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EDITOR'S DESK

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. It is the time we focus on how Jesus Christ the son of God came to earth to save us all from our sins. All we have to do is accept the gift that was given. It is so awesome to participate in candle light services, praise God, and thank him. Yes I know we are to thank God all year long, it is extra special this time of year for me.

This has been a wild year for us here at Family Friendly Gaming. We have completed off certain projects and chapters of our lives. We have seen massive growth and new milestones reached. Like we had a month with over one million hits on the website. The Youtube channel has had explosive growth this year. We are still rocking from all of the massive growth this year.

God always provides and in the year of 2017 has been a great example of that. We had some amazing hill-tops, and we hit some low valleys. Throughout all of it God was with us, and provided for us. Which encourages and uplifts us. It also allows us the opportunity to be a shining example for others. We have had a lot of people praying for us this year. Thank you so much. We are expanding how many people we pray for as well this year. Which makes us feel better to think of others before ourselves.

Christmas 2017 has been different from past years in so many ways. Christmas 2017 has been better than past years in so many ways. I have a much better day job, and I am much happier doing it. Yolanda, Peter and Noah have picked it up in terms of doing more for Family Friendly Gaming in 2017. I expect that will happen again in 2018. I never know what the future will hold for us. I can definitely see God's hand working on us in 2017. Will that continue in 2018? I do not know. Will we have massive blessings in 2018? Again I do not know. We will see what God has for us.

We picked a wide array of different kinds of products in this year's Christmas Buying Guide. I hope you can find some products in this issue that will help your family with some Christmas making decisions. We kept to the same rules as before. A review for the product had to be online before the cut off time and date. We start from the end of what we reviewed before the last Christmas Buying

Guide. So products that we reviewed around November 15th and on. Certain products like Lego Marvel Super Heroes 2 missed the cut off date. Sadly there is nothing we can do about that.

Certain companies decided to continue to be unprofessional to Family Friendly Gaming. We continue to treat them better than they treat us. We continue to share the love of Christ with them. If they want to act like the devil then that is their decision. We will not join them in that particular choice. We do not hold grudges. We are transparent and open about their acts and deeds.

God bless,
Paul Bury



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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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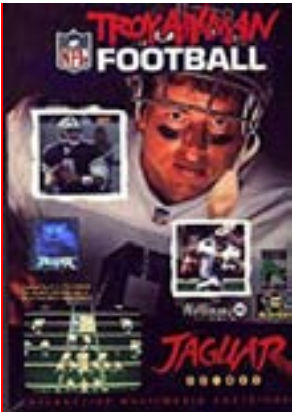


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Troy Aikman Football

Troy Aikman Football reminds me of Tecmo Bowl in some regards. We can go back far with the quarterback and throw a long bomb of a pass to a receiver we can not see. Troy Aikman Football looks way better than Tecmo Bowl. In fact Troy Aikman Football looks better than comparable Madden games from that era. I enjoyed the audio as much as the graphics in Troy Aikman Football. The game play in Troy Aikman Football is spot on football. Good things and bad things can happen. From interceptions to fumbles, Troy Aikman Football keeps it real. I really wish Troy Aikman Football had continued as a franchise. Families can find this game for a fair price.

Outrun 2019

The music in Outrun 2019 is fantastic. I love it. I really got into it while I was playing this cross country road trip experience. The graphics for Outrun 2019 were good for the day. In fact Outrun 2019 looks better than many current indie video games. Isn't it sad that a 16-bit video game looks better than many currently created video games? Signs tell us where the road splits, and when turns are coming.



Rugrats Search for Reptar

Rugrats Search for Reptar is all about finding all of the puzzle pieces for a dinosaur. Families play a variety of different missions in this game. Some are long, and some are short. Once enough are found then the player can play the final Reptar smashing level, and get the game ending. I was never into Rugrats when I was younger. I had a blast playing this game.

Victory Run

Graphically Victory Run impressed me. Large vehicles, great transitions, and more are found in this home console video game. The music is also pleasant. I enjoyed listening to it while racing along the road. In fact Victory Run feels like taking a nice long road trip on the freeway. The biggest lesson I learned in Victory Run is to avoid hitting other cars. Victory Run also let me relive the days of having a stick shift.



NINTENDO 3DS



Style Savvy Fashion Forward

If you are into fashion and make up then you will enjoy Style Savvy Fashion Forward. I have played plenty of fashion video games and Style Savvy Fashion Forward is a good one. This hand held video game teaches us to listen to the clients and to give them what they ask for. There are fun little mini games found here and there in Style Savvy Fashion Forward on the Nintendo 3DS. I am amazed at how much content was plugged into this fashion based video game.

Urban Trial Freestyle 2

Urban Trial Freestyle 2 is a really fun game. It took me a few levels to get good at this style of game again. Once I did I was flying through the levels. It is fun to replay the levels since there may have been cash missed in the first attempt. Families will need to get three stars or higher in one world (as an average) before the next world unlocks. It is easy to see the requirements on the levels and bikes.



Sonic Boom Fire & Ice

Sonic Boom Fire & Ice is a 2D side scrolling action adventure platformer where we swap between characters. I should mention the characters need to be unlocked first. What is really cool is we can take unlocked characters back to previous levels to progress through more of the level.

Japanese Rail Sim 3D Journey in Suburbs #2

I had to pay attention to distance, speed, slope, and more. We are on a time table and we must get there on time. We do get penalized for getting there too early, and for missing things (like going to fast, or not whistling).



Disney Art Academy

The graphics in Disney Art Academy look as good as you can draw. There are different widths to the pencils and brushes in Disney Art Academy. We can also paint on different layers of the drawing. Disney Art Academy is not going to be exactly like the real thing. It can emulate real life drawing enough so families can see if an investment in the costly equipment makes sense. I enjoyed my time with Disney Art Academy.

I am an air traffic controller AIRPORT HERO OSAKA-KIX

I like I am an air traffic controller AIRPORT HERO OSAKA-KIX. This airport based video game starts a bit slow as it teaches us the ropes. It does not take I am an air traffic controller AIRPORT HERO OSAKA-KIX very long to get challenging. I had to think fast, and remember where I sent the other planes.



Bratz Fashion Boutique

Bratz Fashion Boutique has a few things going for it. Bratz Fashion Boutique is easy to understand. Girls are given verbal and written instructions each step of the way. Bratz Fashion Boutique is also very uplifting and encouraging. It made me feel special when I cut material and made a new outfit. Bratz Fashion Boutique made me feel special when I helped a customer with a fashion upgrade.

Touch Battle Tank - Tag Combat

I love the controls in Touch Battle Tank - Tag Combat. I move the tank around with the joystick, and then tap which direction I want to fire. That means I can shoot in a different direction than I am moving. Brilliant! Touch Battle Tank - Tag Combat has walls and other obstacles that the player must drive around. This can add strategy to this arcade like tank battling video game.



Barbie and Her Sisters Puppy Rescue

I like the concept of Barbie and Her Sisters Puppy Rescue. We find a sign about a missing puppy, and then we find the missing puppy. From there we take care of the puppies. I wonder if Barbie and Her Sisters Puppy Rescue was going to be a free app first. Why? We play a mini game with the puppy. Something like grooming them, or medically checking them out for example. Then the puppy must rest for so many hours before we can do anything else with it.

Infinite Golf

I love the music in Infinite Golf. It settled me down when I was having trouble with certain courses. Infinite Golf will only work on Nintendo 3DS XL devices. I tried it initially on an original Nintendo 3DS and it would not work at all. I enjoyed my time with Infinite Golf on the Nintendo 3DS. The levels felt like they randomly generated most of the time. Which is cool, but at times the same kind of a level would appear.



PLAYSTATION VITA



Plantera

Plantera has good colors, nice music, and lots of tapping fun. I am thankful Family Friendly Gaming was given a digital download code for Plantera on the PS Vita. I tried to use this game on the Playstation TV so we could do a video series of it. Plantera failed to work on the Playstation TV.

Farming Simulator 18

The longer I played Farming Simulator 18 the more I learned. The longer I played Farming Simulator 18, the deeper I saw it is. There are fifty farming machines and vehicles in Farming Simulator 18. Families will need to seriously grind to save up for all of them. There is also livestock to take care of and breed in Farming Simulator 18. I like animals. They are very tasty. Like Phil Robertson likes to say.



Dragon Quest Builders

The music in Dragon Quest Builders is exceptional. I love the concept of a story in a Minecraft clone. Chapters in Dragon Quest Builders are long. Expect to do a lot in each of the four chapters. The graphics look good. Certainly better than Minecraft. I love the idea of having the power of creation, and rebuilding what has been destroyed.



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WII U



Plantera

The music in Plantera is really nice. There is off screen play for Plantera on the Wii U. What kind of game is Plantera? Sort of a city builder but with gardens. We start out collecting money, and planting carrots. Our little cute ball of fun collects them, and later we can plant bushes. After that we can plant trees. I loved leveling up in Plantera. I loved harvesting different crops in Plantera. In fact I like Plantera more than Harvest Moon.

Sudoku Party

Sudoku Party has the normal one player mode where you solve the puzzle. There is also a party mode where you can compete against others. In addition to all of that Sudoku Party has a competitive mode. Sudoku Party is split between Easy, Medium, Hard and Fiendish. It can take twenty minutes or more to solve the easy puzzles in Sudoku Party. Not very hand held friendly. Puzzles can be saved and picked up later though.



Mega Maze

This is an indie home console video game families can get into. Why? Because players walk around in 3D mazes trying to find the exit. What does the exit look like? It is like an orb of explosive color. I thought maybe it would be a black spot with the word EXIT written on it. I was obviously wrong. Mega Maze has a maze editor. That means you can make your very own mazes in Mega Maze. There is an online option to check out the mazes that other players have created.

Spheroids

I noticed there are set areas in Spheroids that are just like Buster Bros. Families can run, jump, grapple, and more in Spheroids. Then we come to parts of the level where we need to break apart all of the Spheroids to continue on. Thankfully there are enough power ups and upgrades in Spheroids.



PS4 VR



Star Trek Bridge Crew

Players can take on the role of the captain, engineer, tactical officer, and helmsman. While the first role you might want to play is captain it is also one of the easiest. Star Trek Bridge Crew gives players a good direction on what to do. There are mission goals that the captain relays on to the crew. The PC and PS4 players can play together, so that is pretty cool. Star Trek Bridge Crew is PS Move compatible, but it is not required. Star Trek Bridge Crew has a great community that Ubisoft needs to support.

Darknet

The VR in Darknet is amazing. I love how this game looks. I love how easy it is to interact with. I chose to use the PS4 controller while playing Darknet. It was so easy to point where I wanted to insert the viruses. Then I had to learn how to avoid the anti-virus software, remove firewalls, shields, and more. The core game play mechanic in Darknet is figuring out where to place your viruses to get to the core of each node.



Chess Ultra

Chess Ultra is beautiful looking and sounding. There is relaxing music that plays in Chess Ultra. There are a variety of backgrounds and areas to play Chess Ultra in. There are also all kinds of different ways we can see the pieces in Chess Ultra. The graphics took a hit when I put them in VR though. The cool surroundings look neat in VR, but the pieces lost some texture.

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NINTENDO SWITCH



I and Me

This indie puzzler lets us take on the role of two black cats. These cats must get to the picture frames at the same time. Not a problem. Except for things like spikes, porcupines, distance between the picture frames and more. I and Me can be challenging.

Infinite Minigolf

Infinite Minigolf lets families Play Solo, Local Match, Online Match, Store, Options and Extras. Under Solo there is Tournaments, Editor, Course Browser, and Quick Play. Infinite Minigolf only has a few golf courses that come from Zen Studios. Then you can get into making your own courses. In addition to that there are thousands of course that can be played. Other players have created content and you can play it for free. This game can also be found on the PC, PS4, and Xbox One.



Mario + Rabbids Kingdom Battle

Mario + Rabbids Kingdom Battle mixes the Mario Kingdom with the Rabbids Universe. This is a turn based strategy game. There are some role playing elements in Mario + Rabbids Kingdom Battle. There are four main worlds with nine chapters per world. Families can go back and replay through areas as well. There are new skills earned throughout the game, so going back and unlocking different areas is part of the replay value to this game

Super Bomberman R

The storyline and characters in Super Bomberman R is amazing. I loved all these characters and their personalities. I also liked being able to skip the cut scenes if I needed to. There are plenty of laugh out loud moments in the story for families. The voice acting is very solid.



Lego Worlds

Lego Worlds promotes creativity. Lego Worlds wants us to think outside the box and it gives us multiple ways of doing the same thing. I love that about Lego Worlds. I love it when a video game does not trap me into doing things one way only.

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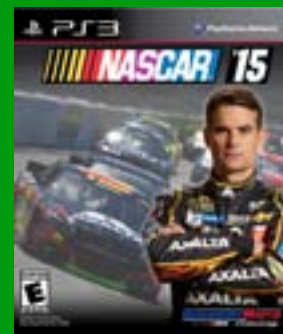


Cars 3 Driven to Win

Every Christmas Buying Guide we run into games that are on multiple systems. They can appear in this guide for any of them. This year it is Cars 3 Driven to Win. This game can be bought on the PS3, PS3, Wii U, Nintendo Switch, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. It is great to see Hall of Famer Lightning McQueen return. Cars 3 Driven to Win is closer to the amazing THQ Cars video games that got Lightning into the FFG Hall of Fame. Cars 3 Driven to Win is much better than that Cars 2 video game.

Nascar 15

The voice acting in Nascar 15 is decent. I love how they expect us to race clean. The pit crew chief tells us to race clean in Nascar 15. The races in Nascar 15 can be fun or boring. It all depends on your perspective. It can be boring to try and be perfect in lap after lap. My mind starts to wander when I am expected to do the same thing over and over again. Crashes are a part of Nascar 15. So are the company ads.

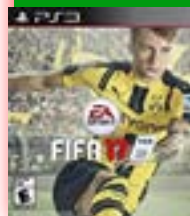


MLB 16 The Show

The modes in MLB 16 The Show are Road to the Show (online, offline, continue from MLB 15 The Show), Diamond Dynasty (online), Franchise (online, offline), Play Now (online, offline), My Locker (online), Mini Modes, Home Run Derby (online, offline), Batting Practice (offline), Pitching Practice (offline), Post Season (offline), and Challenge of the Week (online).

Lego Dimensions E.T. Fun Pack

E.T. has a few skills that are worthwhile and make sense for the character. He has Growth, Fix-It, Heart Regen, Illumination, Stealth, Magic, and Mini Access. The Phone Home can be converted into the Mobile Uplink, and then the Super-Charged Satellite.



Fifa 17

If I were to price Fifa 17 I would say it is worth between ten to fifteen dollars brand new. This soccer game can be found on other systems. The PES franchise continues to be better.

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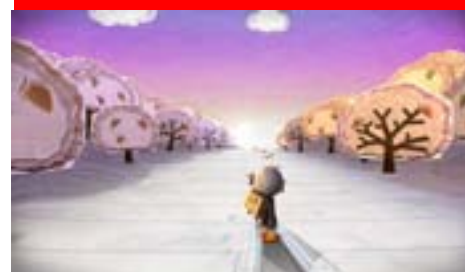


Trackmania Turbo

Trackmania Turbo has its flaws. The crazy tracks and insane crashes are part of the game. Trackmania Turbo taught me to be reckless. Trackmania Turbo also taught me to do things faster. Which led to many mistakes, and a lot of real world frustration. Two drivers controlling one car cooperatively was actually a neat and cool mode that families can get into. Trackmania Turbo can also be found on the Xbox One, and Personal Computer.

Aqua Moto Racing Utopia

Aqua Moto Racing Utopia contains Championship, Single Event, Online, Local Multiplayer, Tutorial and Profile. There are three divisions in Aqua Moto Racing Utopia. They are Runabout, Ski, and Free Style). The first two of those divisions are buoy races, and the last one is where we do tricks. There are plenty of tricks that can be done in Aqua Moto Racing Utopia. Some of them are easier to pull off than others.



Shred It!

Shred It! is mixture between a runner and a snowboarding game. We move away from the screen, and see what is coming farther out on the screen. We can jump, and duck in Shred It!. There are numerous items to collect along the way. If you get three golden feathers in one area then you will get bonus leaves in the next area.

Universal Classics Pinball

Universal Classics Pinball comes with a table for Back to the Future, Jaws, and E.T. Tables can now rock, rotate, turn dark, and more in Universal Classics Pinball. The graphics in Universal Classics Pinball are definitely improved, and so are the sound bytes.



PES 2018

The game play in PES 2018 continues to be stellar. The way the players control the ball continues to astound me. The announcers continue to be fantastic. The graphics get better every year.

XBOX 360



PES 2017

I like the career mode in PES 2017 better than Fifa 17. First off we can design our own character and we are given tons of options. I like becoming a legend because it feels different than playing a game. We are also not lulled to sleep with all kinds of offensive cut scenes in PES 2017. The announcers in PES 2017 are good. There are even some classic teams in PES 2017. PES 2017 can also be found on the Personal Computer (PC), Playstation 4, Playstation 3, and Xbox One. We had a need for a game on the Xbox 360 so it wound up on this page.

Star Wars Pinball Rogue One

I really like the layout of Star Wars Pinball Rogue One. This digital pinball table has an intelligent design. I learned quickly that targeting the middle of the table netted me the most points. I would hit the five spots on the wall in the middle, and then hit the target of the guy who appeared. That strategy netted me all kinds of points very quickly. So you know the strategy that will work.



NBA 2K17

Playing on black top is an interesting section of NBA 2K17. I preferred to see the different teams and arenas in NBA 2K17 personally. I like the commentators in NBA 2K17. They had interesting things to say. I hope you watched the game Family Friendly Gaming recorded of NBA 2K17. It was an exciting game with all kinds of twists. BA 2K17 brings back Team USA. Why were they removed?

Madden NFL 17

There is a new way to kick, which is just a return of the old way of press A to start, press A for strength, and press A for accuracy. We have a new announcer team. Numerous tackles can be broken with fighting off the tackle.



Lego Dimensions Knight Rider Fun Pack

The skills Michael Knight have are Acrobat, Hacking, Technology, Tracking, and X-Ray Vision. The sleek and stable K.I.T.T. car can be transformed into the Goliath Armored Semi, and then the K.I.T.T. Jet.

XBOX ONE



Marvel Pinball Epic Collection Vol. 1

Each of the tables in Marvel Pinball Epic Collection Vol. 1 have a variety of secrets. Additional areas, and content can be unlocked. Or the tables can do some crazy things like turn upside down. There are multiple reasons to replay the tables in Marvel Pinball Epic Collection Vol. 1. From beating your high score, to getting higher on the leaderboards. Marvel Pinball Epic Collection Vol. 1 even has local multiplayer. Two family members can hot seat this retail package or play against one another in the split screen.

Forza Horizon 3

The graphics in Forza Horizon 3 are amazing. We do have to crash through fences and other objects in certain races. The map in Forza Horizon 3 is huge, and there is all kinds of diversity to the landscape. I noticed a real focus on water in this game. Forza Horizon 3 has multiple difficulty settings making it approachable by families of all skill sets. The loading times can be long in Forza Horizon 3. It has to load a lot of content. As long as you enjoy racing, you should enjoy Forza Horizon 3.



Ride 2

Ride 2 is very kind to players. It starts us out at the easiest difficulty setting. Maybe that has something to do with my skills and how I did in the trial race. The music is nice in Ride 2. I like how it is subdued compared to the motorcycle engine sounds. Expect a learning curve when you start to play Ride 2. This racing game shows you when and where to brake. After a few races I got the feel of Ride 2.

Aven Colony

The music in Aven Colony is fantastic. There is some good voice acting in Aven Colony. They really helped me understand the game, and how to manage all of the resources. I learned to keep the colonists happy, employed, healthy, content, and more in Aven Colony.



Tour de France 2017

The coolest thing to me about Tour de France 2017 is the local co-op mode. Two family members can enjoy Tour de France 2017 at the same time with the split screen.

PERSONAL COMPUTER



Adam's Venture Origins

Adam's Venture Origins is in essence a prequel episode, and then the first two episodes. Adam's Venture Origins has to be played from start to finish. Making it a full and complete game that families can enjoy. Man did we have a blast playing Adam's Venture Origins here at Family Friendly Gaming. Think Tomb Raider without all of the shooting, and other bad content. The conversations between the characters in Adam's Venture Origins is exceptional. I loved listening to them and the jokes they tell.

Kings of Isreal

There are four phases in Kings of Isreal. The first is King's Godliness, then Sin Increases, Prophets Work, and End of Round. Kings of Isreal moves us from King Saul, to King David, then King Solomon and so on. There are numerous locations in Kings of Isreal. Players must deal with false idols, sin, and a bad influence from the neighboring nations. Prophets gather resources and build altars.



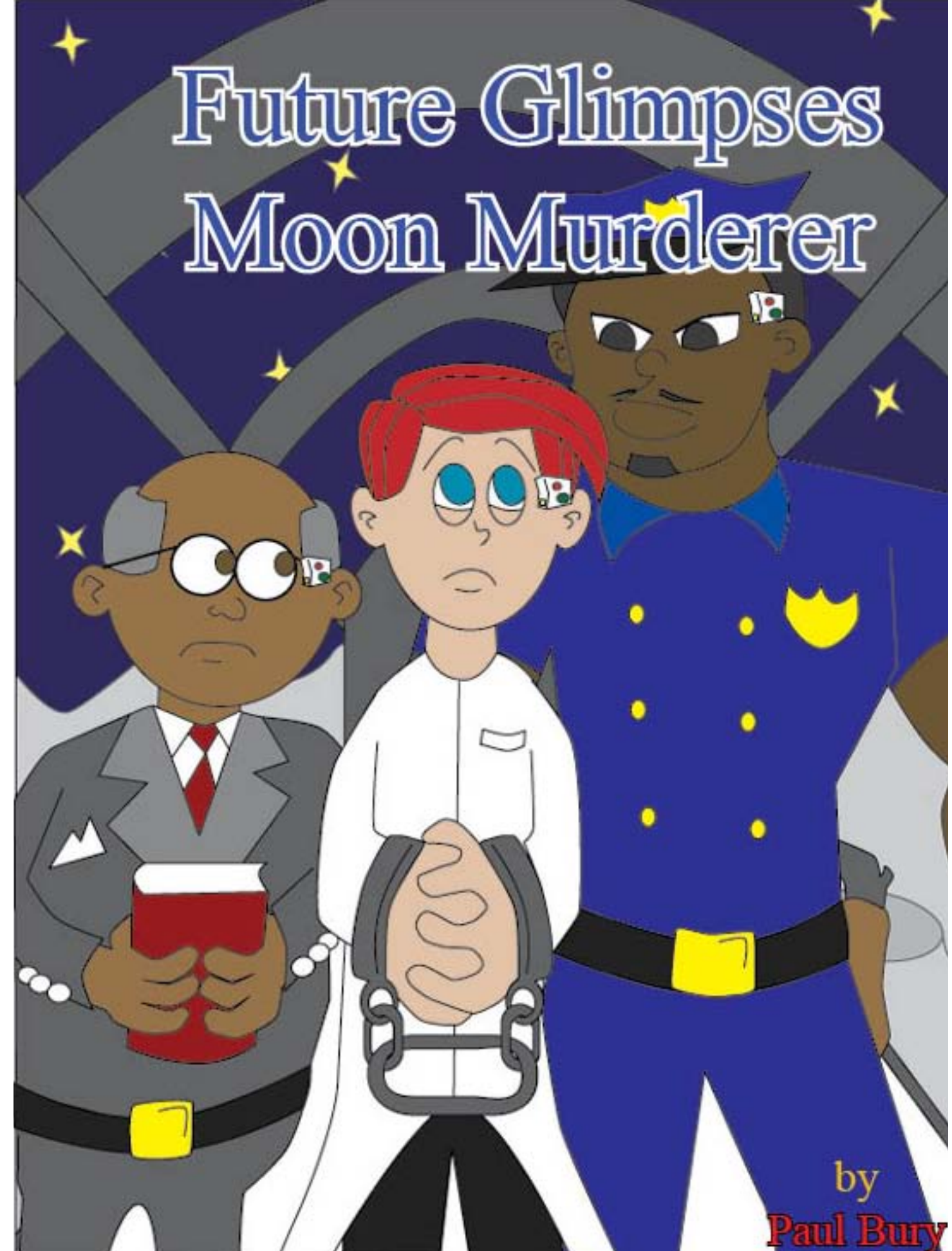
Pixel Puzzles Junior



The music in Pixel Puzzles Junior is like the colors - alive and vibrant. I enjoyed listening to Pixel Puzzles Junior while I worked on the puzzles. The jigsaw puzzles in Pixel Puzzles Junior are a great learning exercise for kids. I do table top ones sometimes too. Although I do five hundred piece puzzles on the table. Pixel Puzzles Junior is definitely for the younger members of the family.

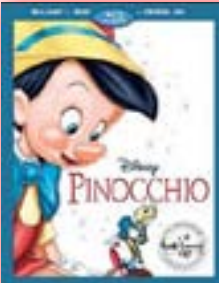
IRONCAST

The game play style in IRONCAST mixes the puzzle elements with the turn based role playing. We have a puzzle screen with tiles. They can be energy, missiles, repair, etc. We get two turns to select what we want to power up. Then we can attack, repair, and defend. There is also gold as one of the tiles in this Victorian science fiction era based video game. We get to attack, repair and defend based on how many resources we compiled.



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Pinocchio

Pinocchio teaches honesty, avoiding temptation, and doing the right thing. The storyline alone is something worthy of thousands of sequels. Not only that, I would like to see a sequel to Pinocchio. I would love to see this fantasy world again, and to see Pinocchio explore the world, and learn as a real boy. I will be recommending Pinocchio to friends, family, and pastors I know.

The Angry Birds Movie

Red is joined by the speedy Chuck (yellow bird), and the volatile Bomb (the black bird that blows up). Pigs invade their island and pretend to be friends. They ultimately steal the eggs to eat them. I noticed some commentary on how horrible abortion is in The Angry Birds Movie. At this point the happy birds turn to Red because they need an angry bird to get their unborn chicks back.



The Lion King Walt Disney Signature Collection

The big lesson in The Lion King Walt Disney Signature Collection is the circle of life. If you are not familiar with it, then let me explain. The lions eat the antelope, and when the lions die they go into the ground and feed the grass. The grass feeds the antelope. See how it all circles around? I know that is a simplistic way of explaining it. I am just using what the movie gave me.



Queen of Katwe

The Queen of Katwe movies is based on Phiona Mutesi - a young girl in Uganda. She is in the slums. Queen of Katwe shows the difference between the rich and the poor in Africa. Queen of Katwe also deals with issues like women having babies outside of wedlock and trying to feed them. Thankfully there is Christian ministries over there trying to help.



Pete's Dragon

Near the end of the movie I noticed lessons about sticking with your species, and how important family is. The dragons in Pete's Dragon are social. Pete's Dragon also teaches that humans are social too.

DVD



Treasure Hounds

A mother and her son (Jack) move into a small town from the city after Jack's grandfather dies. His grandfather left them a treasure of Spanish coins. Jack meets some local kids his age and they go on a quest to find this treasure. Initially Jack wants to get the money to get back to the city. He does grow into getting the money to save the town. There are two burglars who are trying to get the Spanish treasure for their German mother.

A Stork's Journey

The online pigeons are fantastic in A Stork's Journey. I love how they would act on the wires in this avian movie. Olga even gets in on the action. What I find most interesting about the pigeons is the social commentary on how we can get carried away spending all of our time online. I wish more movies would poke that bear if you know what I mean.



Savannah Sunrise

Savannah Sunrise has multiple references in it to God, the Holy Bible, faith, and prayer. Savannah Sunrise teaches some interesting things. I loved how Savannah Sunrise asks us what are we doing with our time? Savannah Sunrise also is very reflective on how time flies. Savannah Sunrise encourages us to spend time with the family.

From Bedrooms to Billions The Amiga Years

It takes 151 minutes to watch From Bedrooms to Billions The Amiga Years. There is another 31 minutes of extras content found on the disc. If your family is into video games, then ya'll will be very interested in watching From Bedrooms to Billions The Amiga Years. The learning opportunity in this well made documentary movie is exceptional.



Care Bears & Cousins BFFs Volume 2

The first volume was all about the Cousins. Care Bears & Cousins BFFs Volume 2 is more about the Care Bears. The Cousins make appearances in each of the six episodes of Care Bears & Cousins BFFs Volume 2.

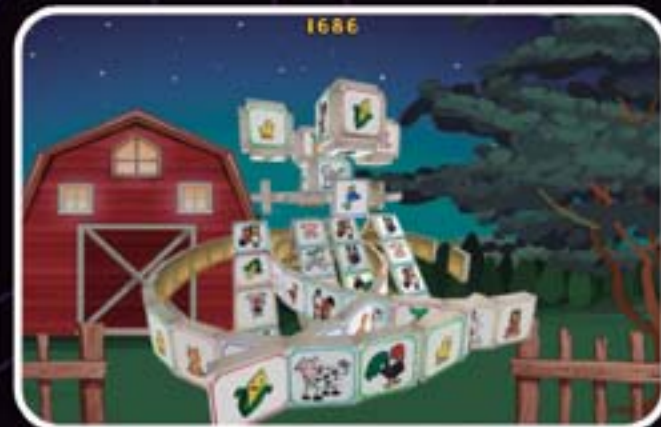


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Cars 3

We see Lightning at his prime and a little past his prime in Cars 3. He races and wins a lot. He has great friends in the racing community and outside of it. Then new cars come into the circuit that have new training methods and new aerodynamics. Lightning crashed like Doc Hudson did. Can he recover? Can this old dog learn some new tricks? Or will something else happen?

The Secret Life of Pets

The main character in The Secret Life of Pets is Max. He is a little dog. He is happy with his owner until she brings a bigger dog named Duke back to their apartment. The two of them do not get along until they run into cats that take their collars and wind up being captured by animal protection services. Great DVD for families



Puzzle Showdown 4K

Up to four family members can play Puzzle Showdown 4K at the same time. Rotation can be turned on or off in Puzzle Showdown 4K. Backgrounds can also be changed. That includes image, outline or none. I also noticed the puzzle piece will highlight when you have it in the right spot. Great PS4 game.

Mahjong Deluxe 3

Did you know Mahjong Deluxe 3 has been downloaded over 15 million times across other platforms? Playstation 4 owners can now experience the 640 Mahjong puzzles in Mahjong Deluxe 3. How much will a digital downloadable copy of Mahjong Deluxe 3 cost you? \$4.99. Which is an awesome price for this fun Mahjong video game on the Playstation 4.



Fishing Master

It has taken the Playstation 4 VR some months to get going. There have been plenty of misses in the PS4 VR realm. Fishing Master is not a miss. In fact Fishing Master is one of those hits. The sounds, voice acting, and music are fantastic in Fishing Master. I love how Fishing Master is explained to the player.

VIDEO GAME LIES



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Version 3

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HARDWARE



Zeus P1 RGB Optical Gaming Mouse

I loved the macro capability of Zeus P1 RGB Optical Gaming Mouse. With that said I could not move the mouse with the macro but I will take what i can get. You can assign a macro to any of the mouse buttons on the Zeus P1 RGB Optical Gaming Mouse. I love the way that Zeus P1 RGB Optical Gaming Mouse is designed.

Zeus P1 RGB Optical Gaming Mouse

The features in the Kaliber Gaming HVER Aluminum Gaming Keyboard are 26 anti-ghosting keys, three color LED backlight, aluminum top panel, double injected keycaps, windows key lockout, and more.



Trigger Treadz Custom Colour Kit and Doggy Decals Sticker Kit

The grips were helpful for racing games such as Forza Horizon, and WRC 5 as I was able to keep my fingers on the triggers. The Trigger Treadz didn't leave sticky residue on the triggers which I thought was nice.

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APPS



OK Golf

This golf video game has four areas with nine holes in each of them. OK Golf is supposed to get additional areas in the future. OK Golf can be played in three different ways. Those three ways are Free Play, Championship, and Timed Mode. OK Golf is selling for \$2.99. That is a one time fee with no in-app purchases.

The Aetherlight

There are Biblical lessons in The Aetherlight. This game does it in a way that will not feel like it is being forced upon the player. Families can start to play The Aetherlight for free. To play the chapters, families will have to pay for it. The Aetherlight does a great job keeping kids safe. In fact you can turn off the talking from other players. That is something many parents will appreciate.



Star Vikings Forever



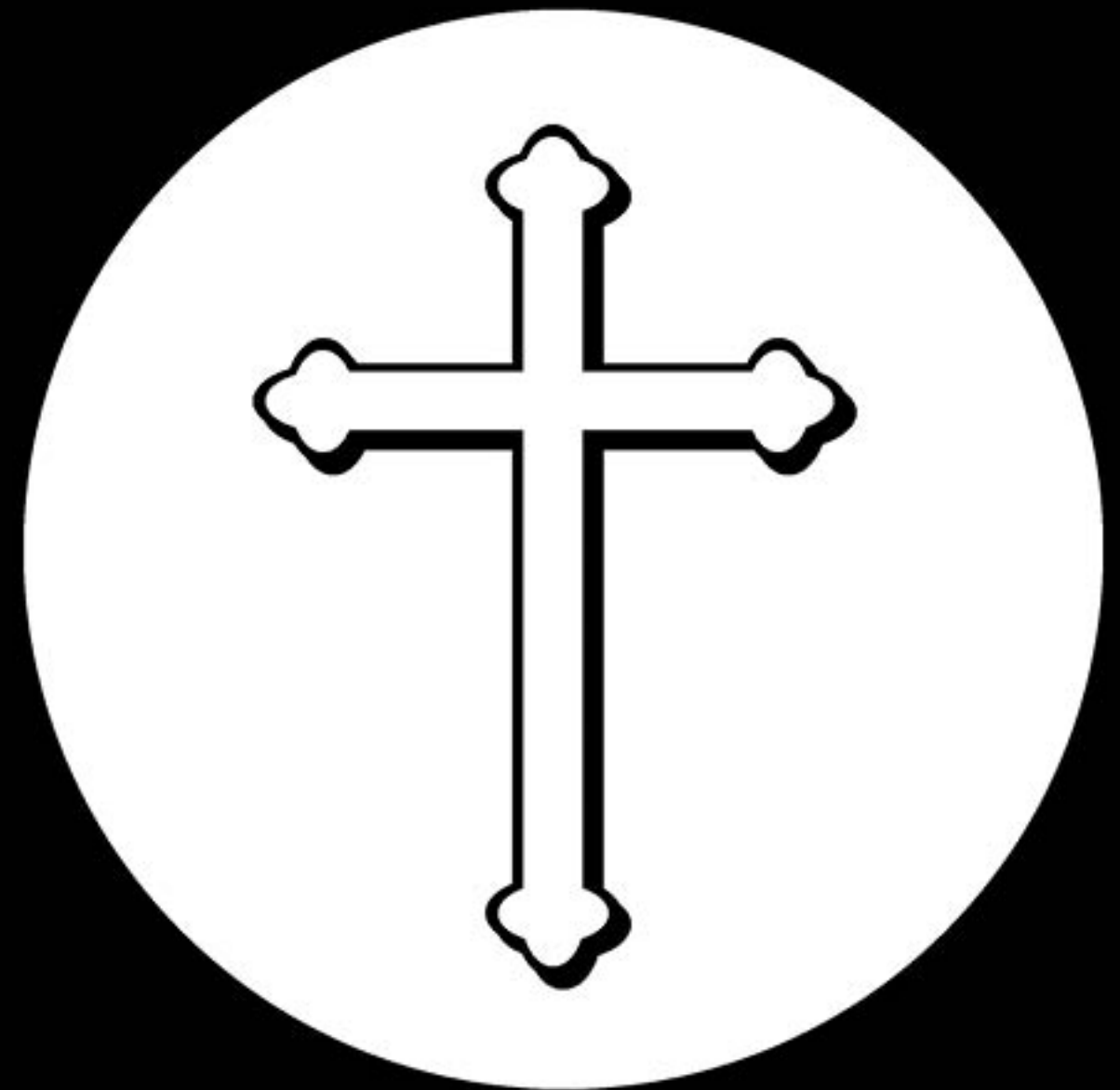
The first thing I noticed about Star Vikings Forever is the music. It sounds like 80s rock to me. It welcomed me into Star Vikings Forever right away. I felt at home playing Star Vikings Forever thanks to the music. There are six classes in Star Vikings Forever with upgrade-able skills. The puzzle levels in Star Vikings Forever are procedurally generated. Levels look the same very few times, and game walkthroughs are worthless.

Beach Buggy Racing

I had a lot of fun playing Beach Buggy Racing. We are talking about having someone do a video series of it. So keep an eye out for that. The controls are generally good in Beach Buggy Racing. There are plenty of objects to hit that will slow your beach buggy down. Drifting comes automatically when you turn pretty hard in the right or left directions. Beach Buggy Racing was designed for casual gamers.



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LAST MINUTE



Just Dance 2018

Just Dance 2018 contains Kids Mode, Just Dance, and World Dance Floor. Under Just Dance is Just Dance 2018 songs, and Just Dance Unlimited. Under Just Dance Unlimited is Hall of Fame, Thrills and Chills, Easy Peasy Party, Latin Corner, Extreme, Alphabetical, Sweat Mode, and make your own playlist.

theHunter Call of the Wild

Tracking can be a lot of fun in theHunter Call of the Wild. There are buildings and other sites to find in theHunter Call of the Wild. There are multiple different animals that can be hunted in theHunter Call of the Wild. A nice female voice explains theHunter Call of the Wild to us, and offers us quests if we feel like doing them. I had a lot of fun playing theHunter Call of the Wild.

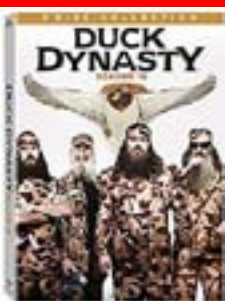


Hyper X Cloud Stinger Gaming Headset

Hyper X Cloud Stinger Gaming Headset has a steel slider to account for varying head sizes. Hyper X Cloud Stinger Gaming Headset has amazing noise canceling features. This is both a good thing and a bad thing, good for helping you focus but bad if people are trying to talk to you. I have found the sound quality of the mic to be quite good.

Shaun the Sheep Seasons 3 & 4

The sheep get into trouble a lot in Shaun the Sheep Seasons 3 & 4. They obviously plan out a variety of schemes in Shaun the Sheep Seasons 3 & 4. Other times the sheep make the best of a bad situation. Mossy Bottom Farm is a fun show that brings plenty of joy to the entire world. I hope there are more seasons of Shaun The Sheep in the future.



Duck Dynasty Season Ten

Ten seasons is quite an accomplishment for Duck Dynasty. I know it is going to end in a few seasons because the family wants to step away from it. It is sad to see it happen. At the same time it is something we all knew would happen one day. Or they are going to start to have some funeral episodes. It is great to see a strong family unit that pulls together in the good times and the bad times.

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