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*In this fun and
informative YA Non-
fiction title, Dustin
Hansen, author of Game
On!, a self-confessed
video game addict with
over 20-years experience
in the gaming industry,
examines the
storytelling skills
shown in some of the
most beloved and moving*

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games of all time. We
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all know that video
games are fun, but can a
video game make you cry?
Can it tell you a
powerful love story? Can
a video game make you
think differently about
war? About the
environment? About the
choices you make?
Whether it's playing
through blockbuster-
esque adventures
(Uncharted, God of War,
The Last of Us), diving
deep into hidden bits of
story and lore (Red Dead
Redemption II, Bioshock,

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Journey) or building

relationships that
change the fate of the
world itself (Persona 5,
Undertale), video games
are bringing stories to
life in ways that are
immediate, interactive
and immersive. Focusing
on some of the best,
most memorable,
experiences in gaming,
The Greatest Stories
Ever Played, examines
the relationship between
gaming and storytelling
in a new way.
The art of programming
mechanics -- Real world

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*mechanics -- Animation
mechanics -- Game rules
and mechanics --
Character mechanics --
Player mechanics --
Environmental mechanics
-- Mechanics for external
forces.*

*Now a documentary on CBS
All Access. Following
the success of The
Accidental Billionaires
and Moneyball comes
Console Wars—a
mesmerizing, behind-the-
scenes business thriller
that chronicles how
Sega, a small, scrappy
gaming company led by an*

Read *Free Blood, Sweat, And Pixels: The Triumphant, Turbulent Stories Behind How unlikely visionary and a team of rebels, took on the juggernaut Nintendo and revolutionized the video game industry. In 1990, Nintendo had a virtual monopoly on the video game industry. Sega, on the other hand, was just a faltering arcade company with big aspirations and even bigger personalities. But that would all change with the arrival of Tom Kalinske, a man who knew nothing about videogames and everything about*

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fighting uphill battles. His unconventional tactics, combined with the blood, sweat and bold ideas of his renegade employees, transformed Sega and eventually led to a ruthless David-and-Goliath showdown with rival Nintendo. The battle was vicious, relentless, and highly profitable, eventually sparking a global corporate war that would be fought on several fronts: from living rooms and schoolyards to

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boardrooms and Congress.
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It was a once-in-a-lifetime, no-holds-barred conflict that pitted brother against brother, kid against adult, Sonic against Mario, and the US against Japan. Based on over two hundred interviews with former Sega and Nintendo employees, Console Wars is the underdog tale of how Kalinske miraculously turned an industry punchline into a market leader. It's the story of how a

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humble family man, with
an extraordinary
imagination and a gift
for turning problems
into competitive
advantages, inspired a
team of underdogs to
slay a giant and, as a
result, birth a \$60
billion dollar industry.
A best book of the year:
NPR, Slate, Publishers
Weekly, Goodreads
Through the stories of
gaming's greatest
innovations and most
beloved creations,
journalist Harold
Goldberg captures the

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creativity,
controversy--and

passion--behind the
videogame's meteoric
rise to the top of the
pop-culture pantheon.
Over the last fifty
years, video games have
grown from curiosities
to fads to trends to one
of the world's most
popular forms of mass
entertainment. But as
the gaming industry
grows in numerous
directions and everyone
talks about the advance
of the moment, few
explore and seek to

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understand the forces
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behind this profound
evolution. How did we
get from Space Invaders
to Grand Theft Auto? How
exactly did gaming
become a \$50 billion
industry and a dominant
pop culture form? What
are the stories, the
people, the innovations,
and the fascinations
behind this incredible
growth? Through
extensive interviews
with gaming's greatest
innovators, both its
icons and those unfairly
forgotten by history,

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All Your Base Are Belong
To Us sets out to answer
these questions,
exposing the creativity,
odd theories--and
passion--behind the
twenty-first century's
fastest-growing medium.
Go inside the creation
of: Grand Theft Auto *
World of Warcraft *
Bioshock * Kings Quest *
Bejeweled * Madden
Football * Super Mario
Brothers * Myst * Pong *
Donkey Kong * Crash
Bandicoot * The 7th
Guest * Tetris * Shadow
Complex * Everquest *

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The Sims * *And many more!*

Puzzle Books for Adults
Summary of Jason Schreier's Blood, Sweat, and Pixels by Milkyway Media

Sega, Nintendo, and the Battle that Defined a Generation

A History of Video Games in 64 Objects

Why we play video games and what they can do for us

Holistic Game

Development with Unity
Masters of Doom

A comprehensive overview of the

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Blood, Sweat, and Pixels: The Triumphant, Turbulent Stories Behind How Video Games Are Made, by Jason Schreier, is a behind-the-scenes look at the development process of video games. The first step in creating a video game is to secure funding... Purchase this in-depth summary to learn more.

From the bestselling author of

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Blood, Sweat, and Pixels comes the next definitive, behind-the-scenes account of the video game industry: how some of the past decade's most renowned studios fell apart—and the stories, both triumphant and tragic, of what happened next. Jason Schreier's groundbreaking reporting has earned him a place among the preeminent investigative journalists covering the world of video games. In his eagerly anticipated, deeply researched new book, Schreier trains his investigative eye on the volatility of the video game industry and the resilience of the people who work in it. The business of videogames is both a prestige industry and an opaque one. Based

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on dozens of first-hand interviews that cover the development of landmark games—Bioshock Infinite, Epic Mickey, Dead Space, and more—on to the shocking closures of the studios that made them, Press Reset tells the stories of how real people are affected by game studio shutdowns, and how they recover, move on, or escape the industry entirely. Schreier's insider interviews cover hostile takeovers, abusive bosses, corporate drama, bounced checks, and that one time the Boston Red Sox's Curt Schilling decided he was going to lead a game studio that would take out World of Warcraft. Along the way, he asks pressing questions about why, when the video game industry

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is more successful than ever, it's become so hard to make a stable living making video games—and whether the business of making games can change before it's too late.

The life and career of the legendary developer celebrated as the “godfather of computer gaming” and creator of Civilization, featuring his rules of good game design. "Sid Meier is a foundation of what gaming is for me today." — Phil Spencer, head of Xbox Over his four-decade career, Sid Meier has produced some of the world's most popular video games, including Sid Meier's Civilization, which has sold more than 51 million units worldwide and accumulated more

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than one billion hours of play. Sid Meier's Memoir! is the story of an obsessive young computer enthusiast who helped launch a multibillion-dollar industry. Writing with warmth and ironic humor, Meier describes the genesis of his influential studio, MicroProse, founded in 1982 after a trip to a Las Vegas arcade, and recounts the development of landmark games, from vintage classics like Pirates! and Railroad Tycoon, to Civilization and beyond. Articulating his philosophy that a video game should be "a series of interesting decisions," Meier also shares his perspective on the history of the industry, the psychology of gamers, and fascinating insights into the

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creative process, including his rules
of good game design.

Significant Zero

The Birth of a Multibillion Dollar
Industry

The Incredible History of the
Electronic Gaming Revolution
Creativity, Competition, and the
Global Business of Video Games
Gamish

How Nintendo Conquered America
All You Ever Wanted to Know about
Video Games from G4TECHTV's
Brutally Honest Experts

WOULD YOU KILL ONE
PERSON TO SAVE FIVE
OTHERS? If you could upload all
of your memories into a machine,
would that machine be you? Is it
possible we're all already artificial

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Intelligences, living inside a simulation? These sound like questions from a philosophy class, but in fact they're from modern, popular video games.

Philosophical discussion often uses thought experiments to consider ideas that we can't test in real life, and media like books, films, and games can make these thought experiments far more accessible to a non-academic audience. Thanks to their interactive nature, video games can be especially effective ways to explore these ideas. Each chapter of this book introduces a philosophical topic through discussion of relevant video games, with interviews with game

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In ten chapters, this book demonstrates how video games can help us to consider the following questions: 1. Why do video games make for good thought experiments? (From the ethical dilemmas of the Mass Effect series to 'philosophy games'.) 2. What can we actually know? (From why Phoenix Wright is right for the wrong reasons to whether No Man's Sky is a lie.) 3. Is virtual reality a kind of reality? (On whether VR headsets like the Oculus Rift, PlayStation VR, and HTC Vive deal in mass-market hallucination.) 4. What constitutes

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a mind? (From the souls of
Beyond: Two Souls to the synths
of Fallout 4.) 5. What can you lose
before you're no longer yourself?
(Identity crises in the likes of The
Swapper and BioShock Infinite.)
6. Does it mean anything to say we
have choice? (Determinism and
free will in Bioshock, Portal 2 and
Deus Ex.) 7. What does it mean to
be a good or dutiful person?
(Virtue ethics in the Ultima series
and duty ethics in Planescape:
Torment.) 8. Is there anything
better in life than to be happy?
(Utilitarianism in Bioshock 2 and
Harvest Moon.) 10. How should
we be governed, for whom and by
who? (Government and rights in

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Eve Online, Crusader Kings, Democracy 3 and Fable 3.) 11. Is it ever right to take another life? And how do we cope with our own death? (The Harm Thesis and the good death in To The Moon and Lost Odyssey.)

Provides reviews, features, and previews of a variety of video and computer games.

'Etchells writes eloquently ... A heartfelt defence of a demonised pastime' The Times 'Once in an age, a piece of culture comes along that feels like it was specifically created for you, the beats and words and ideas are there because it is your life the creator is describing. Lost In A Good Game

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is exactly that. It will touch your heart and mind. And even if Bowser, Chun-li or Q-Bert weren't crucial parts of your youth, this is a flawless victory for everyone' Adam Rutherford

When Pete Etchells was 14, his father died from motor neurone disease. In order to cope, he immersed himself in a virtual world - first as an escape, but later to try to understand what had happened. Etchells is now a researcher into the psychological effects of video games, and was co-author on a recent paper explaining why WHO plans to classify 'game addiction' as a danger to public health are based

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on bad science and (he thinks) are a bad idea. In this, his first book, he journeys through the history and development of video games - from Turing's chess machine to mass multiplayer online games like World of Warcraft- via scientific study, to investigate the highs and lows of playing and get to the bottom of our relationship with games - why we do it, and what they really mean to us. At the same time, *Lost in a Good Game* is a very unusual memoir of a writer coming to terms with his grief via virtual worlds, as he tries to work out what area of popular culture we should classify games (a relatively new technology)

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This book focuses on the history of video games, consoles, and home computers from the very beginning until the mid-nineties, which started a new era in digital entertainment. The text features the most innovative games and introduces the pioneers who developed them. It offers brief analyses of the most relevant games from each time period. An epilogue covers the events and systems that followed this golden age while the appendices include a history of handheld games and an overview of the retro-gaming scene.

Super Mario

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Drawing Basics and Video Game
Video Games Are Made
Art

Ten Things Video Games Can
Teach Us

The Art of Game Design
Sid Meier's Memoir!: A Life in
Computer Games

Press Reset

Video Game History from Pong
and Pac-Man to Mario, Minecraft,
and More

The definitive story of the rise of
Nintendo. In 1981, Nintendo of
America was a one-year-old
business already on the brink of
failure. Its president, Mino
Arakawa, was stuck with two
thousand unsold arcade cabinets for
a dud of a game (Radar Scope). So

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he hatched a plan. Back in Japan, a boyish, shaggy-haired staff artist named Shigeru Miyamoto designed a new game for the unsold cabinets featuring an angry gorilla and a small jumping man. Donkey Kong brought in \$180 million in its first year alone and launched the career of a short, chubby plumber named Mario. Since then, Mario has starred in over two hundred games, generating profits in the billions. He is more recognizable than Mickey Mouse, yet he's little more than a mustache in bib overalls. How did a mere smear of pixels gain such huge popularity? Super Mario tells the story behind the Nintendo games millions of us grew up with,

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explaining how a Japanese trading card company rose to dominate the fiercely competitive video-game industry.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER “The stories in this book make for a fascinating and remarkably complete pantheon of just about every common despair and every joy related to game development.” — Rami Ismail, cofounder of Vlambeer and developer of *Nuclear Throne*
Developing video games—hero's journey or fool's errand? The creative and technical logistics that go into building today's hottest games can be more harrowing and complex than the games themselves, often seeming like an endless maze

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or a bottomless abyss. In *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels*, Jason Schreier takes readers on a fascinating odyssey behind the scenes of video game development, where the creator may be a team of 600 overworked underdogs or a solitary geek genius. Exploring the artistic challenges, technical impossibilities, marketplace demands, and Donkey Kong-sized monkey wrenches thrown into the works by corporate, *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels* reveals how bringing any game to completion is more than Sisyphean—it's nothing short of miraculous. Taking some of the most popular, bestselling recent games, Schreier immerses readers in

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the hellfire of the development process, whether it's RPG studio Bioware's challenge to beat an impossible schedule and overcome countless technical nightmares to build *Dragon Age: Inquisition*; indie developer Eric Barone's single-handed efforts to grow country-life RPG *Stardew Valley* from one man's vision into a multi-million-dollar franchise; or Bungie spinning out from their corporate overlords at Microsoft to create *Destiny*, a brand new universe that they hoped would become as iconic as *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings*—even as it nearly ripped their studio apart.

Documenting the round-the-clock crunches, buggy-eyed burnout, and

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last-minute saves, *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels* is a journey through development hell—and ultimately a tribute to the dedicated diehards and unsung heroes who scale mountains of obstacles in their quests to create the best games imaginable.

Korean edition of [*Blood, Sweat, and Pixels: The Triumphant, Turbulent Stories Behind How Video Games Are Made*] by Jason Schreier. Jason Schreier takes readers on a fascinating odyssey behind the scenes of video game development, where the creator may be a team of 600 overworked underdogs or a solitary geek genius. Exploring the artistic challenges, technical impossibilities,

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marketplace demands, and Donkey Kong-sized monkey wrenches thrown into the works by corporate, [Blood, Sweat, and Pixels] reveals how bringing any game to completion is more than Sisypheanit's nothing short of miraculous. Korean edition translated by Kwon Hye Jeong. The pixel as the organizing principle of all pictures, from cave paintings to Toy Story. The Great Digital Convergence of all media types into one universal digital medium occurred, with little fanfare, at the recent turn of the millennium. The bit became the universal medium, and the pixel--a particular packaging of bits--conquered the world.

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Henceforward, nearly every picture in the world would be composed of pixels--cell phone pictures, app interfaces, Mars Rover transmissions, book illustrations, videogames. In *A Biography of the Pixel*, Pixar cofounder Alvy Ray Smith argues that the pixel is the organizing principle of most modern media, and he presents a few simple but profound ideas that unify the dazzling varieties of digital image making. Smith's story of the pixel's development begins with Fourier waves, proceeds through Turing machines, and ends with the first digital movies from Pixar, DreamWorks, and Blue Sky. Today, almost all the pictures we encounter

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are digital--mediated by the pixel
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and irretrievably separated from their media; museums and kindergartens are two of the last outposts of the analog. Smith explains, engagingly and accessibly, how pictures composed of invisible stuff become visible--that is, how digital pixels convert to analog display elements. Taking the special case of digital movies to represent all of Digital Light (his term for pictures constructed of pixels), and drawing on his decades of work in the field, Smith approaches his subject from multiple angles--art, technology, entertainment, business, and history. *A Biography of the Pixel* is essential reading for anyone

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who has watched a video on a cell
phone, played a videogame, or seen
a movie.

Video Game Storytelling

Blood, Sweat, and Pixels

A Biography of the Pixel

X-Play Insider's Guide to Gaming

Creators and Critics on Video Game
Culture

One Up

Analysis of Jason Schreier's Blood,
Sweat, and Pixels by Milkyway
Media

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& KATHERINE CROSS - IAN
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DAVID JOHNSTON - WILLIAM
KNOBLAUCH - MERRITT
KOPAS - OLA WIKANDER** The
State of Play is a call to
consider the high stakes of
video game culture and how
our digital and real lives
collide. Here, video games are
not hobbies or pure
recreation; they are vehicles
for art, sex, and race and class
politics. The sixteen
contributors are
entrenched—they are the
video game creators
themselves, media critics, and
Internet celebrities. They
share one thing: they are all
players at heart, handpicked
to form a superstar roster by

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Daniel Goldberg and Linus Larsson, the authors of the bestselling *Minecraft: The Unlikely Tale of Markus "Notch" Persson and the Game that Changed Everything*. *The State of Play* is essential reading for anyone interested in what may well be the defining form of cultural expression of our time. "If you want to explain to anyone why videogames are worth caring about, this is a single volume primer on where we are, how we got here and where we're going next. In every way, this is the state of play." —Kieron Gillen, author of *The Wicked + the Divine*, co-founder of *Rock Paper Shotgun*

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A thrilling illustrated journey through the history of video games and what they really mean to us Golden Axe. The Sims. Half Life. Mega Drive. SNES. Like many teenagers around the world, Edward Ross grew up on a steady diet of video games and fascinating gadgets. As he continued to obsess over video games while drawing comic books, he started wondering what it was that made them more than just a pastime. Why do we play? This gorgeously illustrated book takes us deep into the history of video games, from the early prototypes created in the late 1940s through the growth of the medium in the 1970s and

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into the modern era, in which games are a crucial part of mainstream culture.

Exploring politics, history, and personal stories, and moving seamlessly from the greatest hits to engrossing indie games, Gamish is a love letter to an obsession that has gripped more than two billion people around the world.

The definitive behind-the-scenes history of video games' explosion into the twenty-first century and the war for industry power "A zippy read through a truly deep research job. You won't want to put this one down."—Eddie Adlum, publisher, RePlay Magazine
As video games evolve, only the fittest companies survive.

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Making a blockbuster once cost millions of dollars; now it can cost hundreds of millions, but with a \$160 billion market worldwide, the biggest players are willing to bet the bank. Steven L. Kent has been playing video games since Pong and writing about the industry since the Nintendo Entertainment System. In volume 1 of *The Ultimate History of Video Games*, he chronicled the industry's first thirty years. In volume 2, he narrates gaming's entrance into the twenty-first century, as Nintendo, Sega, Sony, and Microsoft battle to capture the global market. The home console boom of the '90s turned hobby companies like

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Nintendo and Sega into Hollywood-studio-sized business titans. But by the end of the decade, they would face new, more powerful competitors. In boardrooms on both sides of the Pacific, engineers and executives began, with enormous budgets and total secrecy, to plan the next evolution of home consoles. The PlayStation 2, Nintendo GameCube, and Sega Dreamcast all made radically different bets on what gamers would want. And then, to the shock of the world, Bill Gates announced the development of the one console to beat them all—even if Microsoft had to burn a few billion

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dollars to do it. In this book,

you will learn about • the cutthroat environment at Microsoft as rival teams created console systems • the day the head of Sega of America told the creator of Sonic the Hedgehog to “fk off” • how “lateral thinking with withered technology” put Nintendo back on top • and much more! Gripping and comprehensive, *The Ultimate History of Video Games:***

Volume 2 explores the origins of modern consoles and of the franchises—from Grand Theft Auto and Halo to Call of Duty and Guitar Hero—that would define gaming in the new millennium.

Women in Gaming: 100

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Professionals of Play is a celebration of female accomplishments in the video game industry, ranging from high-level executives to programmers to cosplayers. This insightful and celebratory book highlights women who helped to establish the industry, women who disrupted it, women who fight to diversify it, and young women who will someday lead it. Featuring household names and unsung heroes, each individual profiled is a pioneer in their own right. Key features in this book include: *100 Professionals of Play: Interviews and Special Features with 100 diverse and prominent women

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highlighting their impact on the gaming industry in the fields of design, programming, animation, marketing, voiceover, and many more. *Pro Tips: Practical and anecdotal advice from industry professionals for young adults working toward a career in the video game industry. *Essays: Short essays covering various topics affecting women in gaming related careers, including "Difficult Women: The Importance of Female Characters Who Go Beyond Being Strong," "NPC: On Being Unseen in the Game Dev Community," and "Motherhood and Gaming: How Motherhood Can Help

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Rather Than Hinder a
Career." * "A Day in the Life

of" Features: An inside look at
a typical day in the gaming
industry across several
vocations, including a
streamer, a voice actor, and
many more.

**Play Between Worlds
Exploring Online Game
Culture**

**How Two Guys Created an
Empire and Transformed Pop
Culture**

**All Your Base Are Belong to
Us**

**How Fifty Years of
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**Lost in a Good Game
Video Games and the
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Immerse yourself in 45 spectacularly imagined virtual cities, from Arkham City to Whiterun, in this beautifully illustrated unofficial guide. Spanning decades of digital history, this is the ultimate travel guide and atlas of the gamer imagination. Dimopoulos invites readers to share his vision of dozens of different gaming franchises like never before: discover Dimopoulos's Half-Life 2's City 17, Yakuza 0's Kamurocho, Fallout's New Vegas, Super Mario Odyssey's New Donk City,

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and many more. Each chapter of this virtual travel guide consists of deep dives into the history and lore of these cities from an in-universe perspective.

Illustrated with original color ink drawings and—of course—gorgeous and detailed maps, readers can explore the nostalgic games of their youth as well as modern hits. Sidebars based on the author's research tell behind-the-scenes anecdotes and reveal the real-world stories that inspired these iconic virtual settings. With a combination of stylish

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original maps, illustrations, and insightful commentary and analysis, this is a must-have for video game devotees, world-building fans, and game design experts.

Presents over 100 sets of questions, or different lenses, for viewing a game's design. Written by one of the world's top game designers, this book describes the deepest and most fundamental principles of game design, demonstrating how tactics used in board, card, and athletic games also work in video games. It

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provides practical instruction on creating world-class games that will be played again and again. New to this edition: many great examples from new VR and AR platforms as well as examples from modern games such as Uncharted 4 and The Last of Us, Free to Play games, hybrid games, transformational games, and more.

Inspired by the groundbreaking A History of the World in 100 Objects, this book draws on the unique collections of The Strong museum in

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chronicle the evolution of video games, from Pong to first-person shooters, told through the stories of dozens of objects essential to the field's creation and development. Drawing on the World Video Game Hall of Fame's unmatched collection of video game artifacts, this fascinating history offers an expansive look at the development of one of the most popular and influential activities of the modern world: video gaming. Sixty-four unique objects tell the story of the

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video game from inception to today. Pithy, in-depth essays and photographs examine each object's significance to video game play—what it has contributed to the history of gaming—as well as the greater culture. A History of Video Games in 64 Objects explains how the video game has transformed over time. Inside, you'll find a wide range of intriguing topics, including: The first edition of Dungeons & Dragons—the ancestor of computer role-playing games The Oregon Trail and

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the development of educational gaming The Atari 2600 and the beginning of the console revolution A World of Warcraft server blade and massively multiplayer online games Minecraft—the backlash against the studio system The rise of women in gaming represented by pioneering American video game designers Carol Shaw and Roberta Williams' game development materials The prototype Skylanders Portal of Power that spawned the Toys-to-Life video game phenomenon and shook up

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the marketplace And so much more! A visual panorama of unforgettable anecdotes and factoids, A History of Video Games in 64 Objects is a treasure trove for gamers and pop culture fans. Let the gaming begin!

More American children recognize Super Mario, the hero of one of Nintendo's video games, than Mickey Mouse. The Japanese company has come to earn more money than the big three computer giants or all Hollywood movie studios combined. Now Sheff tells of

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Extra Lives

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Heroes, Villains, and the Fight for Art and Soul in Video Games

Virtual Cities: An Atlas & Exploration of Video Game Cities

The Greatest Stories Ever Played

The History of Video Games
Words of Wisdom from Satoru Iwata, Nintendo's Legendary CEO

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writer who published three widely acclaimed books before the age of thirty-four. He is also an obsessive gamer who has spent untold hours in front of his various video game consoles, playing titles such as Far Cry 2, Left 4 Dead, BioShock, and Oblivion for, literally, days. If you are reading this flap copy, the same thing can probably be said of you, or of someone you know. Until recently, Bissell was somewhat reluctant to admit to his passion for games. In this, he is not alone. Millions of adults spend hours every

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week playing video games, and the industry itself now reliably outearns Hollywood. But the wider culture seems to regard video games as, at best, well designed if mindless entertainment. Extra Lives is an impassioned defense of this assailed and misunderstood art form. Bissell argues that we are in a golden age of gaming—but he also believes games could be even better. He offers a fascinating and often hilarious critique of the ways video games dazzle and, just as often, frustrate. Along the way, we get firsthand

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portraits of some of the best minds (Jonathan Blow, Clint Hocking, Cliff Bleszinski, Peter Molyneux) at work in video game design today, as well as a shattering and deeply moving final chapter that describes, in searing detail, Bissell ' s descent into the world of Grand Theft Auto IV, a game whose themes mirror his own increasingly self-destructive compulsions. Blending memoir, criticism, and first-rate reportage, *Extra Lives* is like no other book on the subject ever published. Whether you love video

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games, loathe video games, or
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are merely curious about why they are becoming the dominant popular art form of our time, *Extra Lives* is required reading.

A complete, illustrated history of video games--highlighting the machines, games, and people who have made gaming a worldwide, billion-dollar industry/artform--told in a graphic novel format. Author Jonathan Hennessey and illustrator Jack McGowan present the first full-color, chronological origin story for this hugely successful,

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omnipresent artform and
business. Hennessey
provides readers with
everything they need to know
about video games--from
their early beginnings during
World War II to the
emergence of arcade games
in the 1970s to the rise of
Nintendo to today's app-
based games like Angry Birds
and Pokemon Go. Hennessey
and McGowan also analyze
the evolution of gaming as an
artform and its impact on
society. Each chapter
features spotlights on major
players in the development of
games and gaming that

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contains everything that gamers and non-gamers alike need to understand and appreciate this incredible phenomenon.

"This book supports my own 30-year crusade to demonstrate that games are an art form that undeniably rivals traditional arts. It gives detailed explanations of game art techniques and their importance, while also highlighting their dependence on artistic aspects of game design and programming." — John Romero, co-founder of id Software and CEO of Loot Drop, Inc. "Solarski ' s

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methodology here is to show us the artistic techniques that every artist should know, and then he transposes them to the realm of video games to show how they should be used to create a far more artful gaming experience ... if I were an artist planning to do video game work, I ' d have a copy of this on my shelf." — Marc Mason, Comics Waiting Room

Video games are not a revolution in art history, but an evolution. Whether the medium is paper or canvas—or a computer screen—the artist ' s challenge is to make something without depth

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Video Games Are Made seem like a window into a living, breathing world. Video game art is no different.

Drawing Basics and Video Game Art is first to examine the connections between classical art and video games, enabling developers to create more expressive and varied emotional experiences in games. Artist game designer Chris Solarski gives readers a comprehensive introduction to basic and advanced drawing and design skills—light, value, color, anatomy, concept development—as well as detailed instruction for using

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these methods to design complex characters, worlds, and gameplay experiences. Artwork by the likes of Michelangelo, Titian, and Rubens are studied alongside AAA games like BioShock, Journey, the Mario series, and Portal 2, to demonstrate perpetual theories of depth, composition, movement, artistic anatomy, and expression. Although Drawing Basics and Video Game Art is primarily a practical reference for artists and designers working in the video games industry, it ' s equally accessible for those

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interested to learn about gaming 's future, and potential as an artistic medium. Also available as an eBook

A study of *Everquest* that provides a snapshot of multiplayer gaming culture, questions the truism that computer games are isolating and alienating, and offers insights into broader issues of work and play, gender identity, technology, and commercial culture. In *Play Between Worlds*, T. L. Taylor examines multiplayer gaming life as it is lived on the borders, in the gaps—as players slip in and out of

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complex social networks that cross online and offline space.

Taylor questions the common assumption that playing computer games is an isolating and alienating activity indulged in by solitary teenage boys.

Massively multiplayer online games (MMOGs), in which thousands of players participate in a virtual game world in real time, are in fact actively designed for sociability. Games like the popular *Everquest*, she argues, are fundamentally social spaces. Taylor's detailed look at *Everquest*

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offers a snapshot of multiplayer culture. Drawing on her own experience as an Everquest player (as a female Gnome Necromancer)—including her attendance at an Everquest Fan Faire, with its blurring of online—and offline life—and extensive research, Taylor not only shows us something about games but raises broader cultural issues. She considers "power gamers," who play in ways that seem closer to work, and examines our underlying notions of what constitutes play—and why play sometimes feels

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like work and may even be
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painful, repetitive, and boring.

She looks at the women who
play Everquest and finds they
don't fit the narrow
stereotype of women gamers,
which may cast into doubt our
standardized and
preconceived ideas of
femininity. And she explores
the questions of who owns
game space—what happens
when emergent player culture
confronts the major
corporation behind the game.

Replay

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development process of video

games. The first step in creating a

video game is to secure

funding...Purchase this in-depth

analysis to learn more.

Veteran video game designer

Dustin Hansen takes readers on a

fun and fascinating trip through

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the brief but intensely innovative history of video games in *Game On!*

Design and build cutting-edge video games with help from video game expert Scott Rogers! If you want to design and build cutting-edge video games but aren't sure where to start, then this is the book for you. Written by leading video game expert Scott Rogers, who has designed the hits *Pac Man World*, *Maxim vs. Army of Zin*, and *SpongeBob Squarepants*, this book is full of Rogers's wit and imaginative style that demonstrates everything you need to know about designing great video games. Features an

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approachable writing style that

considers game designers from all levels of expertise and experience
Covers the entire video game creation process, including developing marketable ideas, understanding what gamers want, working with player actions, and more
Offers techniques for creating non-human characters and using the camera as a character
Shares helpful insight on the business of design and how to create design documents
So, put your game face on and start creating memorable, creative, and unique video games with this book!

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role-playing roots to its intense space operas and living worlds, chart the legendary game studio's first 25 years in this massive retrospective. BioWare - Stories and Secrets from 25 Years of Game Development puts you in the room during key moments in BioWare's history, with never-before-seen art and photos anchored by candid stories from developers past and present. See what it took to make games in those wild early days. Pore over details of secret, cancelled projects. Discover the genesis of beloved characters and games. Presented and designed by Dark Horse Books, this tribute to

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BioWare's legacy is a must-have for any fan of the best stories you can play.

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**What Every Developer Needs to Know about Narrative Techniques
Ruin and Recovery in the Video Game Industry**

**A Graphic History of Gaming
Theory of Fun for Game Design
Unti on Games as Service**

BioWare: Stories and Secrets from 25 Years of Game Development

Masters of Doom is the amazing true story of the Lennon and McCartney of video games:

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John Carmack and John

Romero. Together, they ruled big business. They transformed popular culture. And they provoked a national controversy. More than anything, they lived a unique and rollicking American Dream, escaping the broken homes of their youth to co-create the most notoriously successful game franchises in history—Doom and Quake—until the games they made tore them apart. Americans spend more money on video games than on movie tickets. *Masters of Doom* is the first book to chronicle this

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industry's greatest story,

written by one of the medium's leading observers. David Kushner takes readers inside the rags-to-riches adventure of two rebellious entrepreneurs who came of age to shape a generation. The vivid portrait reveals why their games are so violent and why their immersion in their brilliantly designed fantasy worlds offered them solace. And it shows how they channeled their fury and imagination into products that are a formative influence on our culture, from MTV to the Internet to Columbine. This is a story of friendship and betrayal,

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commerce and artistry—a powerful and compassionate account of what it's like to be young, driven, and wildly creative. “To my taste, the greatest American myth of cosmogenesis features the maladjusted, antisocial, genius teenage boy who, in the insular laboratory of his own bedroom, invents the universe from scratch. *Masters of Doom* is a particularly inspired rendition. Dave Kushner chronicles the saga of video game virtuosi Carmack and Romero with terrific brio. This is a page-turning, mythopoeic cyber-soap opera about two glamorous

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geek geniuses—and it should be read while scarfing down pepperoni pizza and swilling Diet Coke, with Queens of the Stone Age cranked up all the way.”—Mark Leyner, author of *I Smell Esther Williams*

UNLOCK YOUR GAME'S NARRATIVE POTENTIAL! With increasingly sophisticated video games being consumed by an enthusiastic and expanding audience, the pressure is on game developers like never before to deliver exciting stories and engaging characters. With *Video Game Storytelling*, game writer and producer Evan Skolnick

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provides a comprehensive yet easy-to-follow guide to storytelling basics and how they can be applied at every stage of the development process—by all members of the team. This clear, concise reference pairs relevant examples from top games and other media with a breakdown of the key roles in game development, showing how a team's shared understanding and application of core storytelling principles can deepen the player experience. Understanding story and why it matters is no longer just for writers or narrative designers. From team

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leadership to game design and beyond, Skolnick reveals how each member of the development team can do his or her part to help produce gripping, truly memorable narratives that will enhance gameplay and bring today's savvy gamers back time and time again.

Satoru Iwata was the global president and CEO of Nintendo and a gifted programmer who played a key role in the creation of many of the world's best-known games. He led the production of innovative platforms such as the Nintendo DS and the Wii, and laid the

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groundwork for the development of the wildly successful Pokémon Go game and the Nintendo Switch. Known for his analytical and imaginative mind, but even more for his humility and people-first approach to leadership, Satoru Iwata was beloved by game fans and developers worldwide. In this motivational collection, Satoru Iwata addresses diverse subjects such as locating bottlenecks, how success breeds resistance to change, and why programmers should never say no. Drawn from the “Iwata Asks” series of

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interviews with key contributors to Nintendo games and hardware, and featuring conversations with renowned Mario franchise creator Shigeru Miyamoto and creator of EarthBound Shigesato Itoi, Ask Iwata offers game fans and business leaders an insight into the leadership, development, and design philosophies of one of the most beloved figures in gaming history. -- VIZ Media

What explains the massive worldwide success of video games such as Fortnite, Minecraft, and Pokémon Go? Game companies and their popularity are poorly

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understood and often ignored from the standpoint of traditional business strategy. Yet this industry generates billions in revenue by thinking creatively about digital distribution, free-to-play content, and phenomena like e-sports and live streaming. What lessons can we draw from its major successes and failures about the future of entertainment? *One Up* offers a pioneering empirical analysis of innovation and strategy in the video game industry to explain how it has evolved from a fringe activity to become a mainstream form of

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entertainment. Joost van

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Dreunen, a widely recognized industry expert with over twenty years of experience, analyzes how game makers, publishers, and platform holders have tackled strategic challenges to make the video game industry what it is today. Using more than three decades of rigorously compiled industry data, he demonstrates that video game companies flourish when they bring the same level of creativity to business strategy that they bring to game design. Filled with case studies of companies such as Activision Blizzard, Apple,

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Electronic Arts, Epic Games,
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Two Interactive, Tencent, and
Valve, this book forces us to
rethink common
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gaming. One Up is required
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managers, and anyone looking
to learn about the major drivers
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