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Are you ready to  
party, mine, swim,  
harvest, and more in  
Isla Sinaloa?

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# Editor's Desk

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

I absolutely love Christmas time. Singing praise and worship songs to God by candlelight is so moving. Focusing on the birth of Jesus Christ and all of the wonderful things He has done for us really sets the perspective where it should be. We give all year long here at Family Friendly Gaming. Each magazine issue, each press release we publish, each original story we write, books we have written, and more. We purchase all kinds of video games each month. We put our money where our mouths are. We continue to lead by example. It is to awesome to see others follow our example in a plethora of interactions.

You might notice something new this month. We started reviewing comic books in the year of our Lord 2022. So there are some comic books in this Christmas Buying Guide. It was quite the interesting progression this year to get comic books into our review schedule. Once we did we are really loving this new section. We have gotten plenty of amazing positive feedback. To be completely transparent there was a request from a reader a few years back to review some Sonic the Hedgehog comic books. That has been fulfilled. I feel bad how long it takes us to do some of these things. Sadly we are not able to do this wonderful work full time. I have a day job that pays the bills and pays for a lot of what Family Friendly Gaming needs. Yolanda has a part time job to help the family out as well. I keep praying that God provides th finances so we can do Family Friendly Gaming full time. It may not happen until I reach day job retirement age.

A big round of applause to Ensensasoft please. They provided the art work for the front cover of this Christmas Buying Guide. Isla Sinaloa is the game on the front cover. This game impressed us immediately as we played it, reviewed it, and more. You might have seen some of the live streams and/or videos of Isla Sinaloa. This is the first game that we live streamed on all the platforms we live stream on. Isla Sinaloa has been showcased on YouTube, Twitch, and Rumble. Isla Sinaloa is like Animal Crossing New Horizons but on steroids. There is so much more to do in Isla Sinaloa. We can dig up fossils, trees, weeds, and

flowers. We can swim and find sea creatures. We can catch fish. We can mine. We can go to a pyramid and find rare artifacts. We can dig up buried treasure. We can farm and feed animals. Isla Sinaloa has seriously earned its place in this Christmas Buying Guide and on the front cover.

I appreciate you. I want everyone reading this to know that. I want everyone reading this to comprehend that. I am so thankful and so blessed in my life. Sure there are problems and pains I face daily. Ultimately I love what I get to do and appreciate you.

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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# OLDER Games

**Pac-Man**

Most families have some clue as to who Pac-Man is. This game was one of the well known and iconic franchises. There is Pac-Man in a maze and four ghosts. There are four power pellets that can be eaten to allow Pac-Man to eat the ghosts. The ghosts will go back to the middle area and then come after Pac-Man again once they are eaten. The design of the maze in Pac-Man is brilliant. Pac-Man on the 8-bit has the feel of the arcades as well.

**Mappy Kids**

There are constantly creatures in the way of the player in Mappy Kids. We must avoid them again and again in Mappy Kids. There is a slot like machine mini game in Mappy Kids in certain areas. We can also purchase items from the stores in Mappy Kids too. Opening treasure chests is very important within Mappy Kids. The same goes for collecting the baseball looking money. Certain blocks can be removed by the player in Mappy Kids as well.

**BurgerTime**

The three enemies players must avoid in BurgerTime are Mr. Hot Dog, Mr Pickle, and Mr. Egg. We can drop pieces of the burgers on them to stun them for a short time. I noticed the collision detection on getting off a ladder to a level or even getting on a ladder can be lacking. Which is a real problem since players must move as fast as possible to avoid the enemies.

**Dig Dug**

Dig Dug is one of those classics of video game history. Our little guy digs around and can inflate the monsters that are trying to get him. We can also drop rocks on these big baddies. The creatures we play against in Dig Dug can move through the dirt and just their eyes show. This can be dangerous since players need some room to inflate the enemies.

**Libble Rabble**

Libble Rabble was not released in the United States when it was first released. The version of Libble Rabble I played had a really long story at the beginning of the game. The problem for me is all of the text is in Japanese. So I have a general idea what is going on based on the pictures and animation. I am not exactly sure. I found out later that I need to collect the little mushroom guys.

# Comic Books

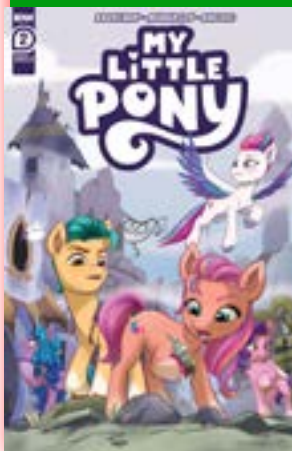


## My Little Pony #1

My Little Pony #1 has humor in it that parents and kids can enjoy. Some of the ponies get irritated with one another. They are still working together for a common goal. My Little Pony #1 teaches some good lessons like lead with love, and do not let others feel less than you. I was recently reading about how Jesus Christ washed the feet of his disciples. He taught them a similar lesson in serving others is the right path in life. My Little Pony #1 echoes that slightly and it is great to see. The colors are very bright and vibrant in My Little Pony #1.

## Sonic The Hedgehog #49

There is plenty of fun and humor within Sonic The Hedgehog #49. Kids of all ages can enjoy Sonic The Hedgehog #49 from start to finish. There is a very mild amount of cartoon violence within Sonic The Hedgehog #49. I wish the recap page had a larger font personally. I love the letter squad and the creator corner within Sonic The Hedgehog #49. The alternative covers are also neat in Sonic The Hedgehog #49. The front cover we got is actually a bit creepy. I noticed all of the covers are on the creepy side. It does deal with being mind controlled.



## My Little Pony #2

The art work is fantastic within My Little Pony #2. There is some mild violence after we meet Discord. I find it odd that Discord is the lord of chaos but tries to be nice to the ponies. He wants magic gone so there will not be a split between magical and non-magical ponies. In essence bring everyone down to the lowest level instead of lifting others up to be better. That reminds me of some people we have in our world. Does that remind you of anyone in our world? There is plenty of humor and puns in My Little Pony #2.

# Evercade

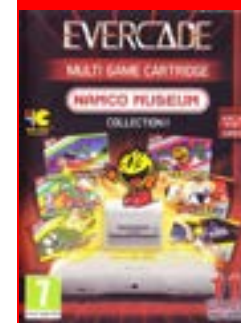


## The Brainies

The Brainies is one of those video games on the Interplay Collection 2. I am very glad I had the money to purchase this compilation cartridge on the Evercade systems. This is a puzzle video game that families can really get into. The goal of this puzzle video game is to get all of the little icons onto their end space. Each icon is a certain color. We need to get the red to the red, blue to the blue, and so on in The Brainies. Each of the screens in The Brainies is a little maze.

## Pac-Attack

Another game on the Namco Museum Collection 2 cartridge is Pac-Attack. I knew of this video game from the 16-bit era. Pac-Attack is a fun puzzle video game that families can enjoy. The best way to think of Pac-Attack is think of Tetris with ghosts and Pac-Man. The blocks that come down are a mixture of tiles, ghost, and/or Pac-Man. Pac-Man will go a certain direction and eat the ghosts to make them go away. Tiles that fill an entire line make all of the tiles go away.



## Namco Museum Collection 1

I enjoyed Mappy Kids more than I expected to. I hope that franchise returns in the future. If you like retro space warfare first person simulators then Star Luster might be up your alley. Speaking of space shooters there are also Galaxian and Xevious. Namco Museum Collection 1 contains a lot of different kinds of games for a plethora of different kinds of gamers. All of the games look good on the Evercade system. They are retro so certain graphical and sound aspects are to be expected.

## The Oliver Twins Collection

I vaguely remember some of the Dizzy video games from the past. To be honest I did not know about many of them. Which is what makes the The Oliver Twins Collection so very cool. I can now be educated to those games in one place to easily play them. What impresses me most about The Oliver Twins Collection is how the action adventure video games have a step beyond what I was expecting. We collect and use items in these games. There is even a previously unreleased game on this cartridge.



# FOR KIDS



Alice in Wonderland - a jigsaw puzzle tale

I really like the cute art style used in Alice in Wonderland - a jigsaw puzzle tale. We see twelve different moments from the book in this video game. The music within Alice in Wonderland - a jigsaw puzzle tale is nice to listen to. The special effect sounds when pieces are connected or placed in the right spot are pretty cool as well. Which brings up a really cool feature within Alice in Wonderland - a jigsaw puzzle tale. We can guess where a piece goes

and it will snap into place. This is great when finding border pieces.

## Paw Patrol Pups Save Rocket Ryder

The eight episodes on Paw Patrol Pups Save Rocket Ryder are Pups Save Rocket Ryder, Pups Save Dizzy Dusty Express, Pups Save Treetop Trekkers, Pups Save Treasure Cruise, Pups Save Bookmobile, Pups Save a Tour Bus, Pups Save Election Day, and Pups Save a Runaway Rooster. Kids will find humor within Paw Patrol Pups Save Rocket Ryder. The biggest pop came from the Marshall accident moments near the beginning of each episode on Paw Patrol Pups Save Rocket Ryder.



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# Streaming



## Sonic the Hedgehog 2

We were laughing and laughing as we watched Sonic the Hedgehog 2. Jim Carrey does a fantastic job in Sonic the Hedgehog 2. Knuckles has quite the development arc within Sonic the Hedgehog 2. He starts hating Sonic to working together with him. Tails is a great addition in Sonic the Hedgehog 2. He learns to be brave in Sonic the Hedgehog 2. Then there is Sonic who has all kinds of growth himself.

He may not like water but he does a good job in Sonic the Hedgehog 2 with it. Nods are given to the games in multiple places and multiple areas of Sonic the Hedgehog 2.

## I am Groot #1

Thankfully all of these other characters understand what Groot is saying in I am Groot #1. So they respond in a way that allows the reader to comprehend what Groot told them. This is brilliant. Baby Groot is used in I am Groot #1. Groot goes through a wormhole and strands himself away from the rest of the Guardians of the Galaxy. I am not sure what Groot was going after in I am Groot #1. There are more issues after this one so hopefully it will be explained at some point.



## Rumble



We find out about the town of Stoker in Rumble. They had the champion Rayburn many years back but he was lost at sea. The human coach was also lost. We find out about Winnie who was the daughter of the human coach. She even helps out the current Stoker monster Tentacular win the title against King George. Then Rumble throws the viewer for a curve. Tentacular decides to move to a different city (Slitherpoole) and take the title with him.

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# Nintendo Switch



## Cooking Mama Cookstar

It is so great to have a game like Cooking Mama Cookstar that encourages and supports traditional roles of the family. Cooking Mama Cookstar encourages that quite well. There is even a Noah's Ark rainbow grilled cheese sandwich in Cooking Mama Cookstar. I thought that was one of the coolest things in this cooking simulation video game. When we finish a recipe we get to take a picture of it and even decorate the picture if we so choose. We can use multiple backdrop locations as well. We are graded in a social media friends kind of way in Cooking Mama Cookstar.

## Wordbreaker by POWGI

The music in Wordbreaker by POWGI is fun to listen to. The music also helped keep me relaxed as I kept guessing words. Wordbreaker by POWGI will time the family member in terms of how long it takes them to solve the puzzle. There are one hundred and twenty puzzles within Wordbreaker by POWGI. It will take some time to get through all of the puzzles within Wordbreaker by POWGI.



## Monomals

The musical aspect is where Monomals really shines. There are some jamming tunes in this fun little video game with all kinds of character. Monomals includes a funny DJ with some great fishermen characters. Monomals is one of those hidden gems families can really embrace. The violent content is really light in Monomals. We have certain creatures that will attack us. We must spin at them to make them vanish.

## Logic Pic

The puzzle sizes in Logic Pic range from 5x5 to 15x20. There are numbers on the left and numbers on the top. The number denotes how many in that exact row (vertical or horizontal) must be selected. Say the top row says five, and there are only five. So we can tap on all five. Maybe it says 2,2. Then there are two sets of two in there and there must be at least one non-selected space between them.



## Instant Farmer

Instant Farmer is an interesting puzzle video game that could use some additional fleshing out. What is going on in this world? Why are we watering the plants? I feel like there is some back story that I am missing because the game never explained anything to me. The lack of history to help me connect with the game. I like the fact there are fifty levels in Instant Farmer. To unlock levels the player must complete the

current one they are on.

## Mario Golf Super Rush

I learned something very important in Mario Golf Super Rush. When you play in Battle Mode go after different holes than your competition. It is easier to get the ball in the hole when no one else is going after that same hole. In fact I was able to use this to easily win in the Battle Mode. Some of the challenges in Mario Golf Super Rush require the player to determine which holes go after. There is also a time limit so you need to plan and be fast. Those two competing challenges broke my brain.



## Knockout Home Fitness

Knockout Home Fitness lets families learn Boxing, Kung Fu, Muay Thai, and Karate. All the time these routines will give you a sweat. Hopefully you were able to see the video I did of Knockout Home Fitness. If you missed it then you can find it in our video section. Knockout Home Fitness is very lenient on grading the kicks. In fact I accidentally punched a few times and it counted as a kick. I wish Knockout Home Fitness had something on our legs to verify that. Knockout Home Fitness would work really well on the Kinect system in my professional opinion.

## Mario Party Superstars

Mario Party Superstars gives families all kinds of choices in terms how to play Mario Party Superstars. There are mini games from the previous Mario Party games. That is a mixed bag. There were some good mini games in the past Mario Party games and there were some bad ones. Mario Party Superstars asks for your favorite Mario Party and mini games. There are one hundred classic mini games in Mario Party Superstars given a modern twist.



## Cyber Pool

Cyber Pool has a neon visual theme going for it. The balls will light up the table below and around them. This is a pretty nice little effect. There are some things going on in the background with Cyber Pool as well. The music is okay in Cyber Pool. It might grow on you. It never annoyed me like the music in some other games. The music goes for a bit of a techno flair and flavor.



# Playstation 4



## Sonic Colors Ultimate

Dr Eggman feels horrible about all of his conquering the world schemes in Sonic Colors Ultimate. He creates a five planet amusement park for everyone to enjoy. Sonic and Tails crash this new park because they are sure Dr Eggman is up to something nefarious. All he is doing is capturing some alien creatures to power things. Nothing too terrible. But Sonic the Hedgehog has to stop him. Along the way Sonic is granted powers by the aliens. The different colors of the aliens give different powers. White lets Sonic shoot himself along a specifically chosen trajectory. The yellow aliens let Sonic dig through the ground (or things like cake). As players unlock the aliens they can replay previously levels and worlds to acquire more things.

## Hotel Transylvania Scary-Tale Adventures

We can collect cards and gems while we play Hotel Transylvania Scary-Tale Adventures. There are shops within the levels to purchase the cards in Hotel Transylvania Scary-Tale Adventures. There are also special keys and special treasure chests in Hotel Transylvania Scary-Tale Adventures with other cards. I showed some of it while I live streamed Hotel Transylvania Scary-Tale Adventures from start to finish. It takes six to eight hours to beat Hotel Transylvania Scary-Tale Adventures.



## Marsupilami Hoobadventure

There is a cool feature within Marsupilami Hoobadventure. The animal we are playing with has a very long tail. This tail is used to grab onto certain objects. This adds a nice game play mechanic to the levels within Marsupilami Hoobadventure. This feature is used a lot in the final section of the final boss level. This was very obnoxious by the way. Marsupilami Hoobadventure starts easy and gets more difficult as the game progresses.

## Taxi Chaos

Certain goals need to be attained in Taxi Chaos to get faster and more powerful vehicles. Some are easy like play arcade mode five times. Others get more complex and require some skill. Taxi Chaos is some quick fun that one family member at a time can enjoy. I wish there had been a local multiplayer option in Taxi Chaos. Families could compete or cooperate for high scores. The faster you get a fare to their location the more stars and money you will receive.



## MLB The Show 21

The pitching viewpoint in the one player mode in MLB The Show 21 looks fantastic. I love seeing the camera from right behind the pitcher. Fans of the Home Run Derby will not be disappointed with MLB The Show 21. That mode is included. The main modes in MLB The Show 21 are Road to the Show, Diamond Dynasty, March to October and Franchise. Retro Mode is also available for those into that experience. MLB The Show 21 looks good. Thing is the franchise has looked so good for so long that it is not showing much improvement. I love seeing the stances and swings of the different players in MLB The Show 21.

## Open Country

First off Open Country looks really nice. I love how this game looks and how it highlights animals and other objects we can interact with. There is violence in Open Country against animals. The animals will also bleed in Open Country. This is obviously done for some realism. It is worth mentioning if you are squeamish about things like blood and violence in a video game. Open Country does contain it as long as you hit the animals.



## Super Monkey Ball Banana Mania

When the family member finishes all of the levels of a world they get a small little cut scene. I really wish these had more to them personally. Each world in Super Monkey Ball Banana Mania has a theme to it. Some examples are inside a whale, and lava. Super Monkey Ball Banana Mania has a timer the player must be aware of or they will fail the level. Super Monkey Ball Banana Mania starts pretty easy but gets really complex and difficult later. Players can grab all of the bananas in a level or just whatever they come across on the way to the goal.

## eFootball 2023

eFootball 2023 looks fantastic. Especially when we see the players going into and out of the locker rooms. That is a neat visual that makes this video game feel a bit more real. I also enjoyed watching the players stretch before a game. The announcers continue to be good and relay the excitement of scoring and almost scoring. It is rare to get a break away but when you do the announcers let the players know something is about to happen.



## Super Onion Boy 2

There are a plethora of treasure chests in the thirty levels of Super Onion Boy 2. Some of the chests contain items that will give our player some kind of power up. The power ups range in Super Onion Boy 2 and provide differing abilities. We may wind up in a bubble or have a magic wand that can launch farther attacks. My favorite power up in Super Onion Boy 2 is to be able to double jump.

# XBOX ONE



## PowerWash Simulator

PowerWash Simulator looks really nice. It is neat to see all of these different objects. It is even better when you completely clean them and they shine again. PowerWash Simulator made me feel like I was making things better. There are plenty of cool tools to use in PowerWash Simulator to clean up the neighborhoods in career or free modes. Hardcore gamers will be interested in challenge mode in PowerWash Simulator. You can play it in Time Challenge or Water Challenge. Time challenge is to get it done as quickly as possible, and water challenge is to use the least amount of water possible.

## Mekabolt+

There are one hundred levels within Mekabolt+. They get progressively more difficult. Each of the four worlds in Mekabolt+ have a theme. For example Jungle and Desert. The backgrounds of the levels fit the theme of the world. There are even certain blocks that could fit the theme. For example blocks that go away start in the desert world. I learned to pay attention the floors in Mekabolt+ because there could be traps like spikes. Mekabolt+ contains a plethora of traps. We can stun the robots, jump on them, push them around and more.



## Before We Leave



Before We Leave looks decent and there is some nice music. There is violent content as some creatures will try and tear down what you are building. The controls in Before We Leave are easy to pick up and learn. The tutorial also teaches players where things are. We must research new skills for the peeps to be able to do them in Before We Leave. A lot of Before We Leave is about balancing. We need certain resources to build specific objects. We also need our people to be trained in how to build those specific objects.



## Subnautica Below Zero

Even though Subnautica Below Zero is an icy planet there is some amazing diversity under the waves. We can also make land vehicles in Subnautica Below Zero which is pretty cool. The voices in Subnautica Below Zero are pretty good. I enjoyed listening to the variety of warnings this voice gave me. The music sets a real tone in Subnautica Below Zero. At times I forgot I was playing a game because of how great this game looks and how much fun it is. I wanted to find more animals, and more areas in Subnautica Below Zero.

## Pupperazzi

The music in Pupperazzi is very interesting. I came to enjoy it eventually. The indie graphics with the double jump did make my head feel funny after awhile. I also found invisible walls at the top of the main building in the home area. Vending machines are a good place to purchase items in Pupperazzi. There are golden dog bones hidden in places as well as earned from missions. Those can be used to improve your gear at a shop on the map screen.



## Paw Patrol Grand Prix

The drift boost is fantastic within Paw Patrol Grand Prix. In fact really good players can probably drift boost, and use regular boosts throughout an entire race. Each pup you race with has a different power. I raced with Chase and he has a siren that slows down anyone around him. Think about what happens in traffic if a police officer turns on his lights and sirens. Other racers have different power ups that are charged by collecting treats.

## Feeding Frenzy 2 Shipwreck Showdown

While Peter and I were looking through Game Pass video games we found Feeding Frenzy 2 Shipwreck Showdown. This one looked interesting to me. So I thought I would give it a whirl when I had a chance. I have now played Feeding Frenzy 2 Shipwreck Showdown. This is a definite arcade style video game. We are a fish that eats smaller fish. We must stay away from larger fish because they will eat us.



## It Takes Two

I am very pleased It Takes Two was created and released. Divorce is too easy in our culture and society. Couples should keep their vows and work together to make their marriages work. Too often selfishness destroys a family. If more couples had to go through what Cody and May had to, then I believe divorce rates would plummet. Men and women get married for a reason. They should focus on the positives while working together to improve their relationship.

# Personal Computer



My Universe Doctors & Nurses

My Universe Doctors & Nurses looks nice and it sounds good. We level up the doctor/nurse combination while we successfully complete the mini games within My Universe Doctors & Nurses. As long as you listen you should be find playing My Universe Doctors & Nurses. Technically it is the reading skill that is required to succeed in My Universe Doctors & Nurses. The directions are very good. Patients will tell you their symptoms.

Tour de France 2022

The narrator usually has good comments in Tour de France 2022. At times he would tell me to do something that did not apply. For example he would tell me to get to the front of the pack when I was already in first place. Tour de France 2022 looks good and it sounds good. Are bushes really all over the roads over there? Players can level up while they play Tour de France 2022. Why do all the winning racers look the same?



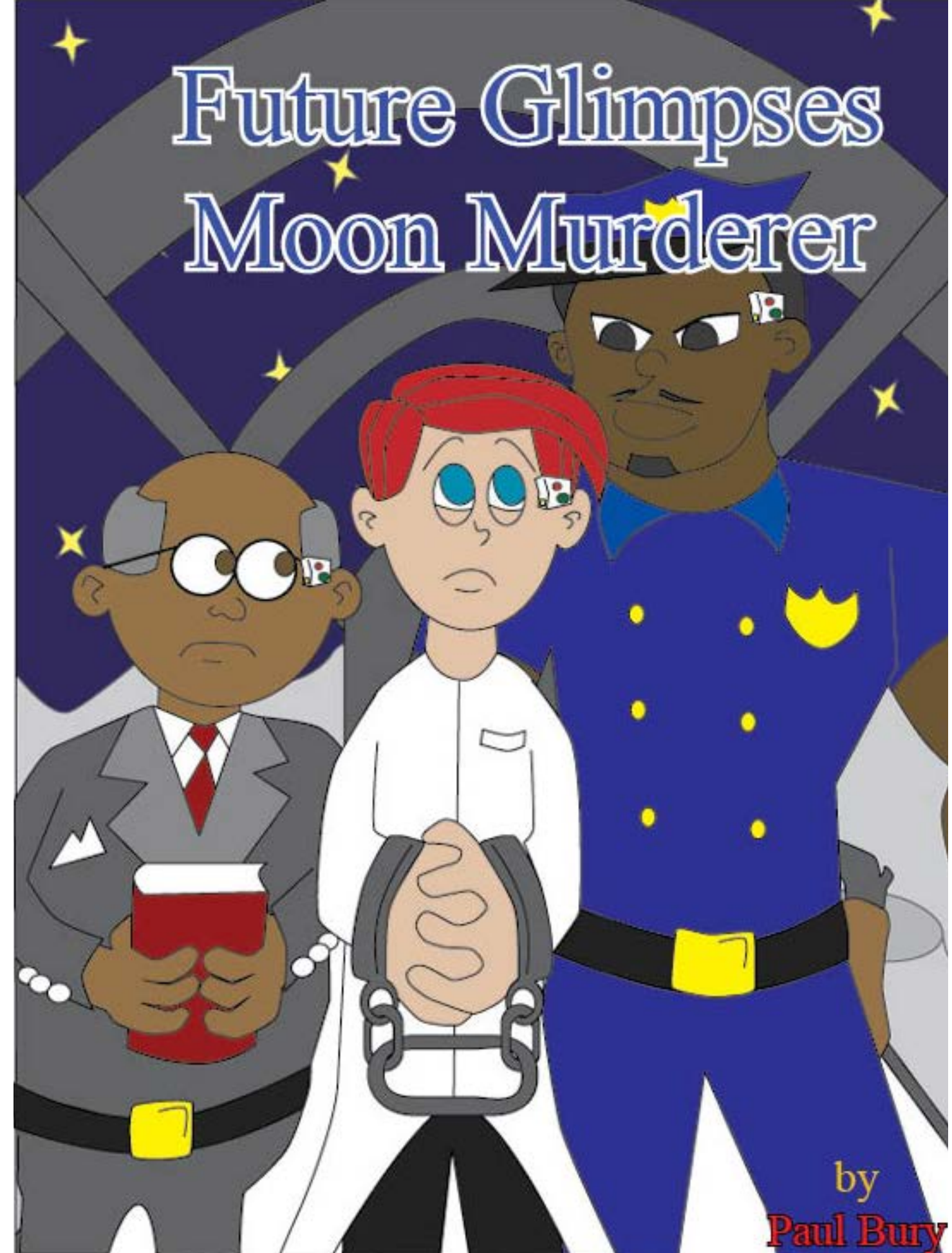
Island Farmer

We can rotate the levels, zoom in, zoom out, and enjoy the fish swimming around. There are also some animations after the island has been completed. Island Farmer looks decent graphically and there is some nice music that helps the player chill and relax. My biggest problem with Island Farmer was moving the cursor around the island due to

certain shapes. Say there is a U formation on the island.

Isla Sinaloa

There are all kinds of different Ensenasoft characters that can be found in Isla Sinaloa. The more I played Isla Sinaloa the more I saw different characters I knew from other franchises of theirs. There are over fifteen mini games to play in Isla Sinaloa. On top of that Isla Sinaloa contains controller support. Ensenasoft continues to add things to improve Isla Sinaloa as time progresses. There is so much more to do in Isla Sinaloa than Animal Crossing. Tools last a bit longer in Isla Sinaloa than Animal Crossing New Horizons too.



## Future Glimpses Moon Murderer

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# BLU-RAY

## Minions The Rise of Gru



It is so nice to see family friendly movies continue to thrive and do well. Minions The Rise of Gru brings us to a twelve year old Gru who is having the Minions build his first evil lair. He is also trying to get onto the team of the Vicious 6. The founding member of the Vicious 6 Wild Knuckles is presumed dead. His own team got rid of him when he got a magical amulet with mystical powers. The Vicious 6 reject Gru because of his age. He is told to do something to get their attention. So Gru steals that magical amulet from them. They did not immediately recognize that he caught their attention.

## The Bad Guys

The Bad Guys are given a second chance in this movie. There is a gerbil by the name of Professor Marmalade in The Bad Guys. He takes on the crew to teach them how to be good. This is where some of the best humor is in this movie. They have only known being bad because of how they look. They experience applause and cheering at one point in The Bad Guys. This takes them aback because they are used to scaring everyone.



## Clifford The Big Red Dog



How does Clifford grow so big in Clifford The Big Red Dog? He is loved by his new owner. That love is what causes him to grow. If that were the case why don't we have large pets everywhere? Every pet that man gives away should be huge if it has to do with him and magic. I never really quite understood that. I just went with it as most kids will probably not question it. Although your kids might love on your pets and wonder why they are not getting really huge. We know our boys would ask that question because they were taught how to think for themselves.

## My Hero Academia World Heroes Mission

There is this cult in My Hero Academia World Heroes Mission called Humarise. They follow the Quirk Doomsday Theory. I am not completely versed on what the Quirk Doomsday Theory is. From what I understand from My Hero Academia World Heroes Mission the theory is that all life on the planet will get destroyed because of quirks that become more powerful. They want to save humanity from that destructive fate by destroying all quirks.



# DVD

## Inspector Gadget



Inspector Gadget reminds me I need to go check out the original cartoon at some point. There was also a sequel to this live action Inspector Gadget. Matthew Broderick does a fantastic job with Inspector Gadget. I appreciate the efforts Rupert Everett put into the Claw character in Inspector Gadget as well. Both actors make sure to put a little tongue in cheek into their characters that actually added some fun to the movie.

## Spies in Disguise

Will Smith really nails the arrogant, self-absorbed, self-centered, egotistical Lance Sterling character perfectly. Tom Holland does a fantastic job with the Walter Beckett character. The main villain Killian has a real backstory that makes perfect sense. Lance Sterling killed off his friends, and caused him to be mutilated. He needs a cybernetic arm and part of his face to survive.



## Blaze and the Monster Machines Dino Derby



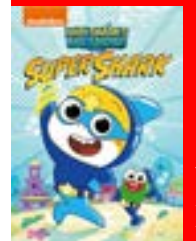
There is a great theme throughout multiple episodes within Blaze and the Monster Machines Dino Derby. That great theme is cheating is bad. Crusher is always trying to cheat to win the races within Blaze and the Monster Machines Dino Derby. He ultimately loses because Blaze makes it through all of the problems Crusher lays down before him.

## Paw Patrol Cat Pack Rescues

Kids can learn about working together and doing what it takes to save others in Paw Patrol Cat Pack Rescues. It is interesting to see these cats with outfits and vehicles as well. Each of the cats in Paw Patrol Cat Pack Rescues has some power that can help save the day in certain situations. Other animals are saved in Paw Patrol Cat Pack Rescues as well.



## Baby Shark's Big Show Super Shark



Kids can learn a plethora of lessons from Baby Shark's Big Show Super Shark. Some of the lessons in Baby Shark's Big Show Super Shark are be confident, be brave, you can do it, be yourself, believe in yourself, you do not need to be macho, you can be small and a hero, clean your room, help others, appreciate your friends, work together, be original, be kind, be gracious, and more.

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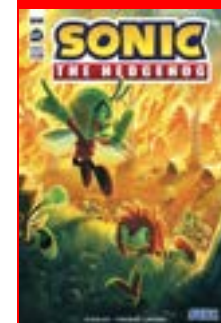


## My Little Pony #3

The biggest lesson in My Little Pony #3 is about being responsible. There is a minor lesson about having good communications. Zipp and Cloud Puff do lie to the mother that the night was no trouble at all. They made a deal to keep Cloud Puffs secret place a secret. Another way of looking at it is that everything worked out. I believe Zipp and Cloud Puff are much closer after their experiences in My Little Pony #3. Another lesson within My Little Pony #3 is to not be pampered and spoiled.

## Pyramids of Ra

We must take our little light and move it around the screen in Pyramids of Ra. The goal is to cross each of the tiles and then make it to the S tile. We must go across each of the tiles within Pyramids of Ra. As players progress through the game Pyramids of Ra gets more complex and players will need to go across the same tile multiple times. The way you can tell is the color of the tile. A red tile for example can only be gone over once before it vanishes. Players cannot go back over that space again either.



## Sonic The Hedgehog #47

I love how Jewel has the idea in Sonic The Hedgehog #47 that stops the fire from threatening the campgrounds. She is so modest when everyone is excited that her idea works. I wish more comic books had these kinds of characters. Sonic does make an appearance in Sonic The Hedgehog #47. It felt weird reading so much of a Sonic The Hedgehog comic book with no Sonic The Hedgehog. It was interesting to see the different characters and how they acted. Tails also makes an appearance.

## Lovely Adventure 7

We start Lovely Adventure 7 with a party of four characters. We can upgrade their armor and weapons with money we have earned from the quests. If we go into the wrong place in Lovely Adventure 7 then we are told that we need to go to this other area first. The maps and towns are not huge so it does not take long to traverse the three continents within Lovely Adventure 7.



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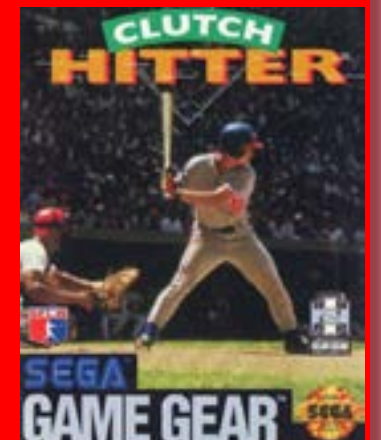


## NBA Action

The music and the special effect sounds are fantastic in NBA Action. One or two players can really jam to this sports video game. Note you will need two Game Gears, two copies of the game, and a link cord to play NBA Action in two player mode. Families can play NBA Action for 3, 6, 9 or 12 minutes quarters. The difficulties in NBA Action are Rookie, Veteran, and All Star. Families should be able to win in the Rookie mode.

## Clutch Hitter

Clutch Hitter looks great for the Game Gear. Clutch Hitter also sounds wonderful. There is an option to turn off the music in case you do not like it. Which is a nice option in my book. Clutch Hitter can be played by one or two players. We can pick all of the baseball teams from that era and play in five, seven, or nine inning games. Pitching is actually enjoyable in Clutch Hitter. We move the pitcher around and I experimented with different pitches. Families with a Game Gear should check out Clutch Hitter.



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# SPORTS

## Bassmaster Fishing 2022

Bassmaster Fishing 2022 can be played in Bassmaster Venue, Career Bass, Bassmaster Online, Angler's Club, Mastery and the Shop. There are plenty of different rods, reels, bait, and more in Bassmaster Fishing 2022. Boats are really expensive in Bassmaster Fishing 2022. There are plenty of locales to go visit and explore in Bassmaster Fishing 2022. We can release the wrong fish in Bassmaster Fishing 2022 too.



## Fifa 22

To EA Sports credit Fifa 22 is actually competent. Did you catch the live stream Peter and I did of Fifa 22? We actually had fun playing this soccer video game. That stream will be split into two videos that will appear on our video channels when we get the bandwidth and finances to do so. I found Volta Football more interesting than Peter did. It may also be some of the options we picked. Games within Fifa 22 can be adjusted to be more arcade with different rules if the player so chooses.



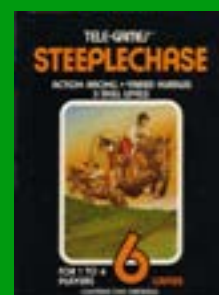
## Cricket 22

A half inning lasts as long as all of the batters on one team. So the bowling team must get all of the opposing team out before they can get to bowl themselves. That means innings within Cricket 22 are extremely long. Cricket 22 will save your game so you can come back to it later. We simulated much of the game after the first inning when we recorded a video of Cricket 22. One game is played across multiple days as well. If you are into cricket then you probably know all of this. Cricket 19 was the last cricket video game we played.

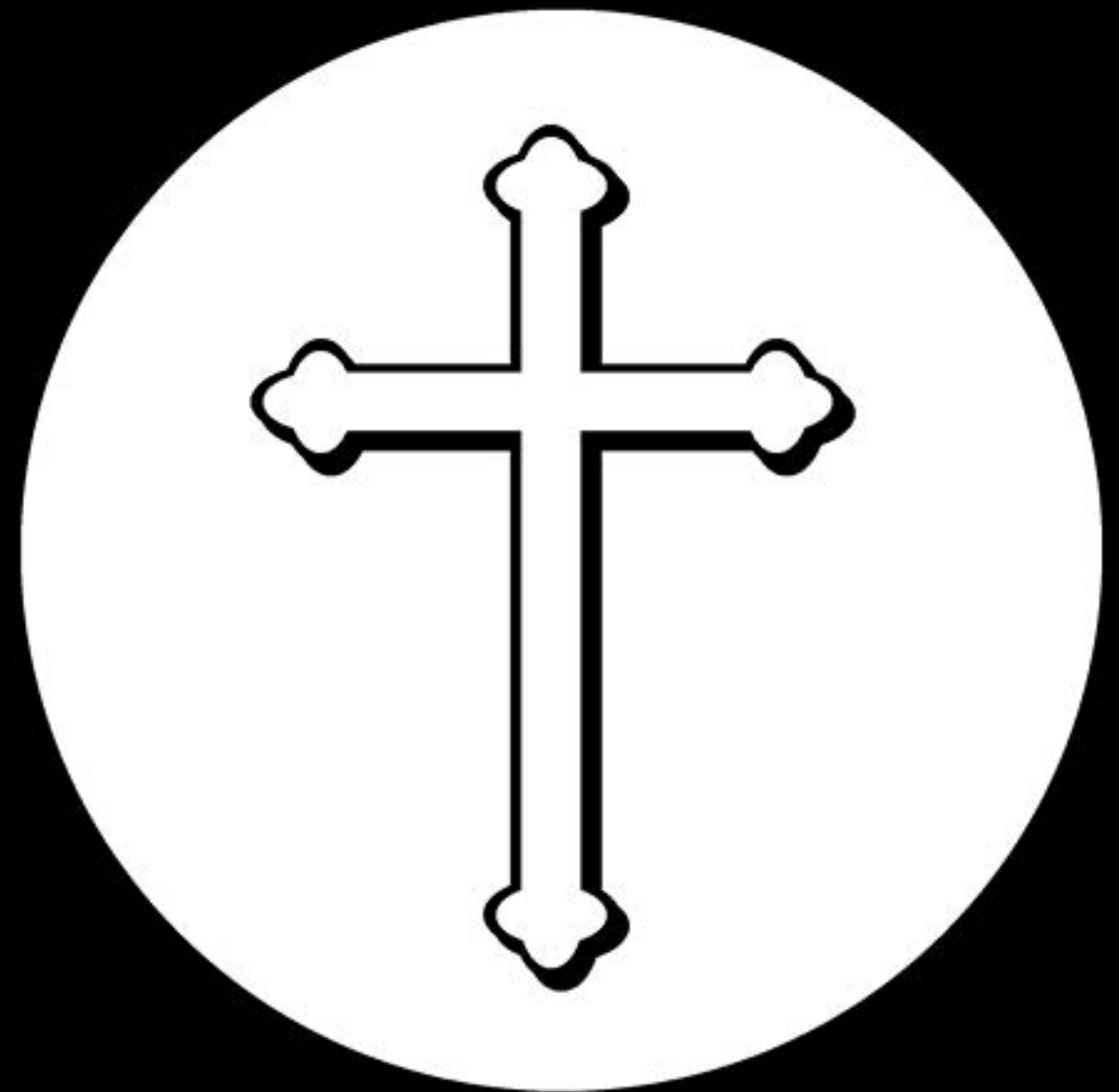


## Steeplechase

Steeplechase has some nice horse animations in it for the age of this video game. Steeplechase is still an Atari 2600 video game so it is not the most graphically intense project on the planet. The music and jumping special effect sounds are great in Steeplechase. As the player does really good jumps their horse will speed up. I even noticed some great speed right before the end of the race.



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# Playstation 5



## Astro's Playroom

Astro's Playroom has all kinds of charm to it. There are little bots doing all kinds of things in Astro's Playroom. We also go through Astro's Playroom with certain suits. These suits are really cool and different. We may need to use the touch pad and/or gyro controls to traverse areas with these suits. I had lots of fun playing with the different suits in Astro's Playroom. The areas have a great design and encourage exploration. Things are hidden all over the place in Astro's Playroom.

## Puyo Puyo Tetris 2

Puyo Puyo Tetris 2 lets families play Puyo Puyo, and Tetris. There is also the ability for some family members to play Puyo Puyo and others play Tetris when they compete against one another. Puyo Puyo Tetris 2 can be played in Adventure, Solo, Multiplayer, Online and Lessons. There are of course Options and Data adjustments that can be made. Up to four family members can enjoy Puyo Puyo Tetris 2 at the same time. The action is pretty good and these games are generally pretty easy to comprehend. If you don't understand then go to the Lessons to learn how to play Puyo Puyo Tetris 2. This game is on a lot of different systems so it can reach quite a few families.



## tinykin

The spiders in Tinykin will shoot lines that we can use a soapboard on. It can feel weird to go along this small wire on a piece of soap. I eventually adapted to it. There are multiple ways to go around levels within Tinykin. The Tinykin will take special items to the right place as long as the way is unlocked. I had to find my way around to open certain areas to help the Tinykin get the special objects to the right location. I had fun playing Tinykin. There is a lot to do in each of the levels. If you enjoy looking around

and exploring you will enjoy Tinykin.

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# Xbox Series X



## Microsoft Flight Simulator

Microsoft Flight Simulator looks beautiful and it sounds great too. There were all kinds of ohs and ahs when I was playing Microsoft Flight Simulator. I did notice a few graphical glitches here and there. I also noticed some things missing like Safeco Fields. The cars driving sideways on a hill was outstanding. There is so much to pay attention to while playing in Microsoft Flight Simulator. Air speed, and altitude are two very important things to always be aware of. Microsoft Flight Simulator can provide assists that will help the player. The assist that helped me with stalling the airplane was perfect for me.

## Lawn Mowing Simulator

Lawn Mowing Simulator taught me some good things. For instance finish one job before you go and start on the next one. I need to refuel and machines in Lawn Mowing Simulator. I also need to empty them of grass into a container. There are all kinds of different lawn mowers and weed eaters in Lawn Mowing Simulator. I had a lot of fun playing Lawn Mowing Simulator on the Xbox Series X. Lawn Mowing Simulator can also be found on the PC. This game needs to be on more systems in my opinion.

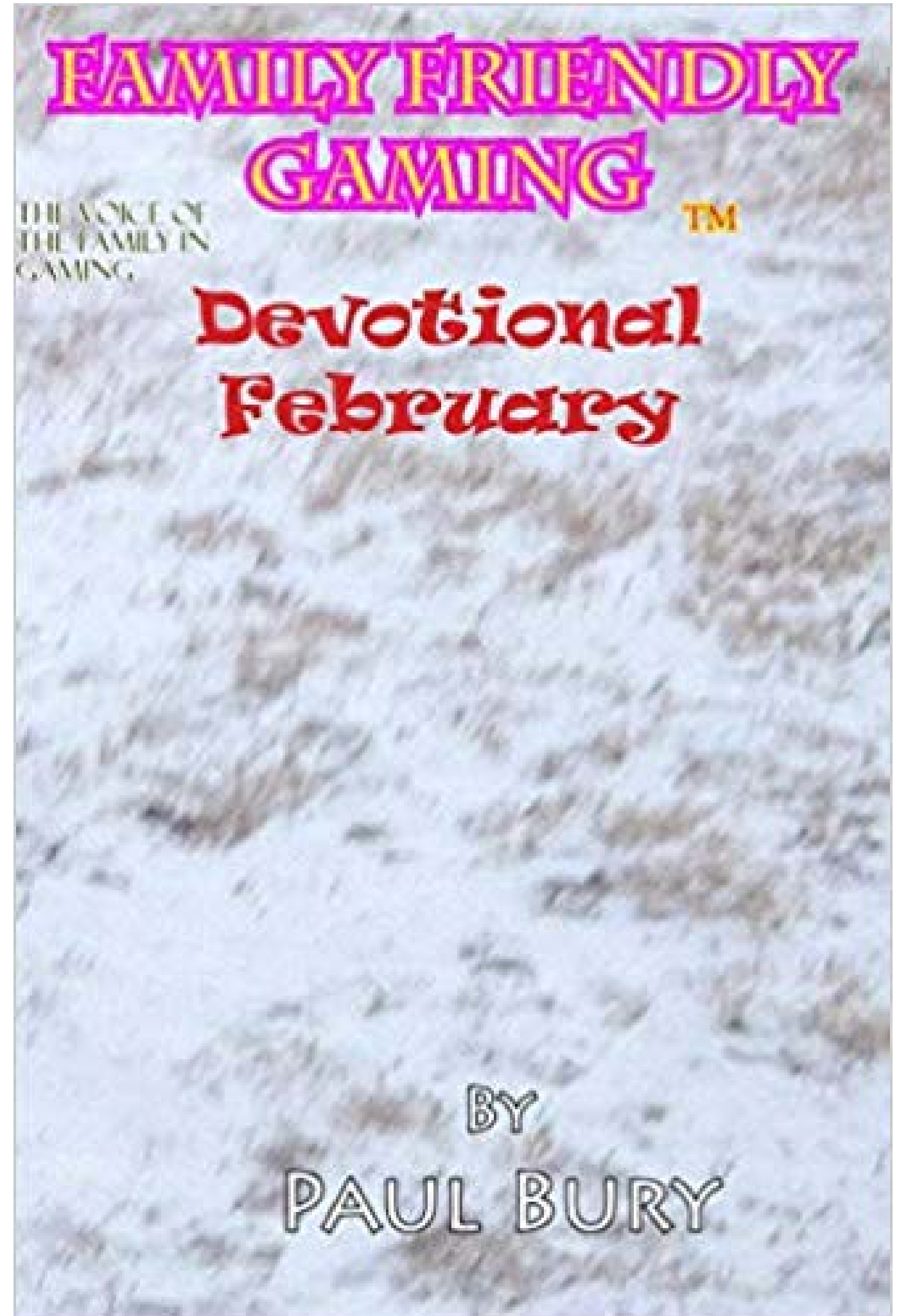


## Forza Horizon 5

The open world concept continues within Forza Horizon 5. We race in the same world we go around and find signs, barns, and more in Forza Horizon 5. The graphics in Forza Horizon 5 are stunning. The voice acting adds some flair to the game. There are different festivals all over the map in Forza Horizon 5. As we complete races and other tasks (i.e. speed traps, danger signs, etc.) we unlock points in these festivals.

## Shredders

We have multiple different open areas in Shredders that have a decent amount of area available. We can go to different areas once we unlock them in the story mode. We find certain spots within an area in Shredders to progress the story. Each of these missions will require certain things to be performed by the player. Maybe you need to hold on while a snowmobile races you to the top.



# LAST MINUTE



## Blaze and the Monster Machines Big Rig to the Rescue

Some of the lessons kids can learn from Blaze and the Monster Machines Big Rig to the Rescue are mass, weight, density, counting, colors, identification, comparison, numbers, heating, cooling, animals, subtraction, addition, counting by tens and more. Blaze and the Monster Machines Big Rig to the Rescue will ask kids which number is higher multiple times. Kids can also learn a bit of analysis from Blaze and the Monster Machines Big Rig to the Rescue.

## Star Trek Prodigy Supernova

The second thing we do in Star Trek Prodigy Supernova is solve puzzles. Each of the characters have certain skills that will help the player progress through the levels. These levels can take around half an hour or more to get through. Saves are sparse so you may be playing for a bit. Getting back to the ship lets us upgrade weapons and practice in the holo deck. Weapon upgrades must be unlocked first. The phasers in Star Trek Prodigy Supernova will overheat and then they must cool down.



## GoTris

GoTris is a very family friendly video game that was made in 2021. I know what you are thinking. The Sega Master System has been a dead system for a very long time. That may be the case but new video games on retro systems continues to grow and build. GoTris shows that we can enjoy some fun older style video games to this day. I like GoTris way better than a lot of modern video games personally. This is a fun puzzle video game.



## Cars on the Road Season One

The animations look good in Cars on the Road Season One. The voice acting is also spectacular. The storyline revolves around Mater and Lightning going on a road trip to attend the wedding of Mater's sister. You are probably like me and did not know Mater had a sister. There are plenty of laughs and different characters to meet in Cars on the Road Season One. We start in Radiator Springs and then learn about the mansion that Mater is from.

