

## Editor's Desk

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is absolutely wild to me to think back over the last year and realize that here we are again wrapping up another Christmas Buying Guide. I continue to use the baby step methodology to get things done. I start the Christmas Buying Guides around Labor Day. I do a product or two every single day until I am done in the middle of November. Here we are yet again with another one done. I use the same method on each magazine issue. I work on around three pages a day to get it done within one month. I find it interesting that some people are shocked that I can get so much work done. I am always going for a single. Others may try to do the home run method and find it such a mountain to climb. I take it one step at a time. One day at a time.

Every single year we are constantly changing things. This year is no different. As we have brought in more of the retro games, and hand held video games. There are some cool franchises in this Christmas Buying Guide like The Chosen. I am so glad I found that show in the last year on Amazon Prime. It is such a joy to find good, wholesome, uplifting and wonderful products for families. I know we go through a lot of garbage to find the good things. Since I do so much it always comes down to the time. Do I have the time for different things. Plus I am constantly looking at the different piles of products I have to go over when time presents itself. It is a nice problem to have actually.

Have you ever considered donating to Family Friendly Gaming. We do this as a labor or love. We lose money on every single issue, and website page we build. We lose money on every single live stream, and video we perform. We do not have a congregation that gives so we can have things. Instead we all work jobs to pay for this ministry work. All that I ask is that you pray about helping Family Friendly Gaming if we have been a blessing to you and your family. There are some days I am so exhausted from the day job, but I need to get work done for the Kingdom of Heaven. I feel like if we could do this wonderful work full time then it could make it so much better. I laugh when someone complains about this or that with Family Friendly

Gaming. I usually ask a question. How much did you put in to make it better? Or do you just come by and complain? Are you building up or tearing down?

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas. Spend some time together. Enjoy one another. Work toward being better. Work toward loving one another. Remember what Jesus said about that. Ask yourself what is really loving. Are you following the example of Jesus Christ who died for our sins? Are you following the example of the world that refuses to forgive?

God bless, Paul Bury



## Mission Statement

Family Friendly Gaming (FFG) was cre-

ated 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

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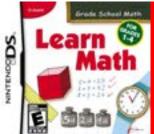
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#### Learn Math

There are puzzle games that can be unlocked in Learn Math after completing some of the math problems and earning stars. Those puzzle games have music in them too. It just makes the whole quiet math solving problems strange. Kids can learn addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in Learn Math. I found the math to be solid and good in this hand held video game.

#### Emma in the Mountains

The music within Emma in the Mountains is fun. The graphics look decent in this hand held video games. There is a limitation to the animation within Emma in the Mountains. There is some exploration within Emma in the Mountains. There are different animals that players will have conversations with in this Nintendo DS video game.





#### Professional Fisherman's Tour Northern Hemisphere

There are thirty fishing locations family members can go to in Professional Fisherman's Tour Northern Hemisphere. Each of the areas is a bit on the small side. We can throw the line out for a decent range which helps with the game play area. Professional Fisherman's Tour Northern Hemisphere looks way better than I expected it to.

#### Petz Dogz Fashion

The music in Petz Dogz Fashion is fantastic. The art in Petz Dogz Fashion is okay. We play a young girl that wants a puppy. She gets the puppy and then must take care of it. We must feed the dog, give it water, play with it, teach it tricks and more. There are some fun little mini games in Petz Dogz Fashion too. We can pick from eight different breeds in Petz Dogz Fashion.

#### Superman's Good Guy Gang FCBD 2025

The three of them decide to work together in Superman's Good Guy Gang FCBD 2025. How do they know Hawkgirl is being honest with them? Maybe she is lying. Maybe she is kidnapping the puppies in Superman's Good Guy Gang FCBD 2025.



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## Comic Books

# Graphic Novels



Disney Toy Story Master Woody #1

Disney Toy Story Master Woody #1 is a cute little comic book for kids. The puppy comes into the room and wants to play with the toys. The puppy can be a bit on the rough side with the toys. The toys are discussing what to do to stop the puppy from coming around. Different ideas are tried in Disney Toy Story Master Woody #1. Woody finally decides to take matters into his own hands when the other toys do not listen to him. Woody finds the puppy does respond to certain verbal commands. The puppy also steals Woody's hat. Woody goes outside to the puppy and winds up playing with him.

Minecraft The Manga FCBD 2025

The Minecraft is about a boy Nico. He wants to go on adventures when he is five years old. His mother holds him back. Nico's father is an adventurer. The father is also gone in Minecraft The Manga FCBD 2025. The story fast forwarded ten years and Nico is now training in a mine. His goal is the same, and he is just as impatient as before.



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My Little Pony The Storm of Zephyr Heights #2

Flying through the storm continues to fail in My Little Pony The Storm of Zephyr Heights #2. So the next idea they come up with is to fly over the storm. Three ponies do so and find the mythical city of Cloudsdale. They find some hedgehogs that they accidently anger. They seek shelter in a library where they learn the history and intent of the city.

Teen Titans Go #7

The storyline in Teen Titans Go #7 revolves around The Legion of Super-Heroes showing up and inviting the Teen Titans to the future. There is something kind of sketchy about this invite though. Different characters show off their powers.



Star Wars Galaxy's Edge

We learn about Batuu and this really evil cursed sword within Star Wars Galaxy's Edge. There are some interesting double crosses within Star Wars Galaxy's Edge. In fact there are multiple instances in this graphic novel where both sides working together do some kind of double cross on their partners. There are large Star Wars creatures also used in Star Wars Galaxy's Edge. Anyone remember the Sarlacc? There are groups in Star Wars Galaxy's Edge that care about greed. There are groups in Star Wars Galaxy's Edge that care about control. Thar art within Star Wars Galaxy's Edge is fantastic. The dialogue makes sense and each character has their motives.

Star Wars Adventures Smuggler's Run

Bounty hunters are trying to get ahold of Han Solo in Star Wars Adventures Smuggler's Run. In fact the Empire shows up to see Bounty hunters attacking Han Solo and Chewbacca at one point. The two smugglers get the Empire to take on the Bounty hunters for them. That way Han Solo and Chewbacca can make their escape in the chaos.



Booster Gold 52 Pick-Up

Booster Gold gets recruited by Rip Hunter to help save the timeline from the damage done to it by Mr. Mind. See Booster Gold helped Rip Hunter stop Mr. Mind and became a true and serious super hero of the timeline. Booster Gold is about to get to join the Justice League and be a serious hero. Booster Gold must turn down the Justice League to be a time traveling super hero. Since it is time travel why not return to the point in time that you left?

Web of Spider-Man

Web of Spider-Man is about this group of really intelligent young people that are working on different projects. Their secure site gets hacked by holograms. The holograms eventually get caught and dissipated until only one major one remains. The kids chase after the hologram and Peter Parker must lie to his new friends and change to Spider-Man. They eventually stop the theft by knocking out the power in a large area. Iron Man is over this group and he is not happy with them. What will he do with them in this graphic novel?



## FOR KIDS



#### Paw Patrol Rescue Wheels

There is one disc in the Paw Patrol Rescue Wheels package. It takes two hours and twenty minutes to watch Paw Patrol Rescue Wheels from start to finish. This animated television show disc is not officially rated. I would think Paw Patrol Rescue Wheels would get a rating for the younger members of the family though. The episodes that are on Paw Patrol Rescue Wheels are Pups Save Adventure Bay, Pups vs Monster Mayor, Pups Save the Teetering Tower, Pups Save the Spelunkers, Pups Save the Risky Race, Pups Save the Runaway Truck, Pups Save a Runaway Robo-Chicken Purse, Pups Save the Buggy Trekkers, Pups Take in a Runaway Kitty, and Pups Save the Cheese Goat.

#### Rubble & Crew On The Job

There are multiple episodes in Rubble & Crew On The Job where they build around nature. One of those builds is to put the school around a duck pond. In another instance in Rubble & Crew On The Job they build around a tree and nest of bees. Rubble & Crew On The Job teaches us that there is always a construction solution to the different problems. There is a bit of stress as humans promise something will get done.





#### Paw Patrol Air Rescue

The main Paw Patrol base in Paw Patrol Air Rescue is an airport. The Pups save a plethora of different characters. They even help out an alien that is trying to draw a picture in a corn field for its mother. It is a touching moment within Paw Patrol Air Rescue. The surfer going into the mountains was an interesting and different episode about confronting your fears.

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## Evercade



#### Data East Arcade 2

There are twelve arcade games on this cartridge. The games on Data East Arcade 2 are Peter Pepper's Ice Cream Factory, B-Wings, Shoot Out, Last Mission, Express Raider, SRD Super Real Darwin, Midnight Resistance, Crude Buster, Trio The Punch Never Forget Me, Super Burgertime, Edward Randy, and Joe & Mac Return. Many of the games in Data East Arcade 2 allow players to add credits and keep playing. A few will reset you at the start of a level. There are some real stand out titles for me in Data East Arcade 2. I like Super Burgertime, Edward Randy, Joe & Mac Return, Crude Buster, and Midnight Resistance. There is violent content within Data East Arcade 2.

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# Streaming



Luck

Thus far the content I have found on Apple TV+ has been pretty underwhelming. That is until I watched the movie Luck. This is a cute and very family friendly coming together film It took me one hundred and five minutes to watch Luck from start to finish. This animated movie has a lot of heart in it. Sam Greenfield is aging out of the orphanage system. She has a young friend there named Hazel. Sam runs across a black cat and finds a lucky penny after feeding him part of her sandwich. Sam

realizes the next day that this penny has given her really good luck. Sam has a wonderful day until she puts the penny down and it winds up getting flushed down the toilet. Sam finds this black cat again and follow him to the land of luck. There are leprechauns that can create good luck. The poor cat Bob is in trouble for losing his lucky penny.

#### The Secret Lives of Animals Season 1

Each episode in The Secret Lives of Animals Season 1 has a theme. The one about having friends is really interesting. These monkeys become friends and work together to get past a guard to get a drink of water. In that one the monkeys actually have two heads facing the other monkey. They got a drink so that was pretty cool in my opinion. The Secret Lives of Animals Season 1 contains plenty of interesting information.

#### Am Groot Season Two

In the first episode Groot befriends a little bird. He shares snacks with this bird, and even takes care of it. There is some gross humor as Groot steps in bird poop multiple times in this episodes. There is also some real character and care as Groot bonds with this bird. In Groot Noses around Groot is playing video games and looking for some batteries.





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# Nintendo Switch



#### My Universe Puppies and Kittens

Missions in My Universe Puppies and Kittens can range from things like throw the ball so many times to adopt so many of a certain animal. There are also aspects of the walks that earn rewards. The dog can dig and find special things like collars in My Universe Puppies and Kittens as well. The more we interact with a specific animal the faster they will level up. Dogs can be taught tricks in My Universe Puppies and Kittens too. We adopt puppies and kittens in My Universe Puppies and Kittens. We take the animals home and take care of them. The is the premise of My Universe Puppies and Kittens.

#### Yum Yum Cookstar

Yum Yum Cookstar lets families control this video game in multiple ways. It all depends how you have the Nintendo Switch. Docking the system provides different controls than playing the system in your hands. We go through multiple mini games to make the different food. The concept of Yum Yum Cookstar is just like Cooking Mama. We put in ingredients, mix, cook, and plate. There are judges in Yum Yum Cookstar.

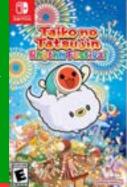


#### Reel Fishing Days of Summer

Reel Fishing Days of Summer looks great and it sounds great. Many of the female characters are drawn in a way that comes close to enticement to lust. The music and sounds in Reel Fishing Days of Summer are fantastic. I love hearing the water rushing down the river in certain parts of this video game. We can fish with three different characters in Reel Fishing Days of Summer. They will level up and earn skill points. As we catch fish in Reel Fishing Days of Summer we can save one in the aquarium at the cabin. Fishing, cooking, and crafting all give the three characters some experience.

#### Taiko no Tatsujin Rhythm Festival

Taiko no Tatsujin Rhythm Festival is a drum rhythm video game. We start with the drum character and the tutorial. Taiko no Tatsujin Rhythm Festival takes us through how to play the game and what all is in this video game. We can go to the Thunder Shrine, Taiko Land, Dondoko Town, Store, and My Room in Taiko no Tatsujin Rhythm Festival. As we play the seventy-six songs that come with Taiko no Tatsujin Rhythm Festival we earn rewards. We can purchase different costumes for our drum character in Taiko no Tatsujin Rhythm



#### Game Builder Garage



Game Builder Garage is learning software to teach you how to create your own little video game. I had some fun with Game Builder Garage. I learned the more you put into Game Builder Garage the more you will understand the concepts. There are plenty of great video game programming concepts put into Game Builder Garage. The good news is the programming is done for us. There are menus in Game Builder Garage that remind me of Visual Basic. Game Builder Garage is simplified even beyond that.

#### Pups & Purrs Pet Shop

The music in Pups & Purrs Pet Shop is nice. I liked the special effect sounds in Pups & Purrs Pet Shop as well. As we do well in the mini games they get progressively more difficult. The character is paid at the end of the day based on how they did in the mini games. That money can be spent on different clothing that you can dress your young lady in. I personally did not see much point in the different clothing.



#### PUI PUI Molcar Let's Molcar Party

The concept in PUI PUI Molcar Let's Molcar Party is that these characters are offered all kinds of carrots if they come to this town. We quickly learn in PUI PUI Molcar Let's Molcar Party that we need to build the town up which will earn us some carrots. We also earn currency within PUI PUI Molcar Let's Molcar Party. We can buy accessories and buildings with the currency in this Nintendo Switch video game. PUI PUI Molcar Let's Molcar Party looks okay, and it sounds great. There are enough mini games to keep families busy for a few weeks.

#### **Cuddly Forest Friends**

We can feed the animals, play with them, cheer the up and more. We also play some mini games at the end of the days in Cuddly Forest Friends. We can also dress up the animals in Cuddly Forest Friends as we unlock different items. I found Cuddly Forest Friends to be a lot of fun to play. There is something so relaxing and soothing about Cuddly Forest Friends. The more I played it the more I got into it.



#### Super Mario Party Jambored

There are allies that will appear on the boards in Super Mario Party Jamboree. There are all kinds of ways for this game to mess over a player. Characters can steal your coins or stars in Super Mario Party Jamboree. We can purchase items that help us or hurt another player. The computer controlled characters really liked to tag team against me.

#### Boardwalk Arcade 2

Families can play Boardwalk Arcade 2 with one player up to four players. I did the one player experience to see how that went. The biggest take away for me concerning Boardwalk Arcade 2 is the feel. I felt like this was a fair kind of a video game. I have been to numerous fairs in my lifetime and Boardwalk Arcade 2 brought me that nostalgia and feel. It honestly felt pretty good to me.



Pups & Purrs Pet Shop

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# Playstation 4

# Nintendo 3DS

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Dirt 5 has a nice range of difficulty settings and assists. I was able to win races in Dirt 5. I also lost a few near the end since one computer car would mess with me while another one would pass me. Where they working together? No one was helping me win. Dirt 5 looks really nice. I love the different tracks we race on in Dirt 5. Being on the snow and ice was my personal favorite. Dirt 5 has a Career mode, we can play online, we go into the Playgrounds, go into the Arcade, check out the Sponsors, go to the Garage or even mess with our player profile. I found plenty of races and styles in Dirt 5. I believe families should be able to get their money's worth out of Dirt 5. The key to Dirt 5 is you must like racing. I found the racing action to be pretty good in Dirt 5.



Tetris Forever celebrates forty years of Tetris. There are fact, and videos about Tetris in Tetris Forever. You better really like Tetris to want to play Tetris Forever. There is a cool Time Warp mode in Tetris Forever. We play a modern day Tetris and as we get certain special blocks removed we are brought back in time to play an older version of Tetris. We can also just go and play those older versions of

## Care Bears Unlock the Magic



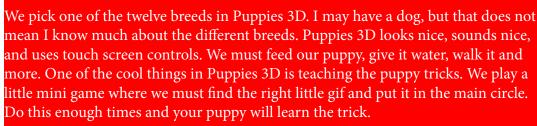
The tiles on the path are different mini games. That is the eight to twelve previously mentioned. As we go along in Care Bears Unlock the Magic the mini games get more challenging. Some of the mini games are more fun in my opinion than others. I enjoyed the vehicle driving that collected the hearts. The bubble flying (which is like Flappy Bird) was more annoying to me personally.

The story in My Little Pony A Zephyr Heights Mystery revolves around all of these anomalies. We must figure out who is behind the anomalies and then fix it. SPOILER ALERT! Sparky is the one behind it because the little dragon is sick. A smoothie fixes him and ends the game. We have to get to the little dragon first though. Most of My Little Pony A Zephyr Heights Mystery is go here, collect certain items, and open the way to the next area.



The modes in PES 2012 3D are Match, Network, UEFA Champions League, Copa Santander Libertadores, Master League, Become A Legend, World Player, League, Cup, Training, Edit, Gallery, and System Settings. There are a fair amount of teams to play in PES 2012 3D as well. They are sorted by region as well. There are more teams in this hand held video game that are from the different leagues. One of the biggest shocks in PES 2012 3D is the announcers. They are actually pretty good in this soccer video game that I really liked playing. There are plenty of options to choose from in PES 2012 3D as well. The more I played this sports video game the more impressed I became.

#### Puppies 3D





I really like King Julien in Dreamworks Super Star Kartz. What does he do in this racing video game? He will introduce the tracks and explain some of the hazards. Yes there is humor within Dreamworks Super Star Kartz. We collect boxes in this racing video game that will help us in a plethora of different ways. There is also stars we collect in Dreamworks Super Star Kartz.

## My Pet Puppy 3D





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## XBOX ONE

## Nintendo DS



#### Kevwe

One of the coolest thing about playing KeyWe for a live stream was the support we received. There are viewers that have been looking for someone to play KeyWe. It is always nice to play the game and find fans of that game. This is a cute little puzzle video game where one or two family members can play at the same time. We play with two kiwis in KeyWe. I am talking about the little birds, not the fruit. The two little birds get a job at a local postal station way out in the outback in KeyWe. The thing that I found most interesting about KeyWe is the different duties we could do. Players can enjoy a tutorial at the start of each level in KeyWe. Players can also skip the tutorial if they think they know what to do. As we progress in KeyWe the games get more difficult. Like these annoying flies will get in the way and steal things.

#### EA Sports FC 25

I enjoyed the more arcade modes in EA Sports FC 25. The graphics are really small when we are on the field. The replay after a score shows that the graphics look nice. The offensive music in EA Sports FC 25 can be turned off. I had to do that for the livestream or the audio copyrights would get all of the money from my hard work. Volta with walls is better than Volta without it.



#### NBA 2K25

NBA 2K25 looks good, and it sounds good. There are plenty of interesting comments from the announcers. The presentation is all about the experience at the courts. So we get a dance cam for example. Although the same dances were performed by different NPC's in game after game. Those can be skipped. The cheerleaders will dance. We will see someone try and make the half court shot and more in NBA 2K25. The controls are easy to pick up and there are multiple difficulty settings so you can customize this game for your level.

#### F1 25

I like seeing the different tracks within F1 25. I also enjoyed getting to the finish line first quite often in this racing video game. All of the drama in the story mode is obnoxious. I doubt it is really like that behind the scenes. I do not know since I am not there in those rooms listening to those people. It just feels like character types to me.



# NINTENDEDS.

#### Hannah Montana Music Jam

The modes within Hannah Montana Music Jam on the Nintendo DS are Adventure Play, Creative Play, Extras, and Settings. We are playing as Hannah Montana and her alter ego within this hand held video game. We learn about her life, friends and more. In fact Hannah Montana Music Jam feels like the show to me. There are different music video games to play. There is a help button that explains how to play the different little mini games within Hannah Montana Music Jam. The graphics in this Nintendo DS video game are way better than I was expecting. The music within Hannah Montana Music

Jam is also really good. To me this video game is a lost treasure that families can enjoy.

### My Fashion Studio

My Fashion Studio grades players on three things. We are graded on Speed, Tailoring and Style. Speed and Style are easy to do well. The Tailoring is all about how many mistakes the players makes. The less mistakes the higher your score will be in the Tailoring in My Fashion Studio. I noticed some interesting things in the controls related to this Nintendo DS video game.



# Brain Quest

#### Brain Ouest

We can play Quest Mode, Brain Mode, Multiplayer, Sudoku, Collectibles and Options within Brain Quest. The categories in Brain Quest are English, Science, Math, History, Geography, and Grab Bag. If you wait too long to answer a question the points will drop in Brain Quest. I wanted to be right and fast when I answered questions in this hand held video game.

#### Paws & Claws Pet Resort

The music in Paws & Claws Pet Resort is fun to listen to. I enjoyed the music while running in essence an animal hotel. We need to groom the animals as well as play with them. Certain little games will build up the exercise faster in Paws & Claws Pet Resort. We learn a plethora of things about the different animals when they are dropped off. We can also turn away some animals if we are just too stacked.



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# Personal Computer



#### A SPORTS Madden NFL 25

I loved having the time and equipment to live stream EA SPORTS Madden NFL 25 for our viewers on You-Tube. Viewers even got to pick the teams I played. It was on the rookie setting so I absolutely stomped the other teams. I probably need to bump the difficulty up one in the future. I did great on offense and defense no matter the team I played and whom I played against. EA SPORTS Madden NFL 25 looks good and it sound good. There were times I waited to listen to the announcers finish what they were saying because it was so interesting.

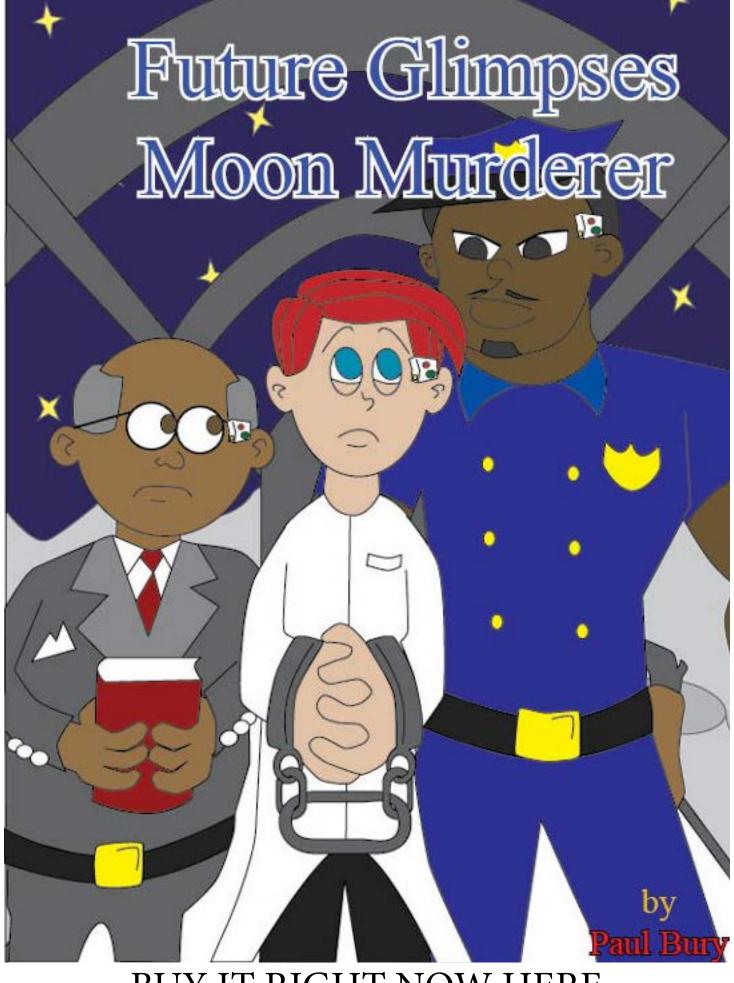
#### Moving Out 2

We are given a timer on the levels within Moving Out 2. We must get so much furniture moved, or get so many items in the right places to be able to progress to the next level. There are five areas in Moving Out 2 that we drive around. In total there are fifty-seven levels within Moving Out 2. We can complete the primary and optional objectives in each of those levels in Moving Out 2. Some of the levels take practice depending on what obstacles are in your way. For example we may need to put items on a pulley and then move them across.





My thoughts and opinion concerning Tales of the Shire A Lord of the Rings Game changed as I played it. Initially this Lord of the Rings life simulation in a Hobbit village did not impress me. I played Tales of the Shire A Lord of the Rings Game a bit more and found I really liked the charm. I also did some research and found the way to get things to improve is to have Hobbits over for a meal. Players make two meals and send out invitations for two Hobbits. Once it is time set the table and watch it unfold.



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## MANGA

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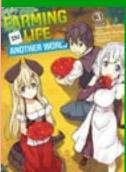


#### Farming Life in Another World Vol 2

There is some humor within Farming Life in Another World Vol 2 as well. Hiraku becomes a father in what Peter told me is known as a harem manga. Hiraku has multiple wives. The unlimited stamina he was provided really helps him out in Farming Life in Another World Vol 2. Another one of his wives does get pregnant in this manga book. There is contact made with a human village near the sea as well. Trading and cooking are major parts of Farming Life in Another World Vol 2. More dragons show up in this manga book. There are characters mad at other characters for keeping the village a secret in Farming Life in Another World Vol 2. I am very curious to see where this series will go next.

#### Farming Life in Another World Vol 1

This manga book contains chapters one through sixteen. Hiraku is an abused wage slave in Japan. He winds up working himself to death. The last part of his life was in a hospital. Hiraku dies, and meets God. He is given a chance for another life of his choice. Hiraku thinks it is reincarnation but God explains it is relocated. Hiraku picks a farming life and is given an Almighty Farming Tool.



#### Farming Life in Another World Vol

Hiraku also learns about the Lamia tribe in the dungeon that his inferno wolves and demon spiders have been attacking. The Lamia submit to Hiraku and he is having them extend their dungeon toward the dragon's den. That way trading can be easier. There is quite a bit of work on trade in Farming Life in Another World Vol 3. There is also another child born to Hiraku in Farming Life in Another World Vol 3. Plenty of other women want some time and attention from Hiraku in Farming Life in Another World Vol 3. He is trying to get some of the chores off his plate in Farming Life in Another World Vol 3 though.

#### Farming Life in Another World Vol 4

The decision is made in Farming Life in Another World Vol 4 to put ideas on paper and then pull them out of a box to decide what kind of a festival they will do. A martial arts festival is the final decision. There are numerous matches shown in Farming Life in Another World Vol 4. There are more fights to happen in the next manga book.



COLLECTOR'S EDITION

#### The Wild Robot

As you might expect Roz makes a mess of a great many things in The Wild Robot trying to help the animals. She gets attacked by the animals and cannot even send a distress signal out for help. Roz goes into analysis mode and learns the language of the animals in The Wild Robot. Roz accidentally breaks a goose nest and saves one egg. The egg hatches Brightbill. Fink is a fox that tries to eat the egg, and the gosling in The Wild Robot. Roz overwrites her own programming to raise Brightbill. Roz in essence becomes a mother. She must feed Brightbill, teach him to swim, and teach him to fly. The thing about The Wild Robot that really stands out to me is the heart of it. The sacrifices parents make for their kids. Brightbill leaves with the geese and even catches the eye of the leader. At one point Brightbill leads the geese out of the human area with other robots like Roz.

### Despicable Me 4

There is plenty of humor within Despicable Me 4. One of the Minions gets stuck inside a vending machine until one of the shorts in the bonus features. Other Minions get turned into super heroes by the AVL. One can stretch, another has a laser eye, another can fly, one is turned into a rock like ball, and another has super strength. They try to help people and fail badly in Despicable Me 4.



#### Migration

There is plenty of humor within Migration. The family is constantly in peril in Migration as well. There are moments where they enjoy flying through clouds for example. The cook getting all of those ducks from that farm makes little sense to me. He would not need that many birds at once. Plus how will he get more in the future if all of them leave the farm? There is over an hour of bonus features in Migration.

#### The Garfield Movie

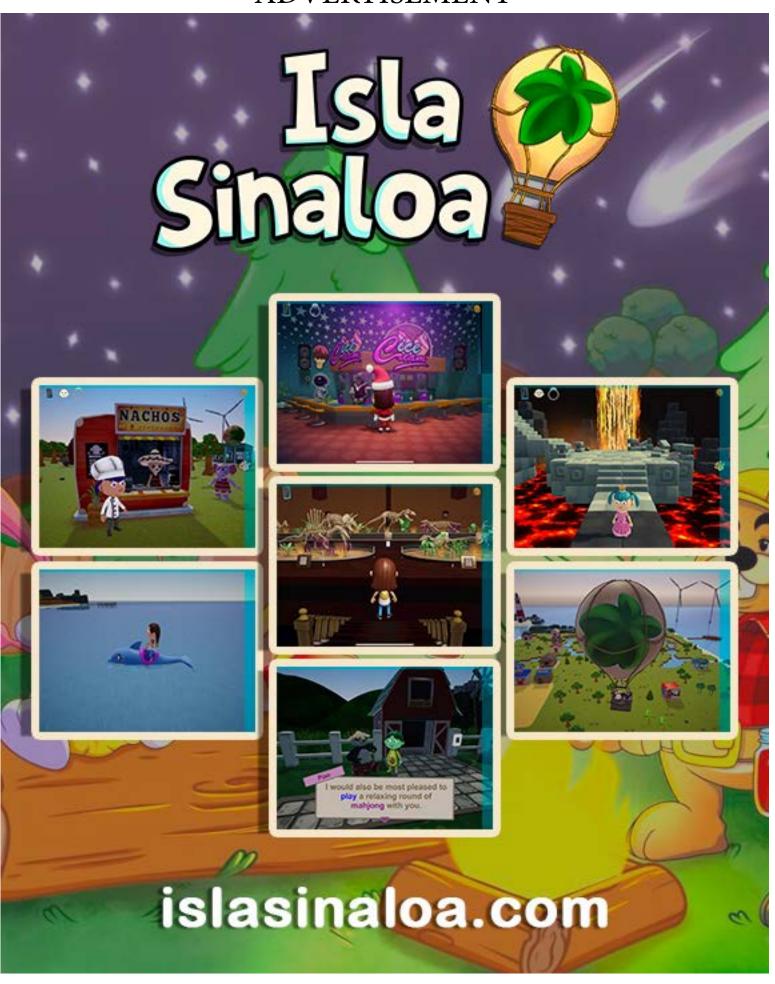
The Garfield Movie is cute and funny. There is some cartoon violence, and a reference to highly divisive and offensive evolution religious belief. I love when Jon is on hold with this company to help him find his lost pets. That is honestly how many of us feel whenever we must sit on hold on those phone lines.

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## EDITOR's PICKS

The other people in this inn help Willy sneak out, sell chocolate, and evade the police. Wonka is a musical with numerous songs in it. There are also some dance numbers in this movie as well. Willy learns the secret from his mother about sharing the chocolate with others. That is what matters in Wonka. The chocolate flowers are neat in Wonka. Mr. Bean is pretty good in

Active Life Outdoor Challenge looks a little bit better than the Wii version. The problem is Active Life Outdoor Challenge does not compete with current video games. Active Life Outdoor Challenge dropped the mat support for having one Joycon in a leg sleeve. At times this works and others there were some issues. I noted that while I video recorded each of the activities in Active Life Outdoor Challenge.



The art in My Little Pony The Storm of Zephyr Heights #1 is a bit odd for this franchise. The emotions are exaggerated in the art in My Little Pony The Storm of Zephyr Heights #1. All the friends of the princess show up in My Little Pony The Storm of Zephyr Heights #1 to help her. She is anxious about taking over for her mother even for one week. There is sunny weather and things looks great for the kingdom.

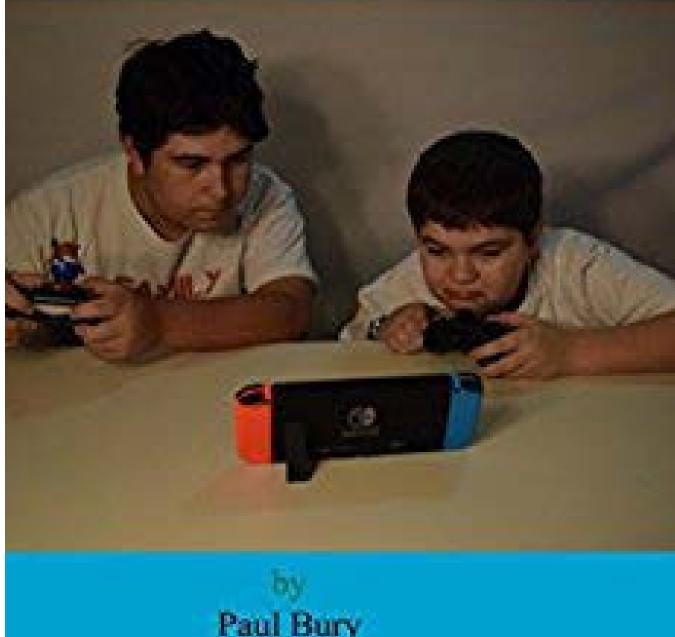
The brothers help Connie put the land back together and grow the Uni-Tree in Mario & Luigi Brothership. We go to different islands and connect their light houses. A flying pig helps guide us in Mario & Luigi Brothership. The core theme in Mario & Luigi Brothership is the bonds diferent characters have with one another.



#### Mario Kart World

The racing can get hectic at times with so many characters in Mario Kart World. I had fun playing Mario Kart World for four to five hours. I beat multiple modes on the 50cc. I unlocked quite a few karts and character skins. I also figured out how to teleport around on the map. I like this game.

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# AMAZON PRIME



#### The Chosen Season 3

We meet Lazarus in The Chosen Season 3. The part about a prophet having no honor in his home town is gone over within The Chosen Season 3. Simon and his wife have a problem in The Chosen Season 3. Eden had a miscarriage while Simon was on the missions trip. When he finds out he is very unhappy that Jesus heals strangers and not his wife. There is plenty of humor within The Chosen Season 3. The Pharisees continue to set up to be able to come after Jesus. In the last episode three of them hunt down Jesus. Which covered some very interesting things within The Chosen Season 3. The last episode of this season was fast and furious with all kinds of things happening.

#### The Chosen Season 2

I noticed that in most of the episodes of The Chosen Season 2 the issues were way less. There are mild things like some characters throwing rocks at Jesus and one of his disciples. There is a demon that wanders into the camp. Jesus rebukes the demon and makes it leave. Thus freeing the man from that demonic possession. More disciples join Jesus in The Chosen Season 2. We get Simon the zealot, and Nathanael to mention a few. More women join as well.





#### The Chosen Season 4

I loved the parts in The Chosen Season 4 about the disciples learning, discussing and debating things. Jesus is struggling with his disciples not learning what he is teaching at times in The Chosen Season 4. The disciples are stuck on when he will come in his glory with the angels to take control of the world. The disciples expect this of Jesus in The Chosen Season 4. There are some getting dismayed at it not happening. Simon becomes Peter in The Chosen Season 4. Different characters struggle with that.



Much of the bad content within The Chosen Season 1 is shown as bad. There are other things that are shown as bad such as being judgmental. There are some Pharisees that are shown as too rigid and close minded in The Chosen Season 1. They see a miracle and refuse to believe. The Romans are also shown within The Chosen Season 1. Matthew is a lot of fun in The Chosen Season 1.



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## SPORTS



#### MLB The Show 25

MLB The Show 25 looks good and it sounds good. The narrators are fun to listen to while playing MLB The Show 25. I did notice some of the same sound bytes are being used in this game that were used in the last one. In fact some of the same phrases have been used for multiple years. I suppose they are not able to record all new phrases every single year. Certain things make sense like after getting a good hit and being told he sees it like it is a beach ball.

#### EA Sports College Football 25

The live stream I performed of EA Sports College Football 25 was such a jamming good time. I loved exploring this sports video game and testing out different plays. We have called for a return of the college sports video games for some time now. It is great to see EA Sports College Football 25 make it to the market. EA Sports College Football 25 comes with different options, modes, and more. In fact there are sliders on the difficulty settings as well as an overall difficulty setting.



#### PGA Tour 2K25

The major area of improvement in PGA Tour 2K25 is the swinging. We can now select using buttons. FINALLY! I have been asking for that for years now. We hold the X button (on PS5 controller) until the circle grows to the circle we need to hit, and then there are two presses of the button while it goes around the circle - at the top and at the bottom. This works so much better than the sticks up and down. I did get better as my character leveled up in terms of the putting. I was even eleven strokes under par after eighteen holes on my second tournament.

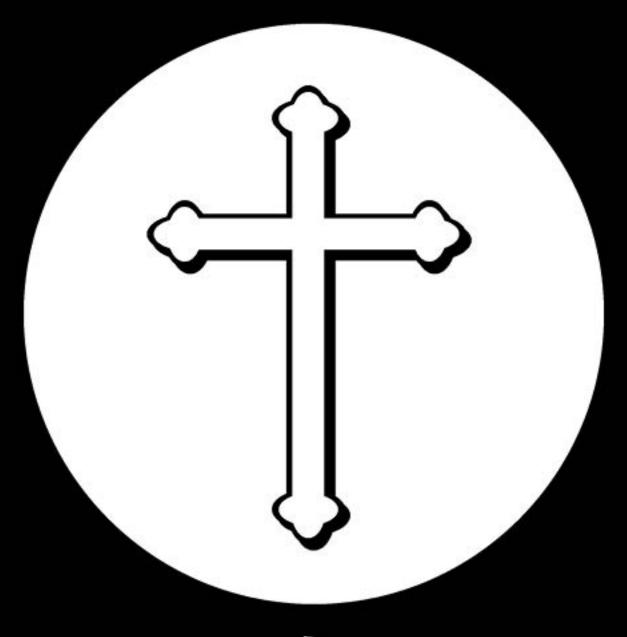
#### EA Sports WRC

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I learned quite a bit about rally racing thanks to EA Sports WRC. There are a plethora of different modes that racing gamers can get into. It is very easy to mess up your car in EA Sports WRC. I found a wide array of ways to get my car stuck somewhere in EA Sports WRC. There are day tracks and night tracks in EA Sports WRC. We can swap the view around in terms of first person mode or above and behind the car.



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# Playstation 5



#### Pickleball Smash

Have you ever heard the phrase: "even a broken clock is right twice a day," in your life? That is how I feel about Pickleball Smash in relation to the horrible name and image Gamemill Entertainment has. There are so many stinkers from Gamemill Entertainment that I question how the company gets contracts. Do the companies that own the licenses never play those games? I have no idea. Which is why Pickleball Smash is a pleasant surprise. I was concerned before live streaming Pickleball Smash that I would not be able to get an hour out of this game. Thankfully I played Pickleball Smash for a bit over an hour and had a blast doing it. There are six different courts we can play on. Families can play singles or doubles within Pickleball Smash. There are also tournaments. New hair styles and clothing are unlocked while playing Pickleball Smash.

## Looney Tunes Wacky World of Sports

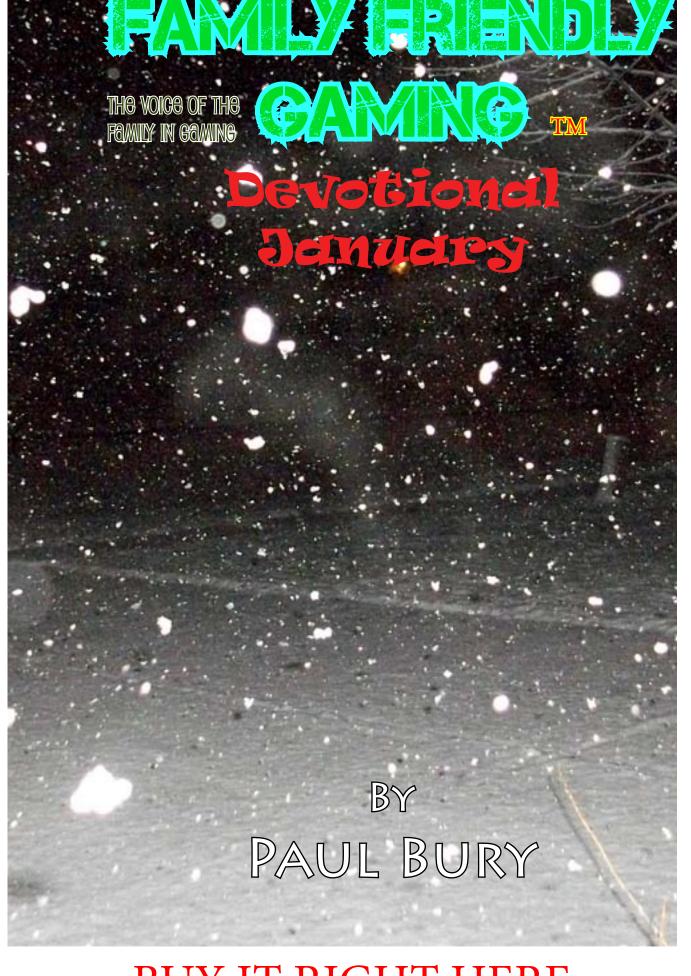
There are nine playable characters in Looney Tunes Wacky World of Sports. At the time of this review there is one DLC character. There are also two characters that are goalies in the soccer game. We can play the different games by themselves, try for a trophy and more in Looney Tunes Wacky World of Sports. There is some cartoon violence as we can drop anvils, throw dynamite and other things at the different characters to stun them for a short time. It took me a bit to learn the golf game in Looney Tunes Wacky World of Sports Once I did I got much better. We must unlock areas on the trophy mode to play them in the other modes.



# Park

#### Park Beyond

The coolest thing in Park Beyond is going into first person mode and riding the different rides. That is the part of Park Beyond that I really liked the best. I will warn you that you might get sick from some of these rides. It depends on the different motions the rides put the riders on. Families can enjoy a plethora or rides in Park Beyond. I wish we could do that same visual in terms of the shops. I enjoyed my time with Park Beyond. Once I got past the confusion on the controls things got better. I found Park Beyond is better if you put down the previously planned roller coasters.



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## Xbox Series X



#### Animal Hospital

Animal Hospital does a good job of letting players user buttons or touch controls. I did notice many things are easier within touch controls within Animal Hospital. For example when we want to rub on some lotion or ointment - touch controls work way better. We can also play Animal Hospital with a combination of touch controls and the buttons. The correct button does show on the screen. Another doctor helps us out at first in Animal Hospital. As we treat the animals we are given a little bit of money. We can purchase plants for the office, and more rooms. Players will need to be a certain level to unlock certain rooms in Animal Hospital. There is even some voice acting in Animal Hospital. I did not expect that. Many of these kinds of video games do not have voice acting.

#### The Smurfs Dreams

As we free the Smurfs from their dreams they will wake up in the village. The village is where we start before going to the astral plane (from a giant pillow) and pick levels to play. There are plenty of secrets to find within The Smurfs Dreams. Cherries are collected in the levels. The cherries can be used in The Smurfs Dreams to purchase new Smurfs for the player to play.



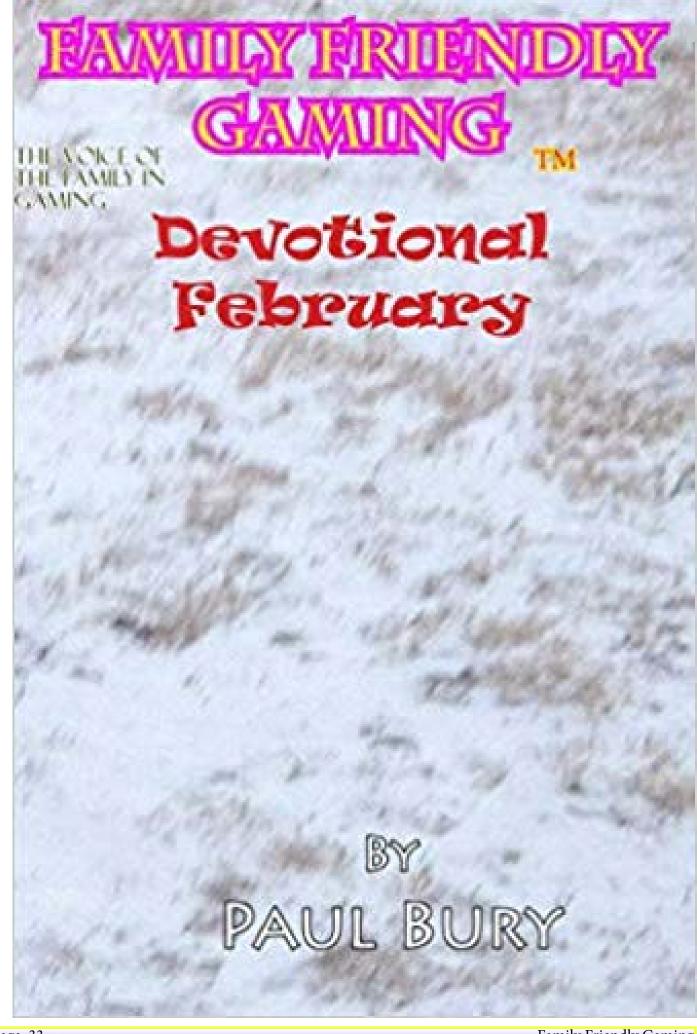
#### Train Sim World 5

The tutorials and guided tours are generally good in Train Sim World 5. I found out that you can mess some things up and still pass. I live streamed this video game for over an hour on our Twitch channel. I found I could leave the station, stop, and the open the doors to pick up the passengers. I was not going all the way back. Train Sim World 5 let me do that and pass that tutorial.

#### Anno 1800

I enjoyed building a town up from nothing in Anno 1800. I like how families can go through the story mode or play Anno 1800 in the sandbox mode. There is plenty of voice acting within Anno 1800. This home console video game taught me to think about how I wanted to build a town. I put the roads down as well as the different industries like the fishery and market place.





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# LAST MINUTE



### Lego Party

The more I played Lego Party the more I liked it. This is a party game done with Legos. There are four game boards in Lego Party. The game boards as Ninjago, Pirates, Space, and Theme Park. These are pretty large maps with multiple different places to go to. There are items that can help us make better rolls in Lego Party. Or maybe you want to go backwards for a turn in terms of movement. There is an item for that. There are party games between the rounds in Lego Party.

#### World Championship Spelling

World Championship Spelling looks decent, and it sounds great. There are ten different cups family members can go through in World Championship Spelling. Each of the cups has ten rounds in it. There are sixteen mini games that can be played in World Championship Spelling. On top of that there is straight spelling. The spelling is on a timer in World Championship Spelling. So you will need to be punctual with your spelling.



#### Epic Mickey Rebrushed

The storytelling within Epic Mickey Rebrushed is fantastic. The boss battles provide us a choice. We can use paint or thinner. Whichever one is used is what is upgraded after the boss fight. There are all kinds of lost Disney characters within Epic Mickey Rebrushed. I loved the 2D side scrolling areas between each of the 3D areas.

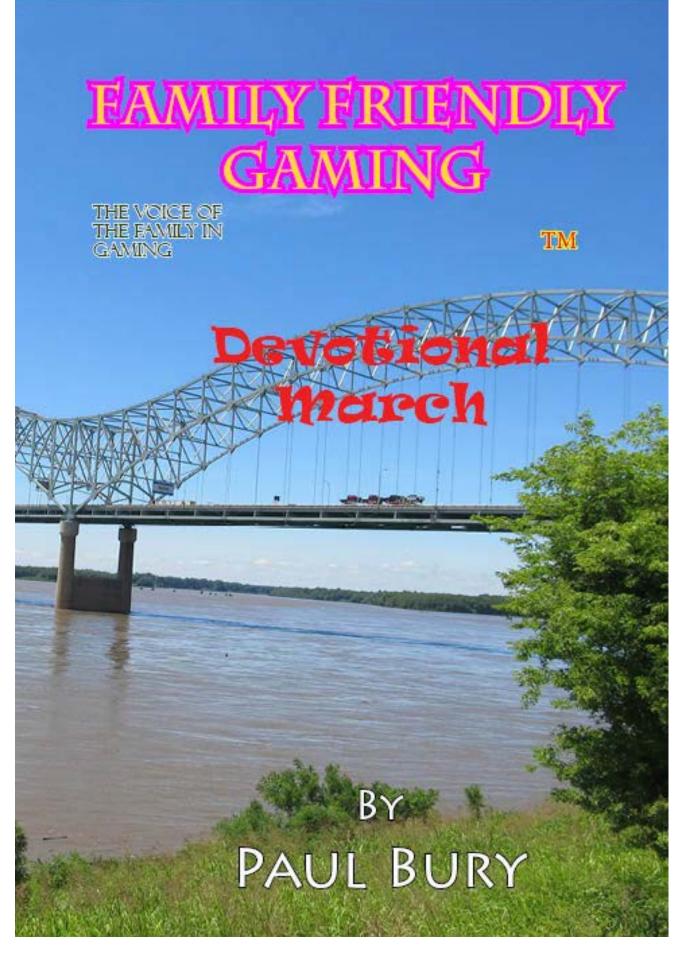
#### NBA Bounce

We can swipe the ball away, swat away shots and more in NBA Bounce. I noticed that the boost goes away really fast. The boost also comes back pretty fast. So I would boost away from a defender, lay off the boost, and then boost into a giant slam dunk. I was able to win every game on the easiest game play setting while playing NBA Bounce.



#### Shin Chan Shiro and the Coal Town

Inventions are also a part of Shin Chan Shiro and the Coal Town. The time in the day moves slowly. Once it is night time we need to get the five year old back to the house for dinner. The grandparents are present in Shin Chan Shiro and the Coal Town during the day. The family eats together.



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