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Extra Lives Sep 28 2019 In Extra Lives, acclaimed writer and life-long video game enthusiast Tom Bissell takes the reader on an insightful and entertaining tour of the art and meaning of video games. In just a few decades, video games have grown increasingly complex and sophisticated, and the companies that produce them are now among the most profitable in the entertainment industry. Yet few outside this world have thought deeply about how these games work, why they are so appealing, and what they are capable of artistically. Blending memoir, criticism, and first-rate reportage, Extra Lives is a milestone work about what might be the dominant popular art form of our time.

The Hunger Games Jan 31 2020

Video Games Have Always Been Queer Jan 01 2020 Argues for the queer potential of video games While popular discussions about queerness in video games often focus on big-name, mainstream games that feature LGBTQ characters, like Mass Effect or Dragon Age, Bonnie Ruberg pushes the concept of queerness in games beyond a matter of representation, exploring how video games can be played, interpreted, and designed queerly, whether or not they include overtly LGBTQ content. Video Games Have Always Been Queer argues that the medium of video games itself can—and should—be read queerly. In the first book dedicated to bridging game studies and queer theory, Ruberg resists the common, reductive narrative that games are only now becoming more diverse. Revealing what reading D. A. Miller can bring to the popular 2007 video game Portal, or what Eve Sedgwick offers Pong, Ruberg models the ways game worlds offer players the opportunity to explore queer experience, affect, and desire. As players attempt to 'pass' in Octodad or explore the pleasure of failure in Burnout: Revenge, Ruberg asserts that, even within a dominant gaming culture that has proved to be openly hostile to those perceived as different, queer people have always belonged in video games—because video games have, in fact, always been queer.

Games in a Ballroom Aug 20 2021 London, 1815 Olivia Wilde has resigned herself to never finding a love match. Her father has insisted she marry a man with a title, if only to increase his own standing and reputation in society. But the men her father deems acceptable are, at best, boring and uninspiring, and at worse, are as brutish as her father, and are only looking to increase their own diminishing coffers. With her future looking dismal, Olivia decides to enjoy the last few months of freedom from her childhood friends, including the handsome Emerson Latham. His devilish smile and flirtatious teasing stirs up feelings she knows she cannot entertain. Emerson is struggling to rise to his responsibilities after the death of his father. Though he might still be learning what he needs to do as the head of his household, one thing he knows for sure is that he wants Olivia Wilde to be his wife. Having grown up as childhood friends with Olivia, Emerson long ago had fallen in love with her quick wit, beauty, and passionate heart. However, without a title, he will never be permitted to court Olivia openly. But he has a plan that may give him a chance to court her in secret. As the season kicks off, Emerson proposes a bit of fun with a playful game of tag. Olivia's friends are delighted by the idea, though Olivia is more wary. After all, the game must be played in secret and they must be discreet when tagging each other at dinners and balls and the theater. As the romance builds between Olivia and Emerson, so does the risk of being discovered. Not only are their reputations at stake, so is their safety if they are caught by Olivia's father, who has an explosive, and at times violent, temper. Can their love find a happily ever after before the game ends?

Playing Smart Nov 30 2019 A new vision of the future of games and game design, enabled by AI. Can games measure intelligence? How will artificial intelligence inform games of the future? In Playing Smart, Julian Togelius explores the connections between games and intelligence to offer a new vision of future games and game design. Video games already depend on AI. We use games to test AI algorithms, challenge our thinking, and better understand both natural and artificial intelligence. In the future, Togelius argues, game designers will be able to create smarter games that make us smarter in turn, applying advanced AI to help design games. In this book, he tells us how. Games are the past, present, and future of artificial intelligence. In 1948, Alan Turing, one of the founding fathers of computer science and artificial intelligence, handwrote a program for chess. Today we have IBM's Deep Blue and DeepMind's AlphaGo, and huge efforts go into developing AI that can play such arcade games as Pac-Man. Programmers continue to use games to test and develop AI, creating new benchmarks for AI while also challenging human assumptions and cognitive abilities. Game design is at heart a cognitive science. Togelius reminds us—when we play or design a game, we plan, think spatially, make predictions, move, and assess ourselves and our performance. By studying how we play and design games, Togelius writes, we can better understand how humans and machines think. AI can do more for game design than providing a skillful opponent. We can harness it to build game-playing and game-designing AI agents, enabling a new generation of AI-augmented games. With AI, we can explore new frontiers in learning and play.

Let the Games Begin May 05 2020 The world might be in the throes of a global recession but when an author on the brink of despair, an enigmatic musician, a supermodel and a Satanic sect meet with the cream of Italian high society at the home of a Roman property tycoon, the world outside the mansion's walls is soon forgotten. There's going to be one hell of a party. And you've got a VIP ticket.

The Everything Tabletop Games Book Apr 27 2022 Tabletop and board games aren't just for rainy days or awkward family events anymore. As the game industry grows, people of all ages are jumping to play "the original social network." In our ever-increasing technological world, playing old-school games is a welcome retreat from the overexposure to Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest of social media. Over the past few years, board games have become the hot new hobby. Instead of friends sitting around the same table and staring at their phones, they are now either working with or against each other. Millions upon millions of new fans have begun to join their friends in real life for a fun game of Pandemic, 7 Wonders, or Ticket to Ride. The Everything Tabletop Games Book shows how to play some of the best tabletop games in the world, from classic strategy games like Settlers of Catan to great new games like Gloomhaven. Throughout the book, you'll learn the different genres of tabletop and board games; how to play each game; rules and strategies to help you win; and even where to play online—including new expansions to keep your favorite games fresh and exciting. So gather up some friends, pick a game from this book, and start playing! You'll be having a blast in no time.

Handbook of Research on Serious Games as Educational, Business and Research Tools Nov 10 2020 "This book presents research on the most recent technological developments in all fields of knowledge or disciplines of computer games development, including planning, design, development, marketing, business management, users and behavior"—Provided by publisher.

Game On! Jul 27 2019 Find out about the fast and furious growth and evolution of video games (including how they are quickly taking over the world!) by looking at some of the most popular, innovative, and influential games ever, from Pong, the very first arcade game ever, to modern hits like Uncharted. Learn about the creators and inspiration (Mario was named after Nintendo's landlord after he barged into a staff meeting demanding rent), discover historical trivia and Easter eggs (The developers of Halo 2 drank over 24,000 gallons of soda while making the game), and explore the innovations that make each game special (The ghosts in Pac-Man are the first example of AI in a video game). Whether you consider yourself a hard-core gamer or are just curious to see what everyone is talking about, Game On! is the book for you!

Teach Uplifted Nov 22 2021 Has teaching left you stressed, frustrated, or even discouraged? In Teach Uplifted you'll discover how to... Renew your passion for teaching by finding joy and peace in Christ Teach with joy even in difficult circumstances Banish anxiety and learn to trust God instead But be warned: This is not a collection of light, fluffy, feel-good stories. These powerful devotions will completely transform the way you view your life, your classroom, and your relationship with God.

Bored? Games! Sep 20 2021 The author of the smash hit, The Floor is Lava, is back with 101 fun-filled, boredom-busting games to occupy the whole family during the summer holidays. Starting to get fed up of endless games of Would You Rather? Or is screen-time taking over your life? Well, this is the book to bring everyone together, with an endless selection of creative games you can come back to time and time again. You'll quickly find the right game to match ANY occasion with games for one, for pairs or for groups. Most are quick to set up and require minimal equipment - ideal for anyone looking for straight up fun. Bored? Games! is the ultimate book of games to keep everyone entertained. There's games for any occasion: * Rainy days * Around the table games * Single-player games * Games for groups * Travel games * Summer holiday ideas NO BATTERIES REQUIRED.

Finite and Infinite Games Jun 05 2020 "There are at least two kinds of games," states James Carse as he begins this extraordinary book. "One could be called finite; the other infinite." Finite games are the familiar contests of everyday life; they are played in order to be won, which is when they end. But infinite games are more mysterious. Their object is not winning, but ensuring the continuation of play. The rules may change, the boundaries may change, even the participants may change—as long as the game is never allowed to come to an end. What are infinite games? How do they affect the ways we play our finite games? What are we doing when we play—finitely or infinitely? And how can infinite games affect the ways in which we live our lives? Carse explores these questions with stunning elegance, teasing out of his distinctions a universe of observation and insight, noting where and why and how we play, finitely and infinitely. He surveys our world—from the finite games of the playing field and playing board to the infinite games found in culture and religion—leaving all we think we know illuminated and transformed. Along the way, Carse finds new ways of understanding everything from how an actress portrays a role, to how we engage in sex, from the nature of evil, to the nature of science. Finite games, he shows, may offer wealth and status, power and glory. But infinite games offer something far more subtle and far grander. Carse has written a book rich in insight and aphorism. Already an international literary event, Finite and Infinite Games is certain to be argued about and celebrated for years to come. Reading it is the first step in learning to play the infinite game.

Sticks and Stones Sep 01 2022 Presents instructions for playing simple games from around the world, including Chile's knock the stick, Guinea's all in a row, and Israel's maklot, while offering facts about each country featured.

101 Games for Trainers May 17 2021 This classic from Bob Pike contains 101 mind stimulating game activities from the Creative Training Techniques Newsletter. These fast action games can be quickly and easily launched with any size group. Each game lists training objective, time, materials required and "The Exercise in Action".

The Gollywhopper Games Jun 25 2019 Jody Feldman's popular, award-winning novel about a group of kids playing the Gollywhopper Games—the fiercest toy company

competition in the country—will appeal to fans of *The Amazing Race* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*! Gil Goodson has been studying, training, and preparing for months to compete in the Gollywhopper Games. Everything is at stake. Once Gil makes it through the tricky preliminary rounds and meets his teammates in the fantastical Golly Toy and Game Company, the competition gets tougher. Brainteasers, obstacle courses, mazes, and increasingly difficult puzzles and decisions—not to mention temptations, dilemmas, and new friends (and enemies)—are all that separate Gil from ultimate victory. An interactive and inventive page-turner perfect for young readers who love to solve puzzles!

The Games That Weren't Mar 15 2021 Provides illustrated snapshots of unreleased games dating from 1975 to 2015, including a wide range of titles from the Atari 2600 right up to the Sony PlayStation 4, by way of arcade, home computer, console, handheld and mobile platforms

39 ESL Review Games and Activities: For Kids (6-13) Jun 29 2022 Want to make your TEFL classes awesome and cut review lesson prep time in half? You'll need to pick up a copy of 39 ESL Review Games and Activities for Kids (6-13). Many of your students think that review classes are boring and with good reason. They often are! But, they don't have to be! Effective review games and activities are a valuable teaching tool because language is learned mainly through repetition. However, finding good review activities takes time, a scarce resource for most teachers. That's what makes 39 ESL Review Games so valuable. It helps your students review English grammar and vocabulary while reducing prep time, so you can focus on other important teaching tasks. This book will make your classes awesome and will save you time, guaranteed. If you want some fun, engaging, and useful review games and activities that your students will love, 39 ESL Review Games and Activities for Kids (6-13) is for you! Pick up a copy today and get ready for some serious ESL teaching awesome in your life.

The LEGO Games Book Dec 24 2021 Build in some time for fun! Who can stack the tallest tower in 60 seconds? Can anyone solve the puzzle cube? With more than 50 fun challenges, puzzles, brainteasers, and games, get out your LEGO® bricks and put your friends and family to the test. ©2020 The LEGO Group.

Games People Play Oct 22 2021

Seven Games: A Human History Feb 23 2022 A group biography of seven enduring and beloved games, and the story of why—and how—we play them. Checkers, backgammon, chess, and Go. Poker, Scrabble, and bridge. These seven games, ancient and modern, fascinate millions of people worldwide. In *Seven Games*, Oliver Roeder charts their origins and historical importance, the delightful arcana of their rules, and the ways their design makes them pleasurable. Roeder introduces thrilling competitors, such as evangelical minister Marion Tinsley, who across forty years lost only three games of checkers; Shusai, the Master, the last Go champion of imperial Japan, defending tradition against "modern rationalism"; and an IBM engineer who created a backgammon program so capable at self-learning that NASA used it on the space shuttle. He delves into the history and lore of each game: backgammon boards in ancient Egypt, the Indian origins of chess, how certain shells from a particular beach in Japan make the finest white Go stones. Beyond the cultural and personal stories, Roeder explores why games, seemingly trivial pastimes, speak so deeply to the human soul. He introduces an early philosopher of games, the aptly named Bernard Suits, and visits an Oxford cosmologist who has perfected a computer that can effectively play bridge, a game as complicated as human language itself. Throughout, Roeder tells the compelling story of how humans, pursuing scientific glory and competitive advantage, have invented AI programs better than any human player, and what that means for the games—and for us. Funny, fascinating, and profound, *Seven Games* is a story of obsession, psychology, history, and how play makes us human.

The Librarians' Book on Teaching Through Games and Play May 29 2022 Aimed mainly at staff in libraries, especially those who teach information skills in FE/HE, this book contains many examples of games and playful interactions to help turn the information literacy classroom into a more playful space. Some theory behind the use of play and games are covered to help readers use these approaches more effectively.

So Many Board Games, So Little Time Jan 25 2022 Play so many board games that you forget important things about the game by the next time it makes it to the gaming table? Use this log to remember those little things that weren't clear the first time around, plan a better strategy for the next time you play, rate games to track favorites, and keep track of play times so you have a better idea of how long the game will actually take. It's inevitable that there will be some silliness and hilarity during a gaming session. Record those funny moments in this log so you don't forget those nights of awesomeness! Also use the log to remember how often you play each game and how long it took. This notebook includes: 4 pages to index your games for easy reference. Write in your own category headers and organize as you see fit. I use number of players for the category headers since that is the most important for my gaming group. A wishlist page for recording games you want to buy. 80 pages for game reviews. Each page fits 2 reviews. You can fill in the following fields for each game: Title, Rating, Genre, Playing Time Listed, Playing Time Experienced, Age Range, # Players, Best # Players, Complexity, and Notes. There are also 6 spaces to list the gaming sessions where you played each game and the page that session can be found on. 30 pages to track gaming sessions. There are places in each session date to track the Title, Time played, and Players for 5 games. There is also a place for notes, memorable moments, or your favorite quotes. 25 blank lined pages to use for additional notes or scorekeeping. This notebook is a perfect bound paperback.

39 ESL Review Games and Activities: For Teenagers and Adults Jul 31 2022 Do you want to make your English classes awesome and cut review lesson prep time in half? You'll need to pick up a copy of 39 ESL Review Games and Activities. Many of your students think that review classes are boring and with good reason. They often are! But, they don't have to be! Effective review games and activities are a valuable teaching tool because language is learned mainly through repetition. However, finding good review activities takes time, a scarce resource for most teachers. That's what makes 39 ESL Review Games so valuable. The activities and games help your students review English grammar and vocabulary while reducing prep time, so you can focus on other important teaching tasks. This book will make your classes awesome and will save you time, guaranteed. Authors and teachers Jackie Bolen and Jennifer Booker Smith have a combined 30 years in the ESL classroom. They are sharing their ideas, teaching tips & tricks, and ESL activities & games with English teachers throughout the world. Their goal is to help you make your lessons better! If you want some fun, engaging, and useful review games and activities that your students will love, 39 ESL Review Games is for you! Pick up your copy today.

An Introduction to Game Studies Jun 17 2021 An Introduction to Game Studies is the first introductory textbook for students of game studies. It provides a conceptual overview of the cultural, social and economic significance of computer and video games and traces the history of game culture and the emergence of game studies as a field of research. Key concepts and theories are illustrated with discussion of games taken from different historical phases of game culture. Progressing from the simple, yet engaging gameplay of Pong and text-based adventure games to the complex virtual worlds of contemporary online games, the book guides students towards analytical appreciation and critical engagement with gaming and game studies. Students will learn to: - Understand and analyse different aspects of phenomena we recognise as 'game' and 'play' - Identify the key developments in digital game design through discussion of action in games of the 1970s, fiction and adventure in games of the 1980s, three-dimensionality in games of the 1990s, and social aspects of gameplay in contemporary online games - Understand games as dynamic systems of meaning-making - Interpret the context of games as 'culture' and subculture - Analyse the relationship between technology and interactivity and between 'game' and 'reality' - Situate games within the context of digital culture and the information society With further reading suggestions, images, exercises, online resources and a whole chapter devoted to preparing students to do their own game studies project, An Introduction to Game Studies is the complete toolkit for all students pursuing the study of games. The companion website at www.sagepub.co.uk/mayra contains slides and assignments that are suitable for self-study as well as for classroom use. Students will also benefit from online resources at www.gamestudiesbook.net, which will be regularly blogged and updated by the author. Professor Frans Mäyrä is a Professor of Games Studies and Digital Culture at the Hypermedia Laboratory in the University of Tampere, Finland.

100 Best Video Games (That Never Existed) Aug 27 2019 THE WORLD'S FIRST POST-TRUTH GAMING BOOK After rashly tweeting he would dream up an imaginary computer game for every 'like' received, Nate Crowley found himself on an epic quest to conjure up hundreds of entirely fictional titles. From 1980s hits like *BeastEnders* to modern classics like 90s *Goth Soccer* and *BinCrab Destiny*, this beautiful retrospective takes the reader on a lavish tour of the most memorable and groundbreaking games never made. Brought to hilarious life by a team of genuine videogame industry concept artists and written by a professional over-imaginator, this book doesn't just throw out silly ideas – it expands on them in relentless, excruciating detail.

The 100 Greatest Console Video Games, 1977-1987 Dec 12 2020 There have been many top 100 books before, but rarely one like this. Here are the best of the early video games, shown in over 400 color photos and described in incredible detail in the entertaining and informative text. Each game's entry features production history, critical commentary, quotes from industry professionals, gameplay details, comparisons to other games, and more. This book celebrates the very best of the interactive entertainment industry's games from this highly crucial, fondly remembered decade. This pivotal period was marked by the introduction of the indispensable Atari 2600, *Odyssey2*, and *Intellivision*, the unleashing of the underrated *Vectrex*, the mind-blowing debut of the next-gen *ColecoVision* and Atari 5200, plus the rebirth of the industry through Nintendo's legendary juggernaut, the NES. Whether you're young or old, new to the hobby or a hardcore collector, this book will introduce you to or remind you of some of the greatest, most historically important games ever made.

Game Art Mar 27 2022 *Game Art* is a collection of breathtaking concept art and behind-the-scenes interviews from videogame developers, including major players like Square Enix, Bioware, and Ubisoft as well as independent but influential studios like *Tale of Tales* and *Compulsion Games*. Immerse yourself in fantastic artwork and explore the creative thinking behind over 40 console, mobile, and PC games. A lone independent developer on a tiny budget can create an experience as powerful and compelling as a triple-A blockbuster built by a team of 1,000. But like all works of art, every game begins with a spark of inspiration and a passion to create. Let *Game Art* take you on a visual journey through these beautiful worlds, as told by the minds that brought them to life.

Works of Game Nov 03 2022 An exploration of the relationship between games and art that examines the ways that both gamemakers and artists create game-based artworks. Games and art have intersected at least since the early twentieth century, as can be seen in the Surrealists' use of *Exquisite Corpse* and other games, Duchamp's obsession with Chess, and Fluxus event scores and boxes—to name just a few examples. Over the past fifteen years, the synthesis of art and games has clouded for both artists and gamemakers. Contemporary art has drawn on the tool set of videogames, but has not considered them a cultural form with its own conceptual, formal, and experiential affordances. For their part, game developers and players focus on the innate properties of games and the experiences they provide, giving little attention to what it means to create and evaluate fine art. In *Works of Game*, John Sharp bridges this gap, offering a formal aesthetics of games that encompasses the commonalities and the differences between games and art. Sharp describes three communities of practice and offers case studies for each. "Game Art," which includes such artists as Julian Oliver, Cory Arcangel, and JODI (Joan Heemskerk and Dirk Paesmans) treats videogames as a form of popular culture from which can be borrowed subject matter, tools, and processes. "Artgames," created by gamemakers including Jason Rohrer, Brenda Romero, and Jonathan Blow, explore territory usually occupied by poetry, painting, literature, or film. Finally, "Artists' Games"—with artists including Blast Theory, Mary Flanagan, and the collaboration of Nathalie Pozzi and Eric Zimmerman—represents a more synthetic conception of games as an artistic medium. The work of these gamemakers, Sharp suggests, shows that it is possible to create game-based artworks that satisfy the aesthetic and critical values of both the contemporary art and game communities.

Next Level Games Review 2023 Jul 07 2020 The Ultimate Guide to Gaming!

Fun, Taste, & Games Apr 03 2020 Reclaiming fun as a meaningful concept for understanding games and play. "Fun" is somewhat ambiguous. Is something fun, is it pleasant? Entertaining? Silly? A way to trick students into learning? Fun also has baggage—it seems inconsequential, embarrassing, child's play. In *Fun, Taste, & Games*, John Sharp and David Thomas reclaim fun as a productive and meaningful tool for understanding and appreciating play and games. They position fun at the heart of the aesthetics of games. As beauty was to art, they argue, fun is to play and games—the aesthetic goal that we measure our experiences and interpretations against. Sharp and Thomas use this fun-centered aesthetic framework to explore a range of games and game issues—from workplace bingo to Meow Wolf, from basketball to *Myst*, from the consumer marketplace to Marcel Duchamp. They begin by outlining three elements for understanding the drive, creation, and experience of fun: set-outsideness, ludic forms, and ambiguity. Moving from theory to practice and back again, they explore the complicated relationships among the titular fun, taste, and games. They consider, among other things, the dismissal of fun by game journalists and designers; the seminal but underinfluential game *Myst*, and how tastes change over time; the shattering of the gamer community in Gamergate; and an aesthetics of play that goes beyond games.

Gamer Nation Oct 02 2022 Ultimately, Gamer Nation reveals not only how video games are a key aspect of contemporary American culture, but how games affect how people relate to America itself.

Great Games, Local Rules Oct 29 2019 Explores the competition between America, China, and Russia for control over Central Asia, the long border region stretching from Iran through Pakistan to Kashmir.

1001 Video Games You Must Play Before You Die Jan 13 2021 In fewer than fifty years videogames have become one of the most popular forms of entertainment, but which are the best games, the ones you must play? This action packed book presents the best videogames from around the world - from 80's classic Donkey Kong to Doom, Frogger and Final Fantasy. Covering everything from old favourites to those breaking new ground, these are the games that should not be missed. Video game expert Tony Mott presents 1001 of the best video games from around the world and on all formats, from primitive pioneering consoles like Atari's VCS to modern-day home entertainment platforms such as Sony's PlayStation 3. 1001 VIDEO GAMES defines arcade experiences that first turned video gaming into a worldwide phenomenon such as Space Invaders, Asteroids, and Pac-Man - games that made the likes of Atari, Sinclair and Commodore household names. It also includes the games that have taken the console era by storm from Nintendo Wii to Sony Playstation and beyond - games of the modern era that have become cultural reference points in their own right including multi-million selling series such as Halo, Grand Theft Auto and Resident Evil. For aficionados this is a keepsake - charting the highlights of the past fifty years giving them key information for games they must play. For those just discovering the appeal of gaming this extensive volume will provide everything they need to ensure they don't miss out on the games that revolutionized this overwhelmingly popular medium.

Video Games and Learning Sep 08 2020 Can we learn socially and academically valuable concepts and skills from video games? How can we best teach the "gamer generation"? This accessible book describes how educators and curriculum designers can harness the participatory nature of digital media and play. The author presents a comprehensive model of games and learning that integrates analysis of games, game culture, and educational game design. Building on more than 10 years of research, Kurt Squire tells the story of the emerging field of immersive, digitally mediated learning environments (or games) and outlines the future of education.

Gamers at Work Apr 15 2021 "Gamers at Work is a critical resource for new and experienced business leaders—for anyone who feels unprepared for the demanding and seemingly insurmountable trials ahead of them." —Peter Molyneux OBE, founder, Lionhead Studios "Gamers at Work explores every imaginable subtlety of the video-game industry through the fascinating stories of those who took the risks and reaped the rewards." —Hal Halpin, president, Entertainment Consumers Association "This is the sort of book that can tear the most hardcore gamers away from their PCs, Macs, or consoles for a few hours of rewarding reading." —North County Times "Gamers at Work is truly an invaluable resource that's well worth adding to your personal library." —Wii Love It There are few companies in the video-game industry that have withstood the test of time; most startups exit as quickly as they enter. In *Gamers at Work: Stories Behind the Games People Play*, the countless challenges of building successful video-game developers and publishers in this unstable industry are explored through interviews containing entertaining stories, humorous anecdotes, and lessons learned the hard way. *Gamers at Work* presents an inside look at how 18 industry leaders play the odds, seize opportunities, and transform small businesses into great businesses. Here, in *Gamers at Work*, you will find their stories replete with their personal struggles, corporate intrigue, and insights into strategy, leadership, and management. *Gamers at Work: Explores the formation of entertainment software companies from the perspectives of successful founders who played the odds* Provides insight into why experienced professionals sacrifice the comfort of gainful employment for the uncertainty and risk of the startup Shares the experiences and lessons that shape the lives, decisions, and struggles of entrepreneurs in this volatile business As an added bonus, check out *Online Game Pioneers at Work*, published in 2015, for even more incredible stories from leaders in the mobile space. Featured Entrepreneurs: Trip Hawkins, Electronic Arts (Madden NFL) Nolan Bushnell, Atari (Pong) Wild Bill Stealey, MicroProse Software (Sid Meier's Civilization) Tony Goodman, Ensemble Studios (Age of Empires) Feargus Urquhart, Obsidian Entertainment (Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic II) Tim Cain, Troika Games (Arcanum, Vampire: the Masquerade—Bloodlines) Warren Spector, Junction Point Studios (Disney Epic Mickey) Doug & Gary Carlston, Broderbund Software (Prince of Persia, Carmen Sandiego) Don Daglow, Stormfront Studios (Neverwinter Nights, Tony La Russa Baseball) John Smedley, Verant Interactive (EverQuest, PlanetSide) Ken Williams, Sierra On-Line (King's Quest, Leisure Suit Larry) Lorne Lanning, Oddworld Inhabitants (Oddworld) Chris Ulm, Appy Entertainment (FaceFigher, Trucks & Skulls) Tobi Saulnier, 1st Playable (Kung Zhu, Yogi Bear) Christopher Weaver, Bethesda Softworks (The Elder Scrolls) Jason Rubin, Naughty Dog (Crash Bandicoot, Uncharted) Ted Price, Insomniac Games (Spyro, Resistance) Other books in the *Apress At Work Series*: Coders at Work, Seibel, 978-1-4302-1948-4 Venture Capitalists at Work, Shah & Shah, 978-1-4302-3837-9 CIOs at Work, Yourdon, 978-1-4302-3554-5 CTOs at Work, Donaldson, Seigel, & Donaldson, 978-1-4302-3593-4 Founders at Work, Livingston, 978-1-4302-1078-8 European Founders at Work, Santos, 978-1-4302-3906-2 Women Leaders at Work, Ghaffari, 978-1-4302-3729-7 Advertisers at Work, Tuten, 978-1-4302-3828-7

Against Flow Oct 10 2020 A critical discussion of the experience and theory of flow (as conceptualized by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi) in video games. Flow—as conceptualized by the psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi—describes an experience of "being in the zone," of intense absorption in an activity. It is a central concept in the study of video games, although often applied somewhat uncritically. In *Against Flow*, Braxton Soderman takes a step back and offers a critical assessment of flow's historical, theoretical, political, and ideological contexts in relation to video games. With close readings of games that implement and represent flow, Soderman not only evaluates the concept of flow in terms of video games but also presents a general critique of flow and its sibling, play.

The End Games Feb 11 2021 John Green meets Stephen King in this original take on the zombie apocalypse by author T. Michael Martin, which ALA Booklist called "the best of the undead bunch" in a starred review. Seventeen-year-old Michael and his five-year-old brother, Patrick, have been battling monsters in the Game for weeks. In the rural mountains of West Virginia—armed with only their rifle and their love for each other—the brothers follow Instructions from the mysterious Game Master. They spend their days searching for survivors, their nights fighting endless hordes of "Bellows"—creatures that roam the dark, roaring for flesh. And at this Game, Michael and Patrick are very good. But the Game is changing. The Bellows are evolving. The Game Master is leading Michael and Patrick to other survivors—survivors who don't play by the rules. And the brothers will never be the same. T. Michael Martin's debut novel is a transcendent thriller filled with electrifying action, searing emotional insight, and unexpected romance.

Classic Home Video Games, 1989-1990 Jul 19 2021 The third in a series about home video games, this detailed reference work features descriptions and reviews of every official U.S.-released game for the Neo Geo, Sega Genesis and TurboGrafx-16, which, in 1989, ushered in the 16-bit era of gaming. Organized alphabetically by console brand, each chapter includes a description of the game system followed by substantive entries for every game released for that console. Video game entries include historical information, game play details, the author's critique, and, when appropriate, comparisons to similar games. Appendices list and offer brief descriptions of all the games for the Atari Lynx and Nintendo Game Boy, and catalogue and describe the add-ons to the consoles covered herein—Neo Geo CD, Sega CD, Sega 32X and TurboGrafx-CD.

Experimental Games Mar 03 2020 "Few human pastimes absorb as much money and attention as games, and digital games alone engage more than two billion people worldwide. At the same time, the forms of experiment and behavior modification known as "gamification" have imposed unprecedented levels of competition, repetition, and quantification on daily life. Drawing from his own experience as a game designer, Patrick Jagoda shows that games need not be synonymous with gamification and reveals the ways in which experimental games can disrupt the logic of gamification itself. Games can, indeed, help us think beyond existing systems and intervene in neoliberal ideology from the inside out. Addressing game designers and new media artists as well as the growing field of game studies, Jagoda takes up a broad variety of games, including mainstream "AAA" games such as "StarCraft," widespread casual mobile games such as "Candy Crush Saga," popular independent games such as "Stardew Valley," formally experimental games such as "Luxuria Superbia," and more personal auteur games such as "Dys4ia." He ranges over many genres including single-player, multi-player, and networked real-time strategy, platformers, simulators, first-person shooters, role-playing games, and puzzle games. The result is a game-changing book on the sociopolitical potential of this form of mass entertainment"--

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