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Editor's Desk

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I can't believe another year has almost gone by. It is crazy to me to be writing another Editor's Desk column in yet another Christmas Buying Guide. I am so thankful for each and every one of ya'll. You keep Family Friendly Gaming going. We affectionately refer to all ya'll as Family Friendly Gaming Universe. A lot of companies have had issues and problems in 2020 thanks to COVID-19 aka the Chinese Flu. Shockingly Family Friendly Gaming has been thriving, growing, improving and developing.

I am writing this column before the launches of the Xbox Series X and Playstation 5 (PS5). I expect next year we will have some products on those systems in our Christmas Buying Guide 2021. That is if God lets the world last that long. We can't assume that will happen. We also cannot assume everything needed for a Christmas Buying Guide will be here in 2021. None of us humans know the future. We take it one day at a time. We should be thankful for each and every day God allows us to see and live in. There are people dying every single day from a variety of things. Cancer, the flu, accidents, old age, and more end the life of people on this planet every single day. There are always dangers around us that can make this the last day we are on this planet. We cannot keep everyone safe every single day. It is just not possible. Some get depressed when faced with that reality. I choose to put my faith, hope, trust, and love in God. I trust that having a relationship with Jesus Christ will grant me eternal life in the next life.

I want to be sure to focus on the true meaning of the Christmas. I also want to be sure to remind everyone I know that Jesus is the reason for the season. It is so easy to get stuck in traditions and miss the reason for the gifts, candle light services, meals, fellowship with family/friends and more. Christmas is such a joyous and wonderful time. I always think about love, grace, and obedience. In that exact order too.

I have enjoyed working on the Family Friendly Gaming Christmas Buying Guide for another year. It is such a fun and diverse system we setup for this issue. I love getting to

point a plethora of people to our YouTube video of the guidelines for the Christmas Buying Guide. It helps some companies out more than others. They all have told me it is a very fair system. We must use the product, and it must score high enough. We do not focus on just the Q3 and Q4 products. We won't include things that have not been released before we wrap up this issue. I have seen other Christmas Buying Guides and chuckle when they include a horrible product because it is coming out during Christmas time. We do not make that mistake here at Family Friendly Gaming.

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.

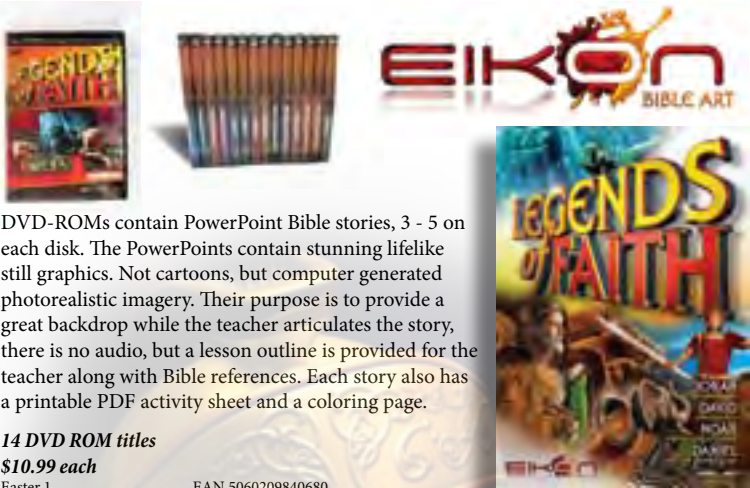
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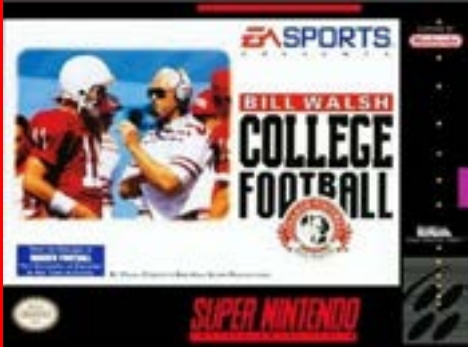
Fifa 99

Noah and I had such a blast streaming Fifa 99 on our [Twitch](#) channel. It is astounding to go back to an older version of Fifa and there are more modes than the modern versions. Especially when we talk the normal offline game modes. Fifa 99 plays really well too. The fast paced action in Fifa 99 took me by surprise. It was a very happy surprise too.

I am impressed with the amount of content found with-in Fifa 99. Add onto that I only paid seven dollars for this cartridge. Which is a decent price in my opinion. I purchased Fifa 99 at a local Game X Change store.

Bill Walsh College Football

I like the window that pops up and shows the receivers before passing. Timing can be crucial in passing in Bill Walsh College Football. Running is extremely difficult in Bill Walsh College Football. At the end of the day I enjoyed my time with Bill Walsh College Football. I hope college football comes back to us.



Madden NFL 2001

We can run pass, blitz, intercept and more in Madden NFL 2001. The flow of this feels real at least to me. Madden NFL 2001 looks good and it sounds good for the era. We had a lot of fun playing Madden NFL 2001 here at Family Friendly Gaming. The price is right for Madden NFL 2001 too. I can not wait to continue to explore retro sports video games in the future.

Spongebob Squarepants Supersponge

Expect some mild violence, off color humor, and more in Spongebob Squarepants Supersponge. I love how this game teaches us to help out elders. There are so many selfish younguns nowadays that it is nice to see a video game reinforce good teachings for a change. There are a variety of different devices Spongebob can use in Spongebob Squarepants Supersponge. They each grant different abilities.



PS VITA



Milo's Quest

There are days I cringe at another indie game coming into Family Friendly Gaming. I have to motivate myself to play another retro looking indie title. Maybe it has something to do with I won't get paid for my hard work that makes other people money. I don't know. What I do know is Milo's Quest is a charming indie retro title that surprised me. I was not

expecting this from Milo's Quest.

Foxyland

Foxyland starts easy and gets progressively more difficult. I marveled at where some of the gems were hidden in Foxyland. Platforms that go away mixed with objects that want to crush you will send your fox character to the screen. Double jumping helps players get through levels in Foxyland. There are invisible walls that will stop you from exploring certain areas.



Nintendo 3DS



Mario & Sonic at the London 2012 Olympic Games

I am so glad we started a campaign here at Family Friendly Gaming to catch up on Nintendo 3DS and Nintendo DS video games we missed back in the day. Mario & Sonic at the London 2012 Olympic Games on the Nintendo 3DS is a great example. We already reviewed the Wii version back in 2012. Now it is time to review the hand held version of this sports game.

The modes in Mario & Sonic at the London 2012 Olympic Games are Single Player, Multiplayer, Story Mode, Record Log, and Options. All of the events are unlocked from the start which is really cool. The Story Mode is interesting and engaging in my professional opinion. I enjoyed seeing the fog, and fog characters

in Mario & Sonic at the London 2012 Olympic Games. This hand held game can be found for a very reasonable price now too.

Disney Planes

We pick up a variety of different tools in Disney Planes. We destroy tornadoes, paint walls, shoot planes, and more in Disney Planes. I loved boosting through iced over rings in Disney Planes. It is cool to play different characters in different levels of Disney Planes. I felt this game is a bit too short. I am thankful the levels are not very long. Family Friendly Gaming did not pay a lot of money for Disney Planes on the 3DS.



FOR KIDS



Blue's Clues Blue's Big Musical

I keep working my way through my pile of retro video games that we did videos of in the past. Blue's Clues Blue's Big Musical is one of those games. This is a great Playstation game for kids. They learn about colors, shapes, planning, drawing and more. Kids help Blue plan out a big musical event. They meet all kinds of cool characters along the way. There are eleven games in Blue's Clues Blue's Big Musical designed specifically for preschoolers.

Blue's Clues Blue's Big Musical looks good for its era, and is fun for kids to play. The activities teach important skills that kids need to learn. I would love to see sequels to Blue's Clues Blue's Big Musical in the near future.

Barbie Jet, Set & Style!

I am glad THQ published Barbie Jet, Set & Style! on the Wii. I am pleased Game Machine Studios developed Barbie Jet, Set & Style! on the Wii. Barbie Jet, Set & Style! is a game that targets girls. Real men gamers can play Barbie Jet, Set & Style! and have some fun. My hubby showed that. I hope to see more games like Barbie Jet, Set & Style! in the future.

The graphics in this Wii game are nice. The music is fun to listen to. There are plenty of things to do in Barbie Jet, Set & Style!. I believe Family Friendly Gaming got its moneys worth out of this girls video game. The controls work well.



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PS4 VR



Tetris Effect

I thought Job Simulator was the only way a VR video game should be done. Tetris Effect has shattered that for me. In fact I now see another way virtual reality video games can be done. Tetris Effect is that way. We play Tetris and see some nice little 3D effects to the blocks. That is not what makes Tetris Effect so special. What makes Tetris Effect so special is all of the things going on around us in the thirty different levels.

We can play Tetris Effect in Journey Mode, and Effects Mode. In Journey Mode we play the thirty levels one at a time. We need to get so many lines completed to finish off the level. We rotate the Tetris blocks, see an outline of where it will fall and bring it won. Rinse and repeat. I felt like the block rotation was not always the way I was used to from previous Tetris games. Thankfully Tetris Effect will let you keep rotating when the block is at the bottom.

ArtPulse

We get to move around in a 3D environment in ArtPulse and create objects. We can throw stars out there, make suns, blocks, draw and more. All of it is in 3D. We fly around slowly and change the colors of the objects we are creating. ArtPulse relies on your creativity. This four hundred meg download includes three songs (at current time) based on the colors being used. I enjoyed listening to them while expressing my 3D creativity in ArtPulse.



Astro Bot Rescue Mission

Astro Bot Rescue Mission looks amazing. I loved looking around the levels in three hundred and sixty degrees. Astro Bot Rescue Mission sounds pretty good as well. There are enough levels and bonuses to keep most gamers busy for a few weeks. There are all kinds of interesting and different levels in Astro Bot Rescue Mission. We get a nice level variety in this game. The bosses in Astro Bot Rescue Mission are interesting and fun.

Astro Bot Rescue Mission is what I would expect a Super Mario Bros VR video game to be. Collecting coins and purchasing little 3D models is pretty cool in Astro Bot Rescue Mission.



Moss

Moss drew me in and did not let me go. This virtual reality game can be beaten in under three hours. Expect a lot of puzzles in Moss. The player controls interactions with the area and the little mouse. We move the mouse around, hack and slash with weapons, jump, climb, and more. Most of the interactions from the player (aka reader) consists of using their blue orb to move certain objects around the screen. Moss is an action adventure video game in VR.

Pinball FX 2 VR

The tables that came with Pinball FX 2 VR are Mars, Secrets of the Deep, Epic Quest, Castlestorm, Biolab, Earth Defense, Wild West Rampage and Paranormal. That Paranormal is a really odd table. I liked Mars, Secrets of the Deep, Epic Quest, Castlestorm, Biolab, and Wild West Rampage personally.



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Nintendo Switch



My Universe My Baby

I really like My Universe My Baby. Which is why it earns the rarely given and extremely revered Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. My Universe My Baby looks good and it sounds good. Even when the Nintendo Switch is in hand held mode. I love how My Universe My Baby teaches us to take care of babies. We are allowed a plethora of choices in how our baby will look too. We can play as the father or the mother in My Universe My Baby.

I found My Universe My Baby to be very educational. My Universe My Baby keeps it family friendly too. That means no little boy or little girl parts are shown. My Universe My Baby teaches would be parents some of the ins and outs of being a parent. I am so happy to see baby video games come back to the industry. I hope My Universe My Baby does well. Microids should advertise on targeted media outlets where they will reach a family friendly audience.

Super Mario Party

We can play Mario Party, Partner Party, River Survival, Sound Stage, Minigames, and Online Mariothon. There is also a park entrance where we can pick the difficulty. We can choose from Normal, Hard, or Very Hard. There are twenty characters to pick from in Super Mario Party. There are four boards in Mario Party Mode. The controls are good.

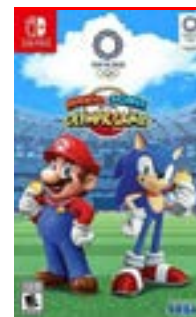


Fishing Star World Tour

Fishing Star World Tour is a great game for families. The fishing action is simple to pick up and learn. We reel in, and then move the rod to decrease the pressure on the line. Eventually we catch the fish or they get in an area where we can launch them up into the air to bring them close. Some fish fight more than others in Fishing Star World Tour. We see shadows of the fish in the wonderful looking water.

Hamster Bob

Hamster Bob will talk to the player on the Nintendo Switch and explain what they need to do. We color objects and friends in five different stories on over thirty sheets within Hamster Bob. Along the way Bob quizzes the player on things like how many apples were on the tree.



Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

The Story Mode in Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 is great for those wanting a single player experience. Sega really improved things from previous games in that regard. Expect a lot of conversation in Story Mode. The more I played Story Mode the more I got into Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. That alone can be worth the price of admission. Add into the mix all of the multiplayer options available in Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and you have a real good Christmas purchase.

Bubble Bobble 4 Friends

The music is fantastic in Bubble Bobble 4 Friends. The graphics have a nice shine to them. We put odd looking creatures into bubbles and then pop the bubbles to make them go away. Once we defeat all of the enemies in a level we are able to collect some fruit for additional points. I loved collecting the fruit in Bubble Bobble 4 Friends. For me that activity is one of the coolest. Call me strange if you want.



Soccer, Tactics & Glory

In a lot of ways Soccer, Tactics & Glory feels like a turn based sports video game. We get so many actions per turn with our players. We can move, pass, and shoot in Soccer, Tactics & Glory. We can also pick existing soccer teams or create our own. Soccer, Tactics & Glory lets us play Single Player, Multiplayer, and we can Modify Leagues. When it comes to matches you can Play, Simulate or Watch. I personally prefer playing.

Educational Games for Kids

The music in Educational Games For Kids is fantastic. I enjoyed listening to it while playing this downloadable only video game. Kids also enjoyed the music. The level select screen is a train. Be careful because you might quickly pass the car you want to get on if you are not paying attention. There is enough variety in Educational Games For Kids to keep most kids busy for some time. Parents may need to assist their children with certain aspects of what they need to do.



Billion Road

The monsters in Billion Road are where the strategy comes into play. They grant the player a variety of skills. Some examples are a second roll of the dice if you do not like your first roll, more money, and more. Players may keep three monsters with them at all times. Certain instances will force the players to change monsters. The monsters only have so many skill usages before they need to be recharged via certain squares, items or other in game events.

Fishing Adventure

Fishing Adventure looks neat, and it sounds great too. I loved the rustic sounding music while I was on the menu screens. We can play Fishing Adventure or we can complete the quests. The quests are generally catch this many fish in this amount of time. Beat one to unlock the next one. I had fun playing Fishing Adventure. This is a solid fishing game that families can get into.



Playstation 4



Woven

I am so pleased Woven has been released on the Nintendo Switch, Personal Computer (PC), Xbox One and Playstation 4. Family Friendly Gaming was given a digital download code for Woven on the PS4. Sadly the physical copy movement is not provided for by Woven. Meaning there are no physical copies of this game in the United States at this time. Woven is a 1.3 gig download.

The first thing I noticed about Woven is the narrator. He reminds me of Dr Seuss. I am constantly having people tell me I need to be a voice actor, movie actor, television show actor, etc. If I am any judge of talent I really like the narrator in Woven. He feels like a part of the game and not just sound bytes. Woven is a puzzle game where we change colors, patterns, and more to get past roadblocks.

Two Point Hospital

Two Point Hospital is also funny in a variety of parts. There are subtle little pieces of humor here and there in this video game. The radio plays and has some interesting announcements. This is where a lot of the humor comes into play. The more I played Two Point Hospital the deeper I noticed the humor. Some families can be bothered by some of the humor in Two Point Hospital. I want to make ya'll aware of that.



The Lego Movie 2 Videogame

I am pleased the price of The Lego Movie 2 Videogame came down so fast. That means families will not have to use as much of their limited finances to purchase The Lego Movie 2 Videogame. We get tons of customization in The Lego Movie 2 Videogame as well. We can earn rewards that include blueprints and more. We go around helping other characters in The Lego Movie 2 Videogame too. I love doing that.

MLB The Show 19

MLB The Show 19 feels like baseball. There are enough different modes to keep most baseball fans happy. Family members can play one another in a game. The confidence meter for a pitcher is very important in MLB The Show 19. I will enjoy this game for months to come.



Construction Simulator 3

Construction Simulator 3 looks realistic, and plays realistically as well. The controls are really tough to work with though. There are eight controls with both joysticks on certain machines. Like the loading and unloading of pallets from the truck. I loved getting the dozer for free right at the beginning. The more I played Construction Simulator 3 the better I got at the controls. The controls would have been even harder if I had not played previous games in this franchise.

Feather

We fly around in the sky as a bird in Feather. Let that sink in for a moment. When I heard that I immediately thought Feather will be boring. All we do is fly around and explore these islands in this four hundred and four meg digital download? Wait! What? I played Feather and could not stop. There are circular and triangle things to fly through. What does a gamer do when we find things like that?



Williams Pinball Volume 5

I like Circus Voltaire the best. It is the easiest table to score points on. Especially when we get the circus master up and get the ball in that hole. That will give players one million points. It is a bit of work to get it there, but not that bad. Plus that can be done over and over again if you can keep the ball in play. The danger there of course is the ball loves to go right down the middle.

Hotshot Racing

Hotshot Racing is a 4.5 gig download. I really hope Hotshot Racing matures into a physical copy version. I think the artwork would look great on a case and any kind of manual that could be included. Maybe someone will pick that up and make it happen. The controls in Hotshot Racing make sense and are easy to pick up. Hotshot Racing has that put a quarter in the machine feel to it. There are sixteen racing circuits in Hotshot Racing that include a plethora of different locales.



Rugby 20

Ultimately we had fun playing Rugby 20. This game is gorgeous and it sounds good as well. I enjoyed the announcers as I played Rugby 20 on the Xbox One. Rugby 20 is also on the PC, and PS4. There is so much about Rugby 20 that impressed me. The kicking for the tries is one of those stand out issues that needs to be addressed in future releases of this franchise. I would love it if it helped me understand the sport a bit better too.

Nickelodeon Kart Racers 2 Grand Prix

We have a racer and two crew members in Nickelodeon Kart Racers 2 Grand Prix. Crew members give us cool new things like an item after we take a hit, or a boost after we take a hit. There is also slime power ups that can be used as the gauge is filled up while racing in Nickelodeon Kart Racers 2 Grand Prix. The memory size of Nickelodeon Kart Racers 2 Grand Prix is just under five gigs.



XBOX ONE



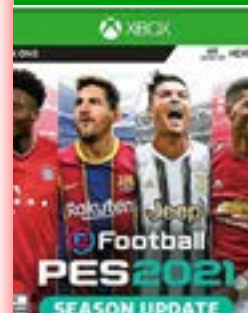
Super Monkey Ball Banana Blitz HD

The party games within Super Monkey Ball Banana Blitz HD are Seesaw Ball, Space Monkey Attack, Slingshot, Dangerous Route, Hurdle Race, Hammer Throw, Hovercraft Race, Monkey Snowboard, Monkey Target, and Whack A Mole. In the Main Game there are eight worlds with ten stages per world. The final stage is a boss battle. Players can expect to collect a lot of bananas in Super Monkey Ball Banana Blitz HD.

I remember the Wii game fondly. I am pleased to see Super Monkey Ball Banana Blitz HD released across multiple platforms. Super Monkey Ball Banana Blitz HD looks good, and it sounds good.

PGA Tour 2K21

The narrator and the game sounds in PGA Tour 2K21 are fantastic. There are all kinds of options, modes, and difficulties available to the player. The biggest issue with the Golf Club franchise was the putting. We are always guessing with the slopes. PGA Tour 2K21 gives us a line to check to see where the ball will go. Problem is we get one of these per shot even on unlimited. This one line is an improvement. Problem is we are guessing after that line. Which still leads to the game stopping us from putting because we shot too many times.



eFootball PES 2021 Season Update

We had a blast playing eFootball PES 2021 Season Update on the Xbox One. This is a very solid soccer game that feels like the real thing. There are all kinds of foot movements players can do while trying to score goals in eFootball PES 2021 Season Update. It is not easy to score in eFootball PES 2021 Season Update either. Which means this game is a lot like the real thing on the real fields. This game looks great and it sounds great.

Tour de France 2020

All twenty-one stages of the Tour de France are included in this video game. The first person camera is pretty cool if you want to see what the rider sees. I hope more sports video games implement that option very soon. I bet Tour de France 2020 would be awesome in VR. Tour de France 2020 feels great throughout.



Hunting Simulator 2

Hunting Simulator 2 is such a beautiful looking game. I am amazed at how great Hunting Simulator 2 looks. From the thirty-three animal species to the over one hundred and sixty weapons everything looks great in Hunting Simulator 2. Colorado, Texas and Europe look fantastic in Hunting Simulator 2. The animal sounds in Hunting Simulator 2 are very realistic as well. I loved the different lodges we got to see in Hunting Simulator 2. The dogs that help us are a welcome addition.

Team Sonic Racing

We can choose from fifteen different racers in eight different circuits in Team Sonic Racing. I really like some of the tracks and characters in Team Sonic Racing. We get many of the well known Sonic characters in this kart racing video game. The whole team mechanic is interesting and different. You may win but your computer controlled characters do badly which will bring your overall score down.



WRC 9

WRC 9 looks good and it sounds good. I love how portions of the tutorial can be skipped. WRC 9 will let families flow right into this game or skip parts to see all the options there are. The difficulty settings in WRC 9 can go low enough that casual gamers should be able to play WRC 9. The biggest thing to remember is be very careful with your speed. If you go too fast and slam on those breaks you could spin the car around.

Lonely Mountains Downhill

What do we do in Lonely Mountains Downhill? We go down the mountain on a bicycle. That sounds really easy right? Have you ever hiked in the mountains before? I have. How do we go up or down a mountain on a hiking trail? We called them switch backs when I was out there hiking. That means there are plenty of U or V curves on the path. The same thing happens in Lonely Mountains Downhill. Expect to turn quickly quite often in this game.



Madden NFL 21

Madden NFL 21 is all about the X-Factor. Certain players have it in Madden NFL 21. I noticed it is a lot easier to run for long gains in Madden NFL 21 with the quarterback. If you are skilled at using the right stick then you can be nearly unstoppable in some of the running plays. The modes in Madden NFL 21 are Exhibition, Ultimate Team, Franchise, Face of the Franchise, Superstar KO and The Yard. All current teams are available in Madden NFL 21. There are even not current players like Colin Kaepernick in Madden NFL 21.

Madden NFL 20

Madden NFL 20 includes numerous modes (many of them online) for families to enjoy. Two family members can compete or play together on a team. Juking and spinning are very over powered in Madden NFL 20. Just using the right stick I could break tackles and get a monster gain. Too often I tried to run out the clock and wound up scoring again. Certain players are horrible (like the kicker on the Jets).



Personal Computer



Ganbare! Super Strikers

I am so thankful Family Friendly Gaming was given a digital download code for Ganbare! Super Strikers. This is a turn based strategy role playing video game set in a soccer universe. We play the game on a soccer field. We can move players, pass, shoot, tackle, and more in Ganbare! Super Strikers. There are also items to collect that improve the stats of the players.

How are things determined in Ganbare! Super Strikers? The stats of the players along with their stamina points determines if they will take the ball, get past a defender, score or more. Passing can be risky at times if there is a

player on the other team right next to them.

Seeds of Resilience

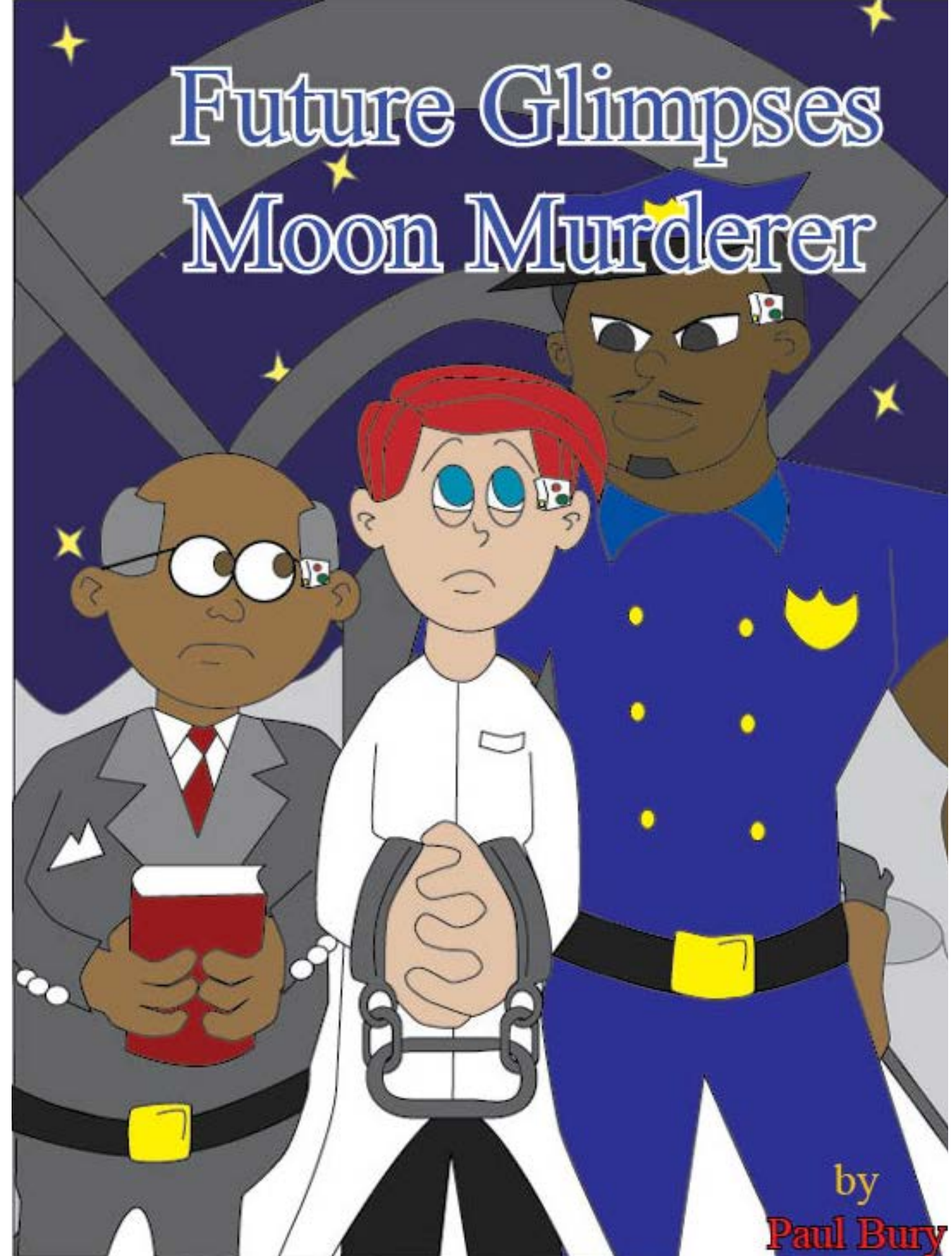
Seeds of Resilience has nature sounds, and it looks decent. I did notice a lot of the graphics are small unless you zoom in. I had trouble reading the directions and hints when the Nintendo Switch was undocked. I had to play Seeds of Resilience on the television to figure out what to do in certain situations. Seeds of Resilience leaves a few things out when it comes to learning. Like you have more than one person on the raft and can swap between people to get things done faster.



Mad Games Tycoon

Mad Games Tycoon as authentic as I imagine garage game development to be. We create a space, and then assign our employee(s) to the projects. Then we must find a publisher and get the game on the market. Sales come in and we get our percentage of them. We can attend the corrupt game trade shows. I did not notice Mad Games Tycoon acknowledge the swamp of corruption that is video game trade shows. We can start in different decades, and have all kinds of different options to choose. We have employee(s) that make engines, video games, and more.

Future Glimpses Moon Murderer



by
Paul Bury

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Sonic the Hedgehog

The most interesting aspect of Sonic the Hedgehog is what the rings do. They allow characters to teleport to other places. How does it work? Sonic thinks of where he wants to go and the ring opens a portal to that other place. That place can be another world or somewhere else on this world. Gives new meaning to all of that ring collection we have done in the Sonic the Hedgehog video games over the years. I thought they were just like coins – something to collect to earn extra lives. I wonder if the Sonic the Hedgehog will incorporate that mechanic in the future. Our family had a blast watching Sonic the Hedgehog. The ending is fantastic and leaves the door open to a sequel. We are eagerly awaiting a sequel to this really good video game related movie.

Toy Story 4

Bonnie is the kid the toys now have. Her name is now on their feet. Woody is getting more and more neglected though. Bonnie is interested in other and different toys. Woody finds an old friend Bo Peep. He also is on a mission to keep Forky around Bonnie. Why? Bonnie created Forky and loves him. Since he is a spork with arms and legs he wants to go into the trash can. His goal in life is to be used and thrown away.



Abominable

Jin and Peng accompany Yi and the Yeti (Everest) on this quest. Everest has some magical nature power where he can make changes to the environment. A good example is when he hums and blueberries grow on the bushes. Sadly he does not have good control of this power in Abominable and the blueberries get extra large and bomb the party on their quest. A rich man chases the four to recapture his Yeti so he can prove to the world he was not lying when he said he saw one years ago.

Trolls World Tour

It took me one hour and thirty-one minutes to watch Trolls World Tour. There are some different kinds of bonuses on the Trolls World Tour discs. We can learn how to do certain dances, see tiny diamond go to school, and more. Trolls World Tour does have a bit of violence here and there. The rock and roll nation trashes the other civilizations quite efficiently.



DVD



Detective Pikachu

There are plenty of humorous moments in Detective Pikachu. I noticed some emotional moments in Detective Pikachu as well. If you are not watching some tears may well up during certain sad scenes. I loved the Pokemon Battling scene in the underground. That was a really funny scene. Detective Pikachu promotes having a Pokemon partner with you at all times. I know that theme has been used in the games before too. Kids and adults can enjoy Detective Pikachu on DVD. The style the Pokemon are done in this movie is very different and very interesting. It actually makes Detective Pikachu feel believable in some regards. Solving a mystery is very cool. We were guessing right up until it was actually revealed.

PAW Patrol Jet to the Rescue

If your kids watch PAW Patrol then you probably get the theme song stuck in your head. As I write this review for PAW Patrol Jet to the Rescue on DVD that theme song is playing back in my brain. The music in PAW Patrol Jet to the Rescue is fantastic and the graphics look great. I love how PAW Patrol Jet to the Rescue deals with violent situations in a good way. Take drones attacking characters for example. They collect the drones and put them in a giant garbage bin.



The Angry Birds Movie 2

There is a nice amount of bonus content on the The Angry Birds Movie 2 disc. They are Flocking Together Making The Angry Birds Movie 2 Movie, Three Fun Filled Family Activities, Hangry Birds, Pig Snot, Crafty Volcano, Hatching the Hatchlings, Meet the new birds and pigs, and the mini movie Live Stream. I enjoyed The Angry Birds Movie 2 for all ninety-seven minutes.

Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Super Paws

The episodes on Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Super Paws are When Super Kitties Attack, Pups Meet the Mighty Twins, Pups Save a Giant Chicken, Pups Stop Harold's Deep Freeze, Pups and the Big Twin Trick, and Pups Save a Mega Mayor. Meteorite fragments give characters in Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Super Paws super powers. Harold seeks these rocks so he can get his powers back. Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Super Paws is my first exposure to the show.





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Stealth 700 Gen 2 Headset PlayStation

Stealth 700 Gen 2 Headset PlayStation is very comfortable and light on the head. The Stealth 700 Gen 2 Headset PlayStation unit will not impact those of us that wear glasses. Stealth 700 Gen 2 Headset PlayStation looks really neat and is easy to use. The audio in Stealth 700 Gen 2 Headset PlayStation is fantastic and highly adjustable. We can even increase the echo if that is something we want to do.

iCarly 2 iJoin the Click

We play Sunday through Saturday in iCarly 2 iJoin the Click. Saturday nights is when the iCarly web show happens in this Wii game. Then we can grow the viewers and try and progress this home console video game. I am not even sure if iCarly 2 iJoin the Click has an ending to it. I played this game for years and never got any ending. There was just more viewers to try and reach.



Dragon Quest Builders 2

I love being able to swim in Dragon Quest Builders 2. The Minecraft Dragon Quest merger continues to work well in Dragon Quest Builders 2. I love being able to collect resources, craft things, and improve areas that have fallen on tough times. There are constantly quests to complete in Dragon Quest Builders 2. We get more and more characters in Dragon Quest Builders 2 as we continue to play.

Deep Diving Adventures

Deep Diving Adventures looks nice, and it sounds good. The voice acting is good, and the aquatic feel to Deep Diving Adventures is surreal at times. I noticed we can take damage if we get too close to the bottom, rocks, and other objects. I think fish might have been bumping into me at times. Deep Diving Adventures is an extremely chill game.



Paw Patrol Dino Rescue

Paw Patrol Dino Rescue teaches kids that tantrums are bad and destructive. This is a great lesson that so many people in our world need to hear. I suspect there are plenty of adults who were never given that important lesson which is why they continue to throw tantrums as adults.

VIDEO GAME LIES



by
Paul Bury

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Scooby-Doo Mystery Mayhem

Scooby-Doo Mystery Mayhem is proof that we listen to ya'll. There was a request to play this game for a video series on our Youtube channel. We did that and more. This review is the more if you know what I mean. Scooby-Doo Mystery Mayhem is much longer than I expected it to be. This hand held game puts some console games to shame in terms of length. Scooby-Doo Mystery Mayhem looks good for a GBA game. Scooby-Doo Mystery Mayhem sounds good and there is typical Scooby-Doo writing involved with this game.

A Fold Apart

A Fold Apart is one of the more emotional video games I have ever played in my life. I am blessed (or cursed) with analysis. I cannot turn my analytical brain off. No matter how hard I try. A Fold Apart has layers to it that had me constantly analyzing the different lessons and nuances of emotions being portrayed. Take for example insecurity. How many video games actually deal with it? A Fold Apart does so in spades. At the same time A Fold Apart does it in a way that is subtle at times.



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SPORTS

Madden NFL 2001

Graphically I doubt Madden NFL 2001 will impress many people. What I noticed though is Madden NFL 2001 looks decent for the system and that era. Madden NFL 2001 keeps track of twenty-two players on the screen. That is quite a bit for this little hand held video game system. I am also impressed with a sports game on the GBC. If you have two Gameboy Colors, two copies of this game, and a Game Link then two people can compete against one another.

We get a few sound bytes while playing Madden NFL 2001 on the GBC. I even commented on that in the Twitch stream as I found the limits to the audio. There are plenty of messages to read in Madden NFL 2001. This hand held video game keeps decent track of stats as well. I was impressed with that at the end of the game. Madden NFL 2001 let me make mistakes and

I was able to rebound from them. I sincerely appreciate that.

ESPN NFL Football

The modes in ESPN NFL Football are Quick Game, First Person Football, The Crib, Practice, Options, Load/Save, About the Game, and Xbox Live. There are plenty of reasons to replay ESPN NFL Football. There are multiple difficulty settings and plenty of trophies/achievements to earn while playing this video game. I noticed the defense was pretty stout at first and loosened up as the games progressed. If you find some good plays you can score quickly in ESPN NFL Football.

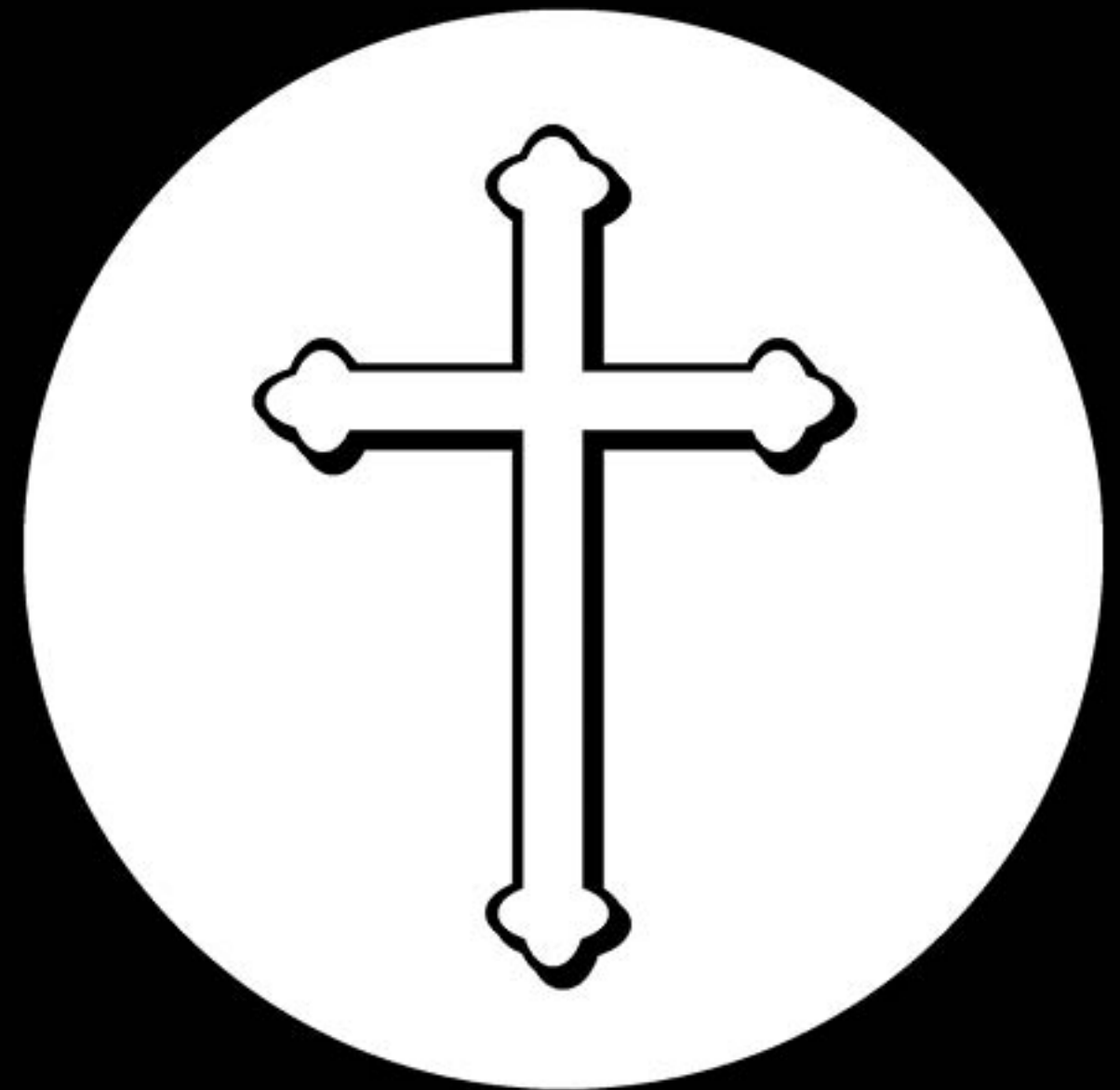


College Hoops 2K7

College Hoops 2K7 sounds good and it looks good. I enjoyed playing this sports game. The precision passing, Legacy Mode, Authentic College Fight Songs, and Real College Coaches make College Hoops 2K7 a pleasurable experience. The bands, cheerleaders, and fans add to the realism of College Hoops 2K7. This game is on multiple systems for families with different consoles. I found College Hoops 2K7 to be a fun experience. When we got used to some of the nuances.



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LAST MINUTE



Animal Crossing New Horizons

Animal Crossing New Horizons is one of those games that can be played every single day for a year. There are plenty of items to find, craft, and customize. There are other islands to visit, bugs, fish, and fossils to collect. Everything in Animal Crossing New Horizons is based on the real world. So noon here is noon in Animal Crossing New Horizons. The stores stay open a decent amount of hours. There are boxes to put items for sale if you come by when they are closed.

Bubble Guppies The Great Guppy Games

The five episodes in Bubble Guppies The Great Guppy Games are The Summer Camp Games, The Super Ballet Bowl, The Elephant Trunk-Dunk, Puddleball, and The Glitter Games. It takes one hundred and fifteen minutes to watch all of Bubble Guppies The Great Guppy Games. There are no bonus features within Bubble Guppies The Great Guppy Games to speak of. Kids will want to watch Bubble Guppies The Great Guppy Games again and again.



Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Charged Up

There are some funny comments in Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Charged Up. Adults might find some of the comments a bit cheesy. Kids will find them very funny. Which brings me to a very interesting point. Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Charged Up reaches the target audience quite well. Kids can learn to be polite, respectful, and more from Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Charged Up. I loved the red light green light game in Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Charged Up.

Santa Fake

Santa Fake reminds me of the Home Alone movies. The bad guys hunting Pat are used for comic relief most of the time. They are also not very good at their jobs. Pat winds up getting a love interest in Santa Fake. He also learns he is really good with kids in this movie. He does quite a bit of good in Santa Fake. Pat is shown as having a good heart even though he breaks the law multiple times in multiple ways.



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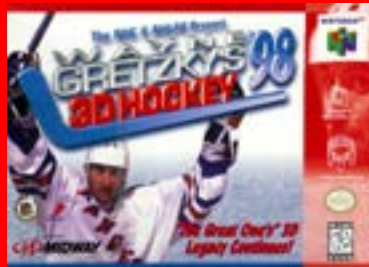


Blaze and the Monster Machines Race for the Golden Treasure

Blaze and the Monster Machines Race for the Golden Treasure teaches kids interesting things as well. Some of the lessons within Blaze and the Monster Machines Race for the Golden Treasure are vortex, math, numbers, colors, shapes, combustion, momentum, centripetal force, and more. Blaze and the Monster Machines Race for the Golden Treasure reinforces the lessons in the episodes multiple times. That way kids will learn them.

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98

Scoring is easy in Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98 with such big characters. How is it a Nintendo 64 hockey game can have larger characters than current modern hockey video games? The details in Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98 really impressed me. From the referees to the goalies. This is a cool hockey video game.



Family Feud

I had so much fun playing Family Feud. Did you catch my video series on it? If not please click [here](#). This is the kind of video game families can enjoy, support, and embrace. I love how Family Feud made me think. I did not always agree with the people surveyed but that is part of the game. I also had plenty of aha moments after I saw other answers. Family Feud helped me broaden my mind and expand my horizons.

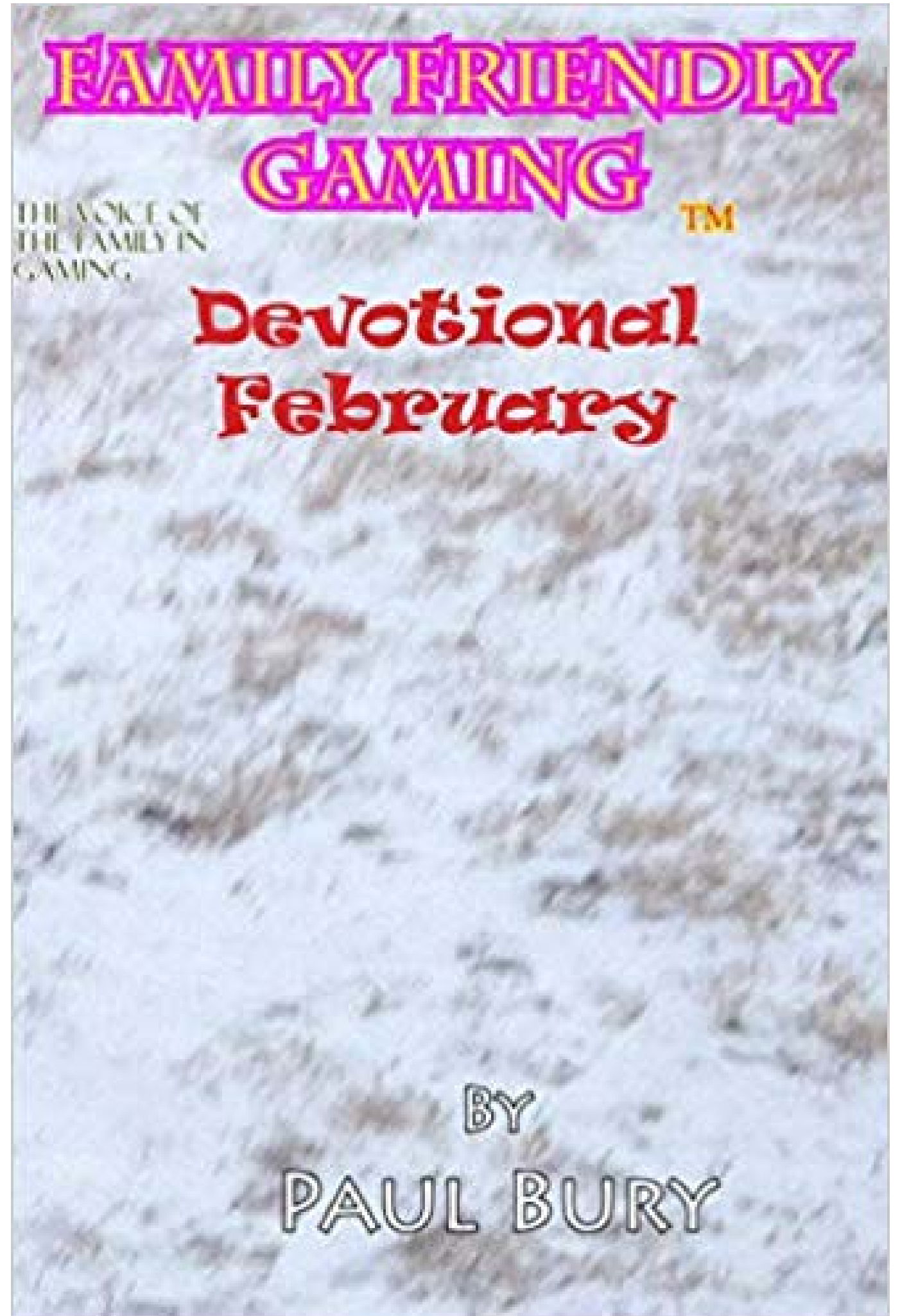
My Sims

I feel like I got my money's worth out of My Sims on the Wii. I love helping others and building things up. My Sims has this in abundance. I can forgive quirks like having to sleep before someone new appears in the hotel. The spiritual stuff could have been left out of the game in my personal opinion.



Disney TSUM TSUM Festival

I am thankful Family Friendly Gaming had the money to purchase Disney TSUM TSUM Festival. Four family members can enjoy eleven different little games in Disney TSUM TSUM Festival. They can also collect one hundred different TSUM TSUM characters. TSUM TSUM's sort of look like cows with the faces of well known characters. At least that is how they look to me.



LAST MINUTE



Paw Patrol Pup-Tastic 8-DVD Collection

Kids can learn a variety of lessons in Paw Patrol Pup-Tastic 8-DVD Collection. They can learn to help others, cooperate, rescue, save others, play fair, do not steal, do not cheat, and more. I ran across a few topics that might concern parents. Those topics are ghosts, scares, Halloween, and more. The audio and video are fantastic in Paw Patrol Pup-Tastic 8-DVD Collection. The pups obey and work together as a team per their leader.

Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Save Adventure Bay

Family Friendly Gaming Universe remembers Paw Patrol On A Roll and how that game earned our rarely given seal of approval. Could lightning strike twice? Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Save Adventure Bay improves upon the original in ways I did not expect. Paw Patrol Mighty Pups Save Adventure Bay is a 3D action adventure game where we explore and find things. Each level has multiple pup treats and badges to find. Some are easier to spot than others.



My Universe School Teacher

Classes in My Universe School Teacher start with a lesson which is pressing certain buttons in a specific time. Then the students start to do the work. Students can have questions while they are studying in My Universe School Teacher. The player must walk over to them and assist. Students can also get distracted or fall asleep. Again we must go over there. We correct the students' bad behavior in My Universe School Teacher. Which is a fantastic lesson to teach kids in this day and age.

Just Dance 2021

There are ten new kids songs included with Just Dance 2021 in the Kids Section. There are twenty kids songs in Just Dance Unlimited if your family pays for that program. In the main Just Dance section are fifty-three songs. Some of those are the new kids songs, and others are Extreme versions of songs that need to be unlocked. They can be unlocked by dancing the main version of the same song so many times or getting a certain score on the main version of the song (as examples of ways to unlock the songs).

