase. As long as they arrive when projected it will appear before Christmas.

