

A cartoon dog, resembling a Golden Retriever, is running towards the viewer. It is wearing a blue police uniform with a yellow star on its chest and a blue collar. The dog has large, expressive eyes and a friendly smile. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green grass and a blue sky.

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Editor's Desk

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I love those two words. I am so sick and tired of those angry psycho haters trying to silence those two words. MERRY CHRISTMAS are two wonderful words that bring cheer, joy, and smiles to so many faces. I stand up for saying it. I stand up against the servants of Satan trying to silence us. I will happily say: "Merry Christmas" to everyone who tells me happy holidays. In past years I would ask them what are the holidays exactly you are happy for and about? Not one person ever was able to give me an answer. They were told to say that instead of Merry Christmas. Yet they were allowed to say Happy Halloween. I had some fun this year in October and messed with those people. I jokingly chided them and said: "You can't say that. Instead you have to say Happy Pumpkin day." They were bewildered to say the least. The same people that don't want to say: "Happy Thanksgiving." Instead they say: "Happy Turkey Day." Not say happy for the turkeys is it? It astounds me that the redefined cultured does not want anyone to know about Christ, or being thankful. It is okay to celebrate Satan in their moral and ethical system. Talk about backwards.

Paw Patrol has had a good year here at Family Friendly Gaming. I am so thankful for you our readers and viewers. Ya'll have been so wonderful to us. I appreciate every single donation. I appreciate all of the companies that care that we exist in the future for their advertisements and sponsorships. You are leading the way and showing the wealthy moochers what it means to care. It has been another year and here we are at another Christmas Buying Guide. These take an amazing amount of work. There are some mild tweaks here and there this year. I would love to have the time and financial resources to make ever more major tweaks in the Christmas Buying Guide next year.

It is a blast to make these yearly Christmas Buying Guides. We work hard to include as many products as possible. We think about new gamers, used gamers, retro gamers, family gamers, casual gamers, and more as we work tirelessly on these yearly issues. The process we have for the Christmas Buying Guide really opens eyes. I have shocked quite a few people by not throwing in products from Q3 and Q4 only.

I have rocked the world of those that thought I should include their product if we never reviewed it. The respect we have earned for our process has been huge. I get compliments on it from a plethora of sources. I also get a ton of appreciation for allowing Christmas to be mentioned and part of the front cover over and over again. We stand up for what is right. We believe in obedience to God. We refuse to join the worldly in open rebellion against God. The evil psycho haters in the vile and wicked cancel culture do not bully us into joining them in rebellion against God. Those haters have attacked us. God protects us.

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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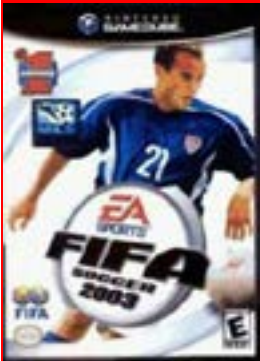


Aquaventure

Another aspect of Aquaventure that is fascinating is when we get back to the top we find a mermaid waiting on us. She will take us out of the water. Then the game resets and we do it all over again. The fish in Aquaventure are not as predictable as you might expect. They are not on set patterns. They will turn around and come after the player in Aquaventure. I learned to avoid and shoot them. The gameplay in Aquaventure is way better than I expected it to be. I had some major fun playing this game before I knew it had not been released before the Evercade.

Mario Lemieux Hockey

The smooth animations helped this sports game play quite well from the 16-bit era. Scoring goals can be challenging in Mario Lemieux Hockey. Thankfully two family members can compete against one another in Mario Lemieux Hockey. There is even a mode where you can watch a demo of the game if you want to just watch how the computer plays. The computer will challenge players but it never felt unfair.

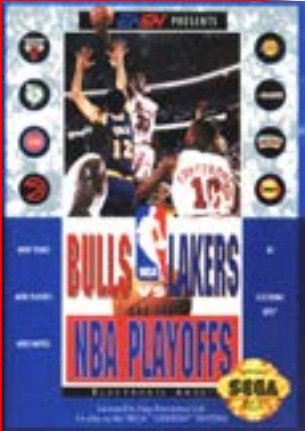


Fifa Soccer 2003

Fifa Soccer 2003 looks good and it animates very smoothly. I like the sounds in Fifa Soccer 2003. I love the celebrations when we score too. We feel the excitement of finally scoring. My dad probably gave my goalie a concussion in the video we did of Fifa Soccer 2003. He knocked the ball off the goalie and then scored on the rebound. The poor goalie was so confused as to what to do. Fifa Soccer 2003 really focuses on the European clubs. I guess they were really good in that time era. There is total ball control in Fifa Soccer 2003 if you can master it.

Bulls vs Lakers and the NBA Playoffs

We can make some nice choices in terms of how to play the game, quarter length and more. I appreciate options like that because we may not have as much time to play a game. I enjoyed the upbeat music in Bulls vs Lakers and the NBA Playoffs. Certain characters in Bulls vs Lakers and the NBA Playoffs have some really cool signature moves. The instant replay is handy for those that want to rewatch what just happened. Peter and I had fun playing Bulls vs Lakers and the NBA Playoffs on the Genesis. I had fun playing Bulls vs Lakers and the NBA Playoffs by myself later on as well.



PC VR



ALL IN ONE Sports VR

I am very thankful Family Friendly Gaming was given a digital download code for ALL IN ONE Sports VR on Steam. This is a PC VR video game. I really hope ALL IN ONE Sports VR comes to the Playstation VR because it is such a high quality

video game. You need to realize something first and foremost about ALL IN ONE Sports VR. This downloadable only video game is in early access. That means Appnori is still working on ALL IN ONE Sports VR. I am already shocked by some of the quality in this game personally.

Clash of Chefs VR

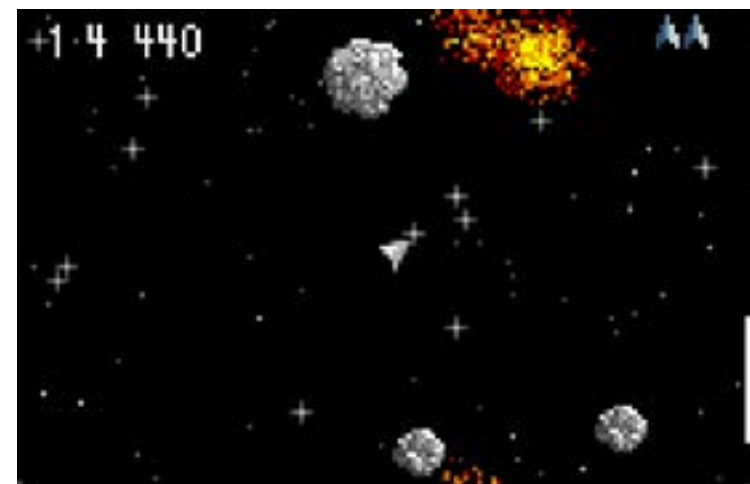
Clash of Chefs VR is very high quality. Clash of Chefs VR looks good and it sounds good too. We can make adjustments to the waiter if we don't like how he looks. Ultimately Clash of Chefs VR is a lot of fun. As soon as we enter a level there is an on screen tutorial showing the player how to make the food. We can ignore it if we want. I found those tutorials to be extremely beneficial. Like where are the chips? Why won't the rice spread out.



Cave Digger 2 Dig Harder

When the tools are not in our hands we can place them on specific parts of the body like the gloves. They are easily retrievable from those locations as well. When we collect precious materials we pick them up and put them over our shoulder and let go. It goes into the backpack of the player.

Evercade



Asteroids

Asteroids is a simple video game from the early days of the video game industry. Players are in a ship in the middle of an asteroid field. The player can move around the ship, and even fly the ship around the screen. The goal is to clear the screen of all of the asteroids. The player shoots the asteroids to make them go away. The ship can only fire so fast so keep that in mind. One of the things that made Asteroids challenging back in the day is the larger rocks. Shoot a larger rock for it to break into two smaller rocks. This is done until the rocks are small enough to completely obliterate. When

the rocks split they can go in some interesting directions. Players need to stay on their toes when this happens because a rock may come right at you.

Loopz

Loopz comes with multiple game types, cursor changes, game level selections, music, and which button places/rotates. We can rotate the pieces before we place them on the rectangle board as well. It takes a few attempts to really learn how to play Loopz. It is not as intuitive as say Tetris. Many of the aspects of Tetris can be found in Loopz. The complexity to Loopz is much deeper than Tetris in my person and professional opinion.



Checkeder Flag

The tracks in Checkeder Flag have plenty of twists and turns. Some tracks in Checkeder Flag are harder than others. Checkeder Flag includes a decent amount of options for a retro hand held video game. I had fun racing around the tracks in Checkeder Flag. Being able to win without racing perfect would have been nice. Players can pick how many cars they race against. Family members can also practice Checkeder Flag if they so choose.

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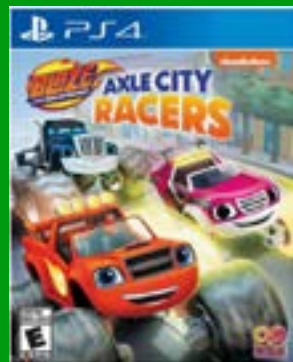


Pretty Princess Party

How do we bring magic back in Pretty Princess Party? We decorate twenty rooms with over thirteen hundred items. As we start we have the items and can decorate the rooms. Then we need a special rabbit to help us. He deciphers the stone tablets and tells us what we need to complete the design and decoration of that room. He will take thirty minutes or we can spend in game currency to speed him up. We also spend that currency to get him to start deciphering. He can only decipher so many at a time too. There is another rabbit we go to to make items. We need to be a specific level to make certain items. We can level up Cute, Elegant and Cool in Pretty Princess Party. We level up by playing mini games in Pretty Princess Party. The choices are Cake Decoration, Dance Lessons, Flower Arrangement, Horseback Riding, Archery Practice, and Studying. We can earn in game currency by playing these mini games, and helping villagers with their problems. We can also earn that currency by giving a high five to each in game character once per day.

Blaze and the Monster Machines Axle City Racers

There are eight vehicles for families to race with in Blaze and the Monster Machines Axle City Racers. Each of them has a different skill that can help them out. Pickles has a shield that protects him from attacks for example. Blaze has a speed boost. These can be used once the player collects ten wrenches. Note you cannot collect anymore wrenches after ten until the skill is used.



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PS4 VR



Star Wars Pinball VR

Star Wars Pinball VR looks great and it sounds great. Expect to hear lots of Star Wars music and sound bytes in Star Wars Pinball VR. There are also characters that will appear and talk while the family member is playing one of the eight tables within Star Wars Pinball VR. Seeing Yoda and the Emperor was cool. Baby Yoda and the Mandalorian was pretty neat too. I did note a small graphical glitch there too.

Star Wars Pinball VR is a 4.4 gig download. So make sure your system has enough memory to download and play Star Wars Pinball VR. I really hope Star Wars Pinball VR makes it to the physical copy format. I

purchased a physical copy of the Zen Studios compilation of their other VR games from the UK. I love supporting the physical copy format whenever I get the money to do so.

Brain Beats

I tried to play Brain Beats without using the tutorial. I did absolutely horrible so I decided to take the tutorial. Brain Beats has multiple things we do. We keep our hands open and touch certain circles. For example the blue and red orbs are the right and left hands. Then there are orbs that require both hands to score points. From there we can hit a button the PS Move controllers to turn the hands into swords. Certain objects require one sword and others require both swords.



Fruit Ninja VR

Fruit Ninja VR is played on the Playstation 4 VR system with two wands. We get two swords and we slice fruit up for points. There are four modes in Fruit Ninja VR. The four modes are Survival, Classic, Zen, and Arcade. Survival is brutal since you can only miss three fruit before it is game over.



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Nintendo Switch



My Universe Pet Clinic Cats & Dogs

The crisp, clean, and clear graphics go a long way in My Universe Pet Clinic Cats & Dogs. The animals look great in My Universe Pet Clinic Cats & Dogs too. The music is pleasant to listen to while we cure these animals of their problems. We can then discharge the owner with their animal and see if we have another patient to serve. Eventually the day ends and we must close the doors. We are then graded on the day. My Universe Pet Clinic Cats & Dogs takes cute looking animals and encases it in some realistic scenerios and location. We can play My Universe Pet Clinic Cats & Dogs in the story mode or the petting zoo. We create our male or female avatar and appear in our shop. We must open the doors of the shop to let in customers with their pets. We tend to the pets and help out the owners.

Super Mario 3D World + Bowser's Fury

The graphics in Super Mario 3D World + Bowser's Fury has drastically improved from the Wii U to the Nintendo Switch. In many ways most of Super Mario 3D World + Bowser's Fury is rehash. We do get the short Bowser's Fury adventure. In my opinion Super Mario 3D World + Bowser's Fury should have sold for a much lower price. Families will still get a lot of game for their money. If you did not play Super Mario 3D World on the Wii U then Super Mario 3D World + Bowser's Fury then the price is an easier pill to swallow.



Ring Fit Adventure

I got sweaty every single time I played Ring Fit Adventure on the Nintendo Switch. This is a great game for families. There is a mild lack of attire issue within Ring Fit Adventure. I just checked and costs have come down on this game to just below \$100 before taxes. Ring Fit Adventure will check your pulse after working out and I question its accuracy compared to what my Apple Watch said my heart rate was. I really hope there are sequels to Ring Fit Adventure in the future.

Super Mario 3D All-Stars

I really liked two of these games when they were released. Super Mario Sunshine is the only one that annoyed me and that had to do with the controls that were a pain to use. The camera can also be a problem in these games in certain parts and certain areas. Ultimately Super Mario 3D All-Stars is three ROMs ported over to a modern machine. Motion controls are needed to properly play Super Mario Galaxy.



Taiko no Tatsujin Nintendo Switch Version

The best word to describe Taiko no Tatsujin Nintendo Switch Version is fun. The motion controls on the Joy Cons work great. The music is great. The graphics are bright and colorful. Multiple family members can enjoy Taiko no Tatsujin Nintendo Switch Version at the same time. Because of prices Family Friendly Gaming purchased a Japanese version of Taiko no Tatsujin Nintendo Switch Version. Thankfully it works perfectly on our US based Nintendo Switch.

My Universe Fashion Boutique

My Universe Fashion Boutique looks good and it sounds good. The music has a jazz feel to it. I normally do not like jazz but I enjoyed what I heard in My Universe Fashion Boutique. What do we do in My Universe Fashion Boutique? We help out customers. They want a certain style and certain fabric. The girl or woman playing My Universe Fashion Boutique goes into their workshop and makes something. Unless you already made something that will fulfill the request then you can reuse it.



Pikmin 3 Deluxe

We have three crewmates to control in Pikmin 3 Deluxe. We must find them, and food to survive. Along the way we learn we must save Captain Olimar as well. Earning new Pikmin allow us to revisit previous levels and explore them fully. The red Pikmin are fire resistant, the black Pikmin can break glass, the yellow Pikmin are electricity resistant, the purple Pikmin can fly, and the blue Pikmin can go underwater.

Boulder Dash Deluxe

Boulder Dash Deluxe taught me to be careful around animals. You do not want to touch the Shark, Snow Tiger, Octopus and more in Boulder Dash Deluxe. Why not? It is level over if you do. If you have gold bars then they can be spent to continue within a certain level. We can customize our character in Boulder Dash Deluxe with different shirts, pants, hair, shoes, and more. Boulder Dash Deluxe can be played in multiple different languages.



Bright Paw

Bright Paw is a turn based video game where we pick which cards we will use to move. One may have us wait, another move two spaces forward, and many more. The key to Bright Paw is finding the right way to get through a level picking the cards in the right order. Levels get more challenging as the game throws different things at us. For example there might be conveyor belts that move the player in a certain direction. I loved the train level in Bright Paw.

Playstation 4

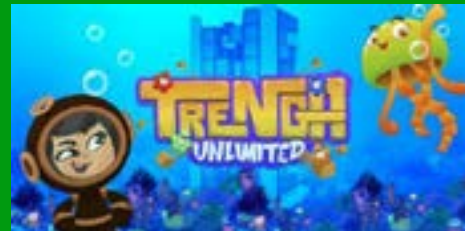


Professor Rubik's Brain Fitness

Professor Rubik's Brain Fitness is two hundred and forty-seven megs in terms of size. Thankfully Professor Rubik's Brain Fitness should not break your system in terms of memory usage. Professor Rubik's Brain Fitness looks okay. I love the music in Professor Rubik's Brain Fitness. It is neat to hear great sounds while trying to learn how to properly play the brain mini games in Professor Rubik's Brain Fitness.

Trenga Unlimited

The graphics in Trenga Unlimited are bright and colorful. The animation and art is okay at best. The animation leaves a lot to be desired making Trenga Unlimited look like an app. Would it surprise you to know there is a Trenga app? It did not surprise me. Trenga Unlimited can be played in solo mode, survival mode, versus local, and there are option settings. There are three goals players can achieve in each of the levels in Trenga Unlimited.



Sackboy A Big Adventure

I had fun playing Sackboy A Big Adventure. The game starts really easy and gets more difficult as the player progresses through the worlds. The issues families will have with Sackboy A Big Adventure is the violence, bad language, off color humor and more. The whole bad language was not really needed in this game. The humor is understandable in certain areas of the game. They were trying to make Sackboy A Big Adventure funny as well as a fun video game to play. Sackboy A Big Adventure scores players and there are certain goals to reach. If you get enough points for all three then you get an article of clothing. If you get all the orbs in a level then you get a sticker in a sticker book.

AFL Evolution 2

The modes in AFL Evolution 2 are Single Match, Online, Career, Fan Hub, AFL Gameday, Competition and Training. Once we learned how to play AFL Evolution 2 we had a blast with this sports video game. There is quite a bit of strategy in playing AFL Evolution 2. AFL Evolution 2 controls really well and even gives players multiple control modes in terms of kicking in a goal. Or at least trying to kick one in.

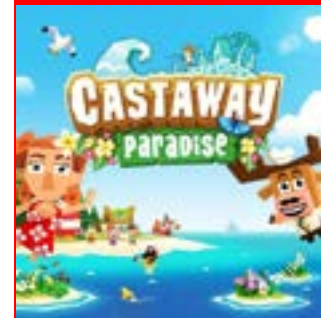


Bonkies

Bonkies is just under one gig in term of memory size on the Nintendo Switch. The world rotating map screens are pretty neat to see. There are multiple controls in this physics puzzle video game to help us move around the blocks just so to get them where they need to be. Bonkies taught me to careful think and plan my actions before doing them. There are levels I did not think about it and the blocks came crashing down.

Tour de France 2021

The announcer in Tour de France 2021 will give families some good information on what is happening in the race. Like if the pack is closing in or not. Also how far out of the lead you may be. Also there is interesting commentary on certain racers and when they last did really good. Try not to forget that Tour de France 2021 is a team game. Your team needs to do well in Tour de France 2021.



Castaway Paradise

We can garden, decorate, upgrade, fish, clean up, and catch bugs in Castaway Paradise. I will warn you that catching bugs can be a real pain in Castaway Paradise. If the bugs see you coming they fly off in the other direction faster than you can move. The best way to catch the bugs in Castaway Paradise is to line yourself up in front of them and time your swing to get them before they would turn tail and run the other direction.

Cube Life Island Survival

Cube Life Island Survival looks fantastic and it sounds good too. I love the little audio effects that were put into this downloadable only video game. As long as you like creating your very own blocky world or surviving in one then you should find all kinds of replay value to Cube Life Island Survival. I learned it was very difficult attacking animals with just my hands. I needed to get wood to make a crafting table and then make weapons.



Tetragon

Tetragon is a puzzle game where players use gravity and rotation to safely move their character to the book page where they will teleport into a new puzzle. At times it felt so futile to me. I beat a puzzle and another one awaits me. Thankfully there are only forty different levels in Tetragon spread across three magical worlds. Make sure you are paying attention to the tutorials that come up in Tetragon. I missed one because I was spamming the button to get back into the game and missed something really important.

RBI Baseball 20

The modes in RBI Baseball 20 are Exhibition, Franchise, Post Season, Home Run Derby, Manage Rosters, Controls, Gameplay Options, and Settings & Extras. Assisted Fielding is helpful at times, and not so on others. NPC characters will dive for the ball on what should have been hits. Small ball is almost gone as we must rely on home runs.



XBOX ONE

Rugby Challenge 3



The only thing I know about Rugby I have learned from video games. Rugby Challenge 3 spiced things up for me in terms of throwing the ball in bounds. In other Rugby video games I have played that is a gimme. Not in Rugby Challenge 3. I could lose the ball on those throw ins. Rugby Challenge 3 makes scoring really challenging. Do not expect to score early and often in Rugby Challenge 3. The computer players will try to stop you from getting the ball in there.

The Sisters Party of the Year

The Sisters Party of the Year looks decent and has a very distinctive look to it. This family has some quirks and issues. The two sisters Wendy and Maureen are typical sisters that do not get along well. Wendy wants to throw an end of the year party. Her younger sister Maureen overhears the idea and goes to their father first. So they must compete in mini games to determine who gets to organize the party. It is an interesting idea that feels pretty realistic. The father's reactions in The Sisters Party of the Year are classic.



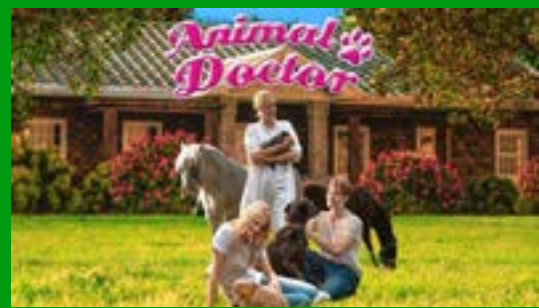
Who Wants to be a Millionaire?



We choose what show we want to participate in Who Wants to be a Millionaire? The shows are separated out by country. As we reach certain plateaus in Who Wants to be a Millionaire? we earn points. Those points can be used to purchase additional question packs for the this quiz show video game. There is no time limit on questions and we have lifelines we can use. I found if I was really stuck I could look up the questions online and get the right answer. The questions get progressively more difficult. Family Mode is great for the younger members of the family.

Animal Doctor

Animal Doctor looks pretty good for a veterinarian based video game. Animal Doctor also sounds really good too. I enjoyed the different animal sounds while playing Animal Doctor. This video game reminds me of Hunting Simulator except we are treating and not hunting. We run across all kinds of different animals in Animal Doctor. I saw farm animals, deer, rabbits, and more while playing Animal Doctor.



Unravel Two



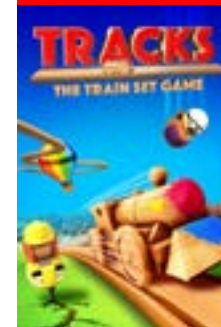
Unravel Two sounds good too. The music fits the theme of this game. We now have two yarn creatures to work with. This adds all kinds of new techniques. We can wall jump, swim, brace with one creature and swing over with the other one, and more. We do continue to follow the light in Unravel Two. One yarn creature can carry the other one or we can separate them to get past the puzzles in this home console video game.

Unravel

I remember seeing Unravel at an E3 and it looked interesting. The idea of being a yarn character that uses the yarn in multiple ways to progress is pretty cool. Plus we can run out of yarn and will need to solve some puzzles in slightly different ways. The one knock I have against Unravel is you can get stuck if you cannot figure out the solution.



Tracks The Train Set Game



The Christmas level in Tracks The Train Set Game is so inspiring, honoring, and fun to play in. Tracks The Train Set Game does not limit us on tracks. At least I did not find any limits. I enjoying looking around in first person mode while riding the train in Tracks The Train Set Game. I also found you can make mistakes and knock the train off the track. I did not find an easy way to reset the train back on the track after it was riding around off the track. I enjoyed playing Tracks The Train Set Game.

Wreckfest

The modes in Wreckfest are Career, Custom Event, Multiplayer, DLC Store, and Tournament. Some sample race sections are Regional Juniors, National Amateurs, Challengers, Pro Internationals, World Masters, and more. We can race all kinds of vehicles in Wreckfest ranging from lawn mowers to RVs. Many of the cars in Wreckfest are a bit on the older side. I enjoyed racing in them.



Project Cars 3



Project Cars 3 has more of an arcade feel and less of a sim feel. This is good because all of those massive glitches and control issues are gone. I enjoyed my time with Project Cars 3. We start small and eventually get faster and faster vehicles. There are targets to achieve in each race. Get enough targets and the champion race is unlocked for that section. In game currency can also be spent to unlock the championship races.

Age of Wonders Planetfall

The modes in Age of Wonders Planetfall are Tutorial, Scenario, Campaign, Load Game, On-line Multiplayer, Commander Customization, Options, and Credits. Age of Wonders Planetfall looks nice, and it has some great voice acting in it. The battles are turn based, and there is plenty of cover to use for your troops.



Personal Computer



Big Farm Story

We inherit the farm from our grandfather after he goes missing. Big Farm Story is part mystery and part farm simulator. I actually like Big Farm Story better than most of the Harvest Moon games because Big Farm Story does not have all the baggage and bad content most of the Harvest Moon games contain. Big Farm Story is all about helping the farm and our neighbors. There are also some emotional moments in this downloadable only video game.

Wanderlight A Pilgrim's Adventure

There are all kinds of choices to make in Wanderlight A Pilgrim's Adventure. As we make the right choices our light gets brighter. The map of the screen is in the tablet and not the backpack. I so wanted to find the map in the backpack. Wanderlight A Pilgrim's Adventure will even teach players how to pray. That was one of the coolest things in Wanderlight A Pilgrim's Adventure in my opinion.



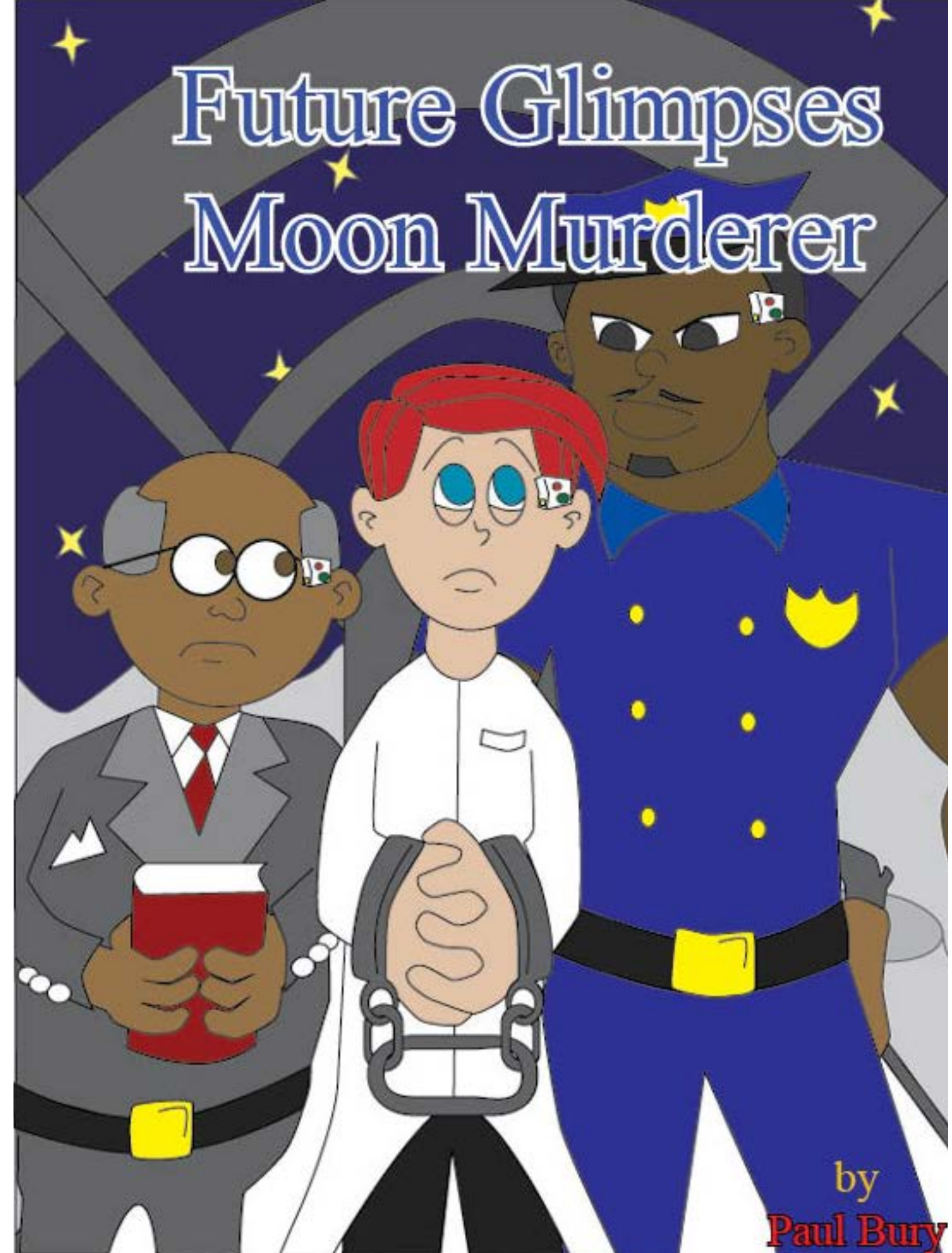
Anagrams

Anagrams has us arrange letters into a word. That is the part of what we get from the real definition of the word from the dictionary. Early on it was easy to figure out the word. Later in Anagrams I had some issues with no idea what I was trying to spell. I would fumble around until something was accepted by the game or I used a hint. There are tools in Anagrams that will help us with the matching.



RetroMania Wrestling

The game play style and the art work in RetroMania Wrestling remind me of WWF Wrestlefest. I hope RetroMania Wrestling does really well because it will show the brain deads running too many of these companies that we enjoy games like this one. We can play RetroMania Wrestling in singles, tag team, six man tag, eight man tag, three way, four way, and retro rumble. The match options are elimination, steel cage, and tornado.



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The War with Grandpa

Peter decides his grandfather is stealing his room and declares war. The two of them go into a war of pranks. This is where the rude humor and a variety of painful experiences happen. Some of the pranks in The War with Grandpa are hilarious. The poor grandfather loses his pants in front of his son-in-law multiple times. Thankfully nothing is shown on the screen. This is exactly how this kind of a concept can be done to keep it family friendly. We laughed and laughed at a variety of the things that happen in The War with Grandpa. SPOILER ALERT! As you might expect their war winds up impacting and hurting others in the family. They eventually come to terms with their rooms and relationship. The fishing scene is fantastic in bonding in The War with Grandpa. It was a bit lame they ran from the authorities at one point in The War with Grandpa.

Space Jam

There are plenty of funny parts within Space Jam. I loved the parts featuring Bill Murray. Larry Bird does a fantastic job in Space Jam as well. We watched Space Jam for one of our movie nights and everyone found something to laugh at and about in Space Jam. Taz is a lot of fun in Space Jam. Daffy Duck has his spots and moments in Space Jam as well. I found myself feeling bad for Daffy Duck in certain parts of Space Jam.



The Boss Baby Family Business

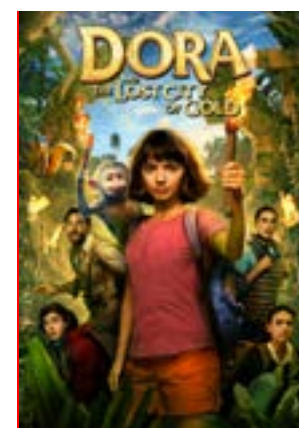
The rivalry between the brothers in The Boss Baby Family Business is really great to see. The school the boys are invading feels competition is a healthy thing. Kids put in timeout have to listen to Enya in a serene and calming environment. The kids see it as torture even though the rod is being spared. The baby ninjas in The Boss Baby Family Business are really cool. Baby Tina is a bit of an incompetent agent in The Boss Baby Family Business.

Paw Patrol The Movie

Paw Patrol The Movie deals with some interesting issues. Chase was abandoned in Adventure City. He has a lot of bottled up fear from Adventure City. Going back there causes those fears to rise to the surface. Chase freezes multiple times in Paw Patrol The Movie. He even gets benched by Rider at one point since he is not performing his duties.



DVD



Dora and the Lost City of Gold

Dora and the Lost City of Gold starts out with Dora and Diego as kids in the jungle. Diego's family moves to the city and we fast forward to high school. Dora's parents go on an expedition and she is shipped off to her cousin to work on her social skills. This is her first interaction with other teenagers. The structure of the school and her friendly positive attitude clearly do not mix - as anyone would anticipate. This leads to a ton of humor though. Dora and the Lost City of Gold taught me some very good lessons. First there is such a thing as a jungle puzzle. Second having a positive attitude is very helpful in life. Third working hard is a great reward especially when it comes to studying. Finally if you are having a problem then try a song.

I Can Only Imagine

I Can Only Imagine is all about forgiveness and letting go of anger. I Can Only Imagine also shows people like Amy Grant in a really good light. Trace Adkins does a wonderful job as the manager in I Can Only Imagine. I love how he is honest with the band. I Can Only Imagine shows the redeeming power of Jesus Christ and how it changes the perspective, personality and reality for those that get saved.



PAW Patrol Line Look

I am very thankful Family Friendly Gaming was sent the retail version of PAW Patrol Line Look. This package includes six PAW Patrol DVDs. The six DVDs are Paw Patrol Mighty Pups, Paw Patrol Read, Race, Rescue, Paw Patrol Pups Save Puplantis, Paw Patrol Jungle Rescues, Paw Patrol Ultimate Rescue, and Paw Patrol The Great Pirate Rescue. T

Paw Patrol Moto Pups

Paw Patrol Moto Pups really helps us show our children that destroying things and causing mayhem is not actually fun. The Ruff-Ruff Pack is all about it and Paw Patrol Moto Pups shows this is really a bad thing. As someone who loves and supports creation I will admit the appeal to destruction never really made much sense to me. I believe in uplifting and support instead of tearing down and destroying. Many could use those lessons in this day and age.





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Rockstar Games presents Table Tennis

I am very thankful I had the money to purchase Rockstar Games presents Table Tennis on the Xbox 360. Rockstar Games presents Table Tennis can also be found on the Wii and Xbox One. I find it funny Rockstar Games had to put their company name in the name of this game. Its like those games that have to end with: "official video game." Which makes us all ask was there an unofficial video game version? Where can we find that? We want to compare the official to unofficial. They could have just called this game Table Tennis. I doubt anyone would have confused it with any other Table Tennis video game.

Rain on Your Parade

We play a cloud in Rain on Your Parade. We rain on humans, and objects in this video game. Maybe we need to grow a park or put out some fires. We do more than rain water in Rain on Your Parade though. We can also unleash thunder, lightning, meteors, acid rain, and more in Rain on Your Parade. There are objectives to complete in each of the fifty levels within Rain on Your Parade. Some objectives are required and some are not.



Puzzles for Toddlers and Kids

The regions within Puzzles for Toddlers and Kids are Farm, Cars and Bike, Princess, and Pirates. There are multiple puzzles in each of these sections. Kids can spend quite a bit of time doing all of the puzzles within Puzzles for Toddlers and Kids. The puzzles start really simple and get more difficult near the end. I tried one of the last puzzles in Cars and Bikes and it was a van where each piece was a sliver of the van. Kids can find some challenges within Puzzles for Toddlers and Kids.

Haven Park

Haven Park has clean indie graphics where our animal character Flint can walk and swim. Swimming is pretty cool in Haven Park. I enjoyed that immensely while I played this downloadable only video game. The music in Haven Park is cool to listen to. I like being able to craft the item right where it is needed. We don't need to go to some bench somewhere far away and bring the item back.



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Let's Explore Oceans Mega Pack

There are a variety of videos to watch with Let's Explore Oceans Mega Pack. Families can learn all about these sea creatures thanks to Let's Explore Oceans Mega Pack. There are ten virtual reality adventures that look amazing. I had to adjust the unit multiple times to get it to look right for me. The smart phone needs to be in there right, the goggles need to be popped out, and the head piece needs to be adjusted for the viewer.

The four augmented reality experiences are really cool. It looked like a shark or other animal was floating right in front of me. The controls in Let's Explore Oceans Mega Pack are mainly moving the cursor with your head to the right spot. Keep the soft cube away from any animals that might think it is a chew toy. Princess wanted the cube really badly. The cube is how families select what they want to do in Let's Explore Oceans Mega Pack.

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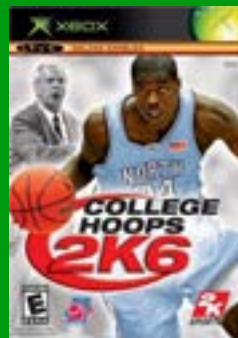


NBA 2K22

The modes within NBA 2K22 are My Career, My Team, Play Now, My NBA, My WNBA, Features, and Connect. When we go into Play Now we can choose Quick Play, 2KU, or Blacktop. Blacktop is a more arcade kind of a video game on the blacktop. There are a ton of teams within NBA 2K22. We get some of the best teams of all time in NBA 2K22 as well. Which is really neat if you want to see how certain teams from different eras would have performed against one another. NBA 2K22 looks amazing and sounds great. There are some caveats to that. The music within NBA 2K22 contains offensive lyrics. I did not find one song in NBA 2K22 that I liked. I had to mute all of the songs one at a time in NBA 2K22. The camera is more zoomed in on the court and you feel like you are a part of the action. The problem is you may be off screen guarding someone on defense and have little idea they moved. That can be a pain.

College Hoops 2K6

College Hoops 2K6 makes me wish there were new college hoops video games. Maybe we will get some in the near future. College Hoops 2K6 plays great, looks great, and it sounds great. There are a plethora of things families can do and play in College Hoops 2K6. The modes in College Hoops 2K6 are Quick Game, Game Modes, Management, Options, Load, Save, Extras, and Xbox Live.



Madden NFL 97

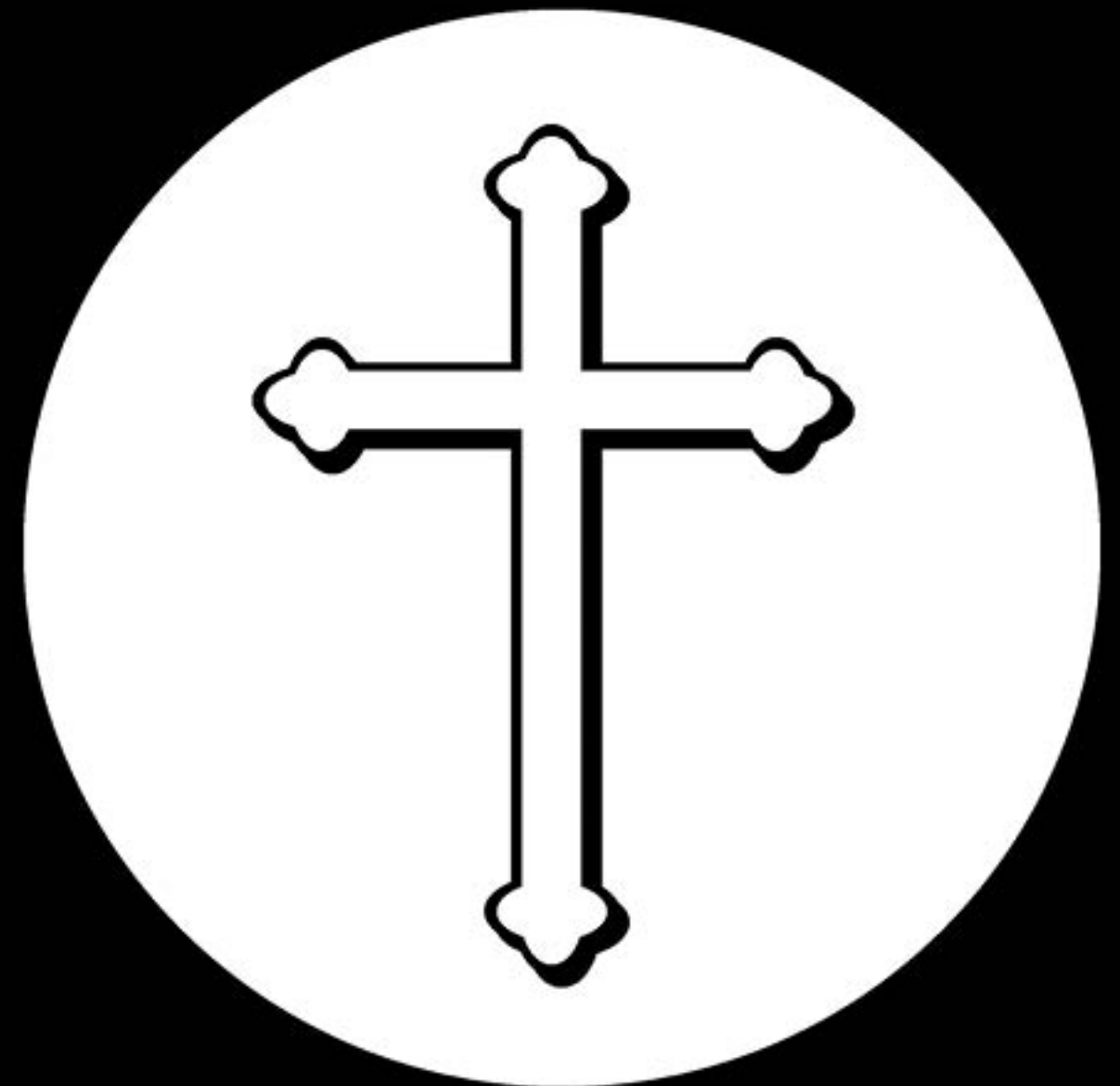
I really like how Madden NFL 97 controls. We can run and pass in this video game. I loved being able to get good gains because I figured out how to avoid the defense in Madden NFL 97. I always felt like I had a chance to break a big gain whether I did or not. Madden NFL 97 made me feel like my choices when running with the ball mattered. All of the NFL teams are present and accounted for from that era. I love seeing the Houston Oilers again in video games.

Nascar 98

Nascar 98 includes Season, Arcade, and custom racing. Families can adjust the difficulty and how many laps they race to further tailor the racing experience to their personal tastes. There are numerous adjustments players can make to the vehicles in Nascar 98. The left turns control really well in Nascar 98.



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Pocoyo Party

Pocoyo Party looks great, and it sounds great too. Pocoyo Party has seven different doors that all go to seven different mini games. Within the mini games are six levels. Within the six levels are five challenges we complete. The challenges get a bit tougher as the child progresses through the levels within the mini games. One or two family members can play the games in Pocoyo Party.

Madden NFL 22

Madden NFL 22 looks really slick and it sounds good too. Please note we turned the game music down to zero due to songs with offensive lyrics. This is the sad case of most modern sports video games nowadays. I am not really sure why music with offensive lyrics is constantly being chosen for sports video games. The announcers are fun and give some interesting information in Madden NFL 22. There are multiple different kinds of presentations families can use in Madden NFL 22 as well.



Aerial_Knight's Never Yield

The bonus levels in Aerial_Knight's Never Yield give families that retro feel. I was not able to connect to the main character in Aerial_Knight's Never Yield. I do like how the action slows down on the normal difficulty so we have time to react to the obstacle coming up. We dash through walls, jump over obstacles, slide under obstacles, and do a parkour side flip to go through or between certain objects.



Bone Marrow

The main character, weapons, armor, food, and more are on the screen. We press this way and all the tiles go that way. Any tiles that match grow in size. So two swords with a four number get an eight and merge together. I was immediately intrigued and perplexed. What was going on in Bone Marrow? Then an enemy would appear and we could work our way through objects to attack them.



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Balan Wonderworld

Balan Wonderworld has all kind of song and dance within it. The levels are short in Balan Wonderworld but a lot is packed into them. We need to replay levels as we earned new costumes. Take for example we cannot reach a certain area unless we have the spider costume. Maybe we need the butterfly costume. Each costume comes with advantages and disadvantages. Take the dragon costume for example. We can breath fire and decimate enemies. We cannot jump with the dragon costume. Players can have three costumes on them at a time. When we take a hit we lose that costume. Continuation points include the ability to change all three of our costumes.

WRC 10 FIA World Rally Championship

WRC 10 FIA World Rally Championship looks good and it sounds good as well. In fact I commented on how great WRC 10 FIA World Rally Championship looked in my Twitch live stream. I had to be careful admiring the scenery in WRC 10 FIA World Rally Championship too much because of how narrow the roads are. There is a small margin for error in WRC 10 FIA World Rally Championship.

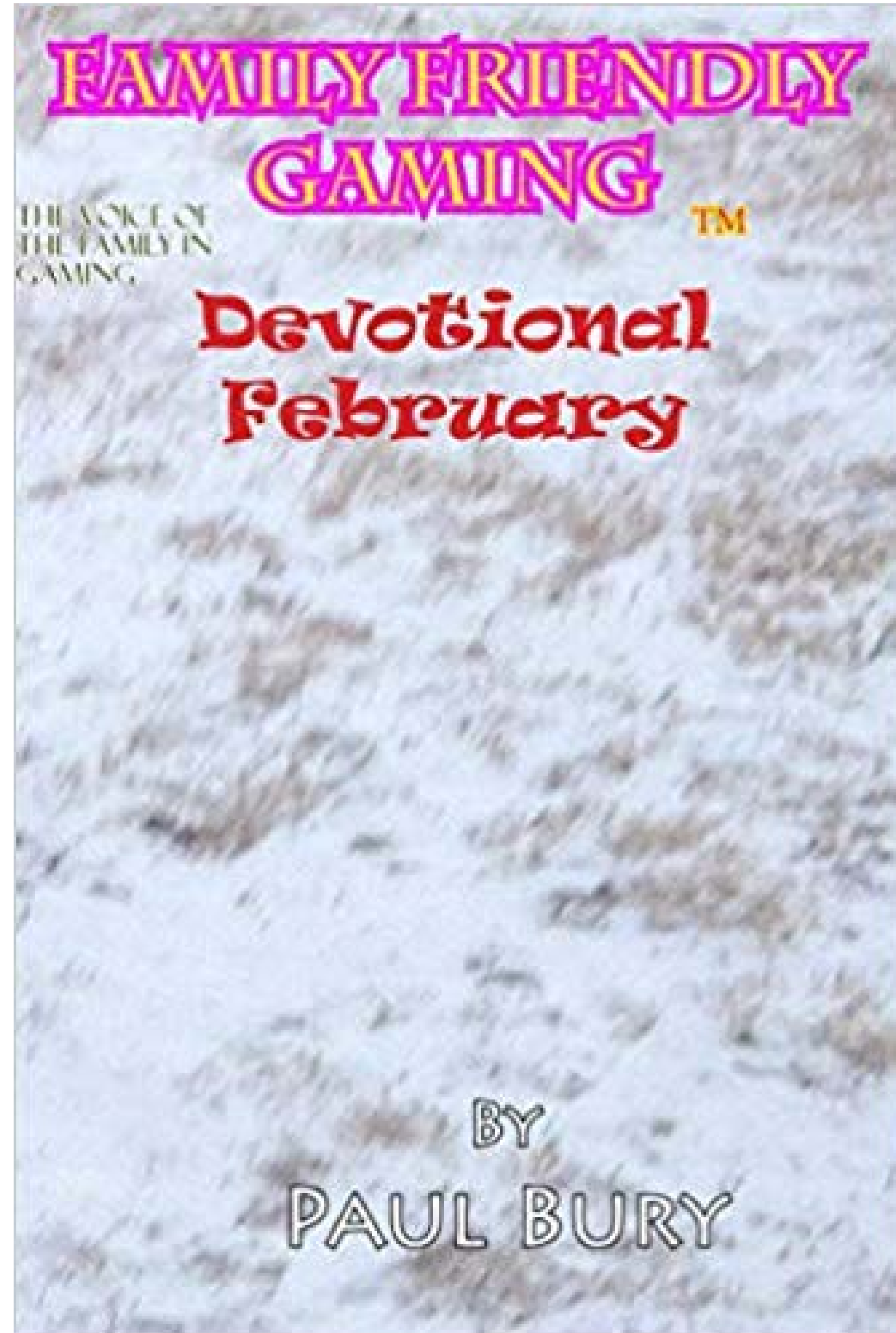


RBI Baseball 21

RBI Baseball 21 is still coming out for thirty dollars brand new. That is half of what MLB The Show video games cost brand new. The modes in RBI Baseball 21 are Exhibition Match, Home Run Derby, Online Multiplayer, New Franchise, New Post Season, Continue Franchise, Continue Season, Manage Rosters, Controls, Gameplay Options, and Settings. RBI Baseball 21 is great for families and casual gamers.

Loopindex

When one player plays Loopindex they swap between the little bots. The bots must avoid dangers like spikes, water and more in Loopindex. This downloadable puzzle video game grants players a plethora of objects to help them. A switch brings down the spikes for example. Another example is a box can be used to walk over the water. Loopindex starts pretty simple and easy. As players progress Loopindex gets more and more complex.



LAST MINUTE



INSTANT SPORTS Paradise

There are fifteen mini games in INSTANT SPORTS Paradise to compete in. The mini games within INSTANT SPORTS Paradise are Ice Creams, Wok, Wakeboard, Wingsuit, Jet Ski, Shell Hunt, Archery, Seaplane, Table Tennis, Mini-Golf, Bowling, Air Hockey and more. Up to four family members can play the mini games together in INSTANT SPORTS Paradise. There is a large island in INSTANT SPORTS Paradise to explore as well.

My Friend Peppa Pig

I hope you were able to enjoy the live stream I did of My Friend Peppa Pig. This is a kids video game based on the franchise. I have never seen the franchise so it was all new to me. A big shoutout and thank you to everyone in chat who was able to educate me on the Peppa Pig franchise. I learned they fall on their backs and laugh at certain moments.



The Smurfs Mission Vileaf

The level design in The Smurfs Mission Vileaf is spectacular to see. The more I played The Smurfs Mission Vileaf the more I marveled at it. As we work our way through The Smurfs Mission Vileaf we learn new skills. These can be applied back at the village and in previous levels. There are a certain number of items to collect in each of the levels in The Smurfs Mission Vileaf. They are used to improve the Smurfizer in this beautiful looking world.

PJ Masks Heroes of the Night

We play Catboy, Owlette, and Gekko in each of the levels of PJ Masks Heroes of the Night. We will start levels in PJ Masks Heroes of the Night in a vehicle. So we do these driving, flying, and diving levels in PJ Masks Heroes of the Night. Each character has their own vehicle. Then we go into a 2D side levels.



Pups & Purrs Animal Hospital

Pups & Purrs Animal Hospital takes the player into the role of a young female veterinarian. I really wish there was a choice to play the role of a male character personally. We treat the animals in a plethora of mini games. We also work on our skills, level up, and can go to different shops on our day off. We can buy new clothes, go to the cafe and more in Pups & Purrs Animal Hospital.