Los Angeles Times: 2015's 10 best video games stretch from 'Cibele' to 'Tomb Raider'

Tripon
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:01 PM)
Quote

Los Angeles Times: 2015's 10 best video games stretch from 'Cibele' to 'Tomb Raider' #1

http://www.latimes.com/entertainment...213-story.html

1. Cibele
2. Her Story
3. Life is Strange
4. Rise of the Tomb Raider
5. Ori and the Blind Forest
6. Sunset
7. Splatoon
8. Prune
9. Volume
10. Super Mario Maker

Lowlight: Battlefield Hardline

Coffee Dog
formerly known as Echoenigma
(12-12-2015, 09:05 PM)
Quote

#2

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Edit: also, hardline as lowlight is pretty lolworthy considering some of the other games released this year

Kuro-Law
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:09 PM)
Quote

#3

Bloodborne snubbed again.
List is cool for having splatoon and ori.

Tinfoilhatsron
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:10 PM)
Quote

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> Originally Posted by **Kuro-Law**
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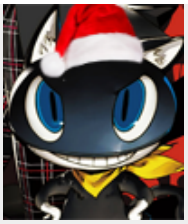
> List is cool for having splatoon and ori.



Bloodborne is subbed everytime.

Zader
Junior Member
(12-12-2015, 09:11 PM)
Quote

#5

Terrible list as expected. Splatoon, Ori and SMM are welcome additions though. The rest belong nowhere near a top ten list except maybe Rise of the tomb raider

J-Tier
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:13 PM)
Quote

#6

Is this just the writer's opinion? It seems to be the case, though I'm not in a good position to read the article in its entirety.

Dance Inferno
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:13 PM)
Quote

#7

> Originally Posted by **Kuro-Law**
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Vice
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:14 PM)
Quote

#8

> Originally Posted by **J-Tier**
> Is this just the writer's opinion? It seems to be the case, though I'm not in a good position to read the article in its entirety.

Yeah, in the second pragraphhe explains
His reasonong.

> The bulk of my favorite games of the year allowed me to explore the world from unexpected points of view — a teenager with unexplainable powers, a dying tree struggling to come to life or a woman losing her virginity.

> Originally Posted by **Coffee Dog**
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His reasoning has to do with how strange a shooter about police killing people is considering some big news stories of the recent year. If you work with people who write about them all the time seeing a game say that police shooting are fun could be weird.

Last edited by Vice; 12-12-2015 at 09:19 PM.

Kuro-Law
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:15 PM)
Quote

#9

> Originally Posted by **Tinfoilhatsron**
> Bloodborne is subbed everytime.

> Originally Posted by **Dance Inferno**
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Thatsthejoke.gif

zsynqx
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:15 PM)
Quote

#10

So happy Life is Strange is getting so much recognition.

JoseLopez
Banned
(12-12-2015, 09:15 PM)
Quote

#11

Who cares

tuxfool
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:18 PM)
Quote

#12

It is an interesting list. I think it is great that a major publication's GOTY list isn't some homogenous replica of the same games you'll find in many more lists.

> Originally Posted by **JoseLopez**
> Who cares

Why do you care about who cares?

J-Tier
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:18 PM)
Quote

#13

> Originally Posted by **Vice**
> Yeah, in the second pragraphhe explains
> His reasonong.

Cool, list makes sense then. I thought it was some kind of critic consensus or reader poll.

Tripon
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:20 PM)
Quote

#14

I'm surprised Sunset is making people's list. That game is bad just on a playable point.

Collingwood
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:20 PM)
Quote

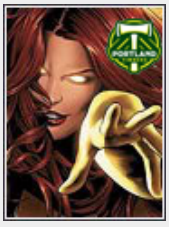
#15

Tomb Raider and Ori are there. List checks out.

Dartastic
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:23 PM)
Quote

#16

I mean, I thought Cibele was interesting and all, but it doesn't really belong anywhere near a "best" games list. If there was a list for most interesting, or experimental, or something along those lines it certainly deserves to be way near the top. However, there really isn't much "game" there. It's still good and I suggest playing it, but it's nowhere near the best game of the year.



jesu
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:26 PM)
Quote

#17

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Sorcerer Supreme
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:27 PM)
Quote

#18

That's a bad list

JimJamJones
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:34 PM)
Quote

#19

Cibele? Really? That's the game you chose?

Oddduck
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:34 PM)
Quote

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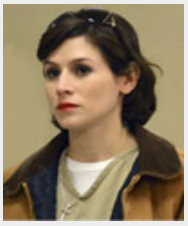

> Originally Posted by **zsynqx**
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Same here.

threelights
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:34 PM)
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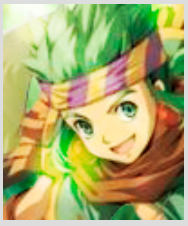

Still happy to see Her Story there, still happy that the game didn't pass by completely unnoticed.

Cels
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:37 PM)
Quote

#22

the first time i heard of sunset was when the developer posted a blog saying it was a failure.

http://tale-of-tales.com/Sunset/blog...-the-sun-sets/

sonicmj1
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:38 PM)
Quote

#23

> Originally Posted by **jesu**
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The actual headline is more correct: "2015's 10 best video games stretch from 'Cibele' to 'Rise of the Tomb Raider' to 'Super Mario Maker' "

Half the games on the list have female protagonists, which is a neat trend.

Grisby
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:39 PM)
Quote

#24

Never even heard of some of those games. It's really cool to see that happen though.

And LIS is cleaning up.

> Originally Posted by **Collingwood**
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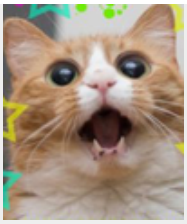

Trrruuue.

mreddie
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:39 PM)
Quote

#25

No Until Dawn? It's the first game in a while that actually isn't the usual AAA game.

kurahador
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:46 PM)
Quote

#26

Cibele.....

Guess the writer cares more about intention than execution.

Last edited by kurahador; 12-12-2015 at 09:49 PM.

SolidSnakex
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:47 PM)
Quote

#27

> Originally Posted by **Tripon**
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I'd never even heard of the game until the developers of it went on one of the most bizarre meltdowns i've ever seen in the industry

But I ended up reading a number of articles on it after that and it sounds like a complete mess made by developers that are absolutely convinced they're making art. The controls are messy and the game is a technically broken. One article pointed out how his PC could run The Witcher 3 just fine while Sunset struggled to run on it.

Ryuuga
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:53 PM)
Quote

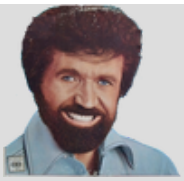
#28

Interesting. This is certainly a list of games.

Blobbers
Miyazaki is fully directing Dark Souls 3 and taking from Dark Souls 2
(12-12-2015, 09:53 PM)
Quote

#29

Was Cibele literally made in Paint?



Servbot24
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:55 PM)
Quote

#30

> Originally Posted by **JoseLopez**
> Who cares

Everyone who posts in this thread including you.

TheSpoiler
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:58 PM)
Quote

#31

Conceptually, Sunset was alright, but the execution, from the heavy handed story and asshole sniffing air to the terribly optimized experience and ability to sit in the elevator the whole time and skip actually performing the tasks laid ahead of you made it not worth the effort.

Hoje0308
Junior Member
(12-12-2015, 09:58 PM)
Quote

#32

Man, BF:H has been getting shit on all year. It certainly wasn't my thing, but didn't it run well day one?

> Originally Posted by **JoseLopez**
> Who cares

You clicked on the thread and took the time to comment, so...you?

Turin Turambar
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:59 PM)
Quote

#33

The thing with Sunset, from what I know, it's that even the people who usually like these types of games didn't like it a lot.

JudgmentJay
Member
(12-12-2015, 09:59 PM)
Quote

#34

Well, Ori and the Blind Forest makes sense, but I can't say I agree with the 9 other video games on that list. Haven't played Tomb Raider yet though.

The fact that Prune is now on two GotY lists blows my mind. It's an incredibly shallow time-waster, nothing more.

Denton
Junior Member
(12-12-2015, 10:02 PM)
Quote

#35

> Originally Posted by **SolidSnakex**
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Wow. Just...wow.

As for the list...if you are going to do "hipster: the list", at least put Life is Strange to number one, dammit :p

John Kowalski
Charmin San Potato
(12-12-2015, 10:03 PM)
Quote

#36

NO BLOODBORNE???

sora87
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:04 PM)
Quote

#37

Oh dear.

Reebot
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:06 PM)
Quote

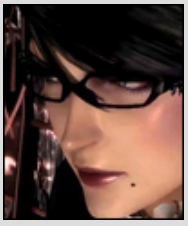
#38

> Originally Posted by **Dance Inferno**
> Can we stop with this in every GOTY thread? Not everyone needs to put Bloodborne in their top 10 games. It's a subjective list based on an individual's taste.

Bloodborne is objectively the best game of the year. Only a beast would disagree.

Persona7
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:08 PM)
Quote

#39



I haven't played Sunset,Prune,Volume or Tomb Raider but that list is pretty close to mine.

Trickster
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:13 PM)
Quote

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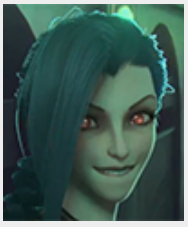

Okay then, taste is subjective afterall. Author clearly has weird as taste if that's their top 10 games of 2015 though.

AcademicSaucer
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:24 PM)
Quote

#41

> Originally Posted by **SolidSnakex**
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wow, thats amazing.

iRAWRasaurus
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:26 PM)
Quote

#42

Personally I only heard of 6 of those games..

neogaffer1
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:26 PM)
Quote

#43

Life is Strange makes this a good list

edit: didn't giant bomb do a quick look on sunset after the studio went under? seemed mediocre--the premise was a bit odd and it didn't seem to do much with that premise to really justify its existence.

tim.mbp
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:31 PM)
Quote

#44

> Originally Posted by **SolidSnakex**
> I'd never even heard of the game until the developers of it went on one of the most bizarre meltdowns i've ever seen in the industry.

They get constant shit from GG crazies.

EleventhHourSuperpower
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:37 PM)
Quote

#45

No Bloodborne, therefore it's a good list. Would be a wasted spot.

entrement
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:38 PM)
Quote

#46

Thank you for not using spoiler tags.

Baron von Loathsome #47
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:39 PM)
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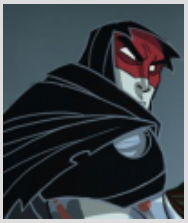

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It seemed interesting, but it ran like shit on my computer.

John Kowalski #48
Charmin San Potato
(12-12-2015, 10:39 PM)
Quote

honestly nina deserves it just for the tshirt she wore to GBs extra life

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ItIsOkBro #49
Member
(12-12-2015, 10:40 PM)
Quote

The struggle was real to try and get Tomb Raider in the title

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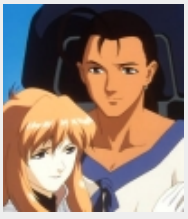
Taruranto #50
<3 BioWare <3
(12-12-2015, 10:48 PM)
Quote



The only thing I know about Cibele is that it's apparently like 2 hours long and people were buying it and getting a refund 2 hours later.

Fun stuff.

J_Viper #51
Junior Member
(12-12-2015, 10:58 PM)
Quote

There were certainly games released this year that were worse than Hardline.

Always great to see LiS get some love. That game deserves every bit of it.

Tagyhag #52
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:04 PM)
Quote

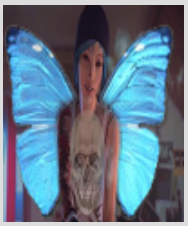
You'd think with the author's reasoning as to why certain games are there, Undertale would have made the cut. Oh well.

lotsofotherstuff
Junior Member
(12-12-2015, 11:15 PM)
Quote

#53

I need to get around to play Her Story. Everything I see of it make it seem like it is a game I would love.

And super happy Life is Strange got a mention. My favorite game this year.



UnemployedVillain
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:17 PM)
Quote

#54

> Originally Posted by **Kuro-Law**
> Thatsthejoke.gif

Lol you think they're joking

Golgo 13
Banned
(12-12-2015, 11:28 PM)
Quote

#55

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Tripon
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:28 PM)
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#56

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You sound mad.

Golgo 13
Banned
(12-12-2015, 11:30 PM)
Quote

#57

> Originally Posted by **Tripon**
> You sound mad.

You're quite observant.

Eman Resu
Junior Member
(12-12-2015, 11:31 PM)
Quote

#58

wtf is cibele

Yopis
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:31 PM)

#59

Trash list they tried hard to out think the room.

Quote

Zaventem
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:33 PM)
Quote

#60

> Originally Posted by **Sorcerer Supreme**
> That's a bad list

This is a full blown meme list, I don't think i've heard anyone discussing Cibele as GOTY material anywhere even if it is a good game.

A Link to the Snitch
Snitch
(12-12-2015, 11:34 PM)
Quote

#61

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ok

Tye The Czar
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:36 PM)
Quote

#62

> Originally Posted by **Dance Inferno**
> Can we stop with this in every GOTY thread? Not everyone needs to put Bloodborne in their top 10 games. It's a subjective list based on an individual's taste.

NO! We must totally strive for objectivity in game reviews. Any dissenting opinion deserves death threats, or else, dirty feminist boogeywomen and the Evil Kotaku will ruin gaming!

WordsintheWater
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:37 PM)
Quote

#63

> Originally Posted by **zsynqx**
> So happy Life is Strange is getting so much recognition.

I have it on my PS4 haven't dove in yet, how good is it?

Hugstable
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:40 PM)
Quote

#64

> Originally Posted by **WordsintheWater**
> I have it on my PS4 haven't dove in yet, how good is it?

Play it now, just beat it like 3 days ago and it was really really good

KraytarJ

#65

Junior Member
(12-12-2015, 11:41 PM)
Quote

> Originally Posted by **WordsintheWater**
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It's incredibly good. Arguably the 2 best female characters, and maybe new characters overall, from this year and a very interesting story. My biggest surprise of the year and honestly I'm leaning towards it being my goty. You owe it to yourself to at least give it a chance, especially if you already own it.

WordsintheWater #66
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:42 PM)
Quote

> Originally Posted by **Hugstable**
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All these games like Fallout 4 and Rainbow Six have been keeping me away from it. I have a feeling once I start it I won't be able to stop because I love story driven games and it seems like this is one of those. Gonna play it tonight.

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Oh man, now I am itching to play it. Thanks guys.

Hugstable #67
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:44 PM)
Quote

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> Oh man, now I am itching to play it. Thanks guys.

Yeah it's not super long, the first 2 chapters seem to go by really quick and the final 3 seem to be more meaty story wise. I think I took around 14-15 hours to complete. It definitely was a nice break between all the Open World games I've been trying to play recently.

It was probably the biggest surprise for me this year. I didn't think the story was gonna be about what it is about, I went into it thinking it was just gonna be some kids in high school/college slice of life stuff, and it was anything but haha.

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This post is terrible. They don't need to be some damn pros to talk about games and what they enjoyed this year. And authority on the subject? Aren't they just making a list for their own newspaper/website? Why all the anger?

Last edited by Hugstable; 12-12-2015 at 11:47 PM.

petethepanda
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:45 PM)
Quote

#68

Always happy to see these lists used to get eyes on lesser-known games. Way more interesting than the usual perfunctory lists of the same ten AAA games swapped around.

It's awesome that Splatoon has been getting a lot of attention. Really wondered if it'd be one of those games to disappear after a month.

Leafhopper
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:45 PM)
Quote

#69

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Lol.

phanphare
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:46 PM)
Quote

#70

ahhhhh Splatoon

love that this game is getting some year-end recognition. fantastic game.

UrbanRats
Member
(12-12-2015, 11:53 PM)
Quote

#71

> Originally Posted by **SolidSnakex**
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Anyone can have a bad day.
Twitter just makes that day unforgettable.

[redacted]

d00d3n
Member
(Yesterday, 12:00 AM)
Quote

#72

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Kinyou
Member
(Yesterday, 12:00 AM)
Quote

#73

Seems a bit weird to not explain his picks a bit more in depth.

"Hey here is my Goty, you probably never heard of it. K, bye."

charlequin
Loving Husband. Caring Admin. Secret Octopus.
(Yesterday, 12:02 AM)
Quote

#74

Just FYI I will delete any post after this with the word "Bloodborne" in it regardless of the other content. Please talk about the list that's actually here, and if at all possible try to inform it by reading the article and commenting on *why* you disagree.

> Originally Posted by **JudgmentJay**
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Personally I don't feel like they did everything they could with the idea and it probably needed a bit more refinement, but it's a cool game.

> Originally Posted by **kurahador**

> Guess the writer cares more about intention than execution.

That's probably a fair criticism. Cibele and Sunset are both games that try for pretty ambitious and unique things, and which (by broad consensus) don't really pull them off. From a critic's perspective it makes sense to reward games that try something daring, but I certainly would give more credit to final implementation than that.

> Originally Posted by **Tagyhag**
> You'd think with the author's reasoning as to why certain games are there, Undertale would have made the cut. Oh well.

Undertale is so tightly wrapped up in the gaming medium that it's hard to recommend effectively to a mass audience. The level of medium history and context you need to fully appreciate it is great enough that I wouldn't expect to see it on general-audience lists as often.

Corpekata #75
Member
(Yesterday, 12:05 AM)
Quote

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>
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Most of the ones he doesn't talk about much have links to his review about the game.

mario_O #76
Member
(Yesterday, 12:05 AM)
Quote

First time I hear about Cibele.

timetokill #77
I call 'em "death hugs"
(Yesterday, 12:08 AM)
Quote

> Originally Posted by **John Kowalski**
> honestly nina deserves it just for the tshirt she wore to GBs extra life

Oh shit, I missed that, what did she wear?

Nina has ... interesting fashion taste. I don't mean that in a bad way! I like it.

charlequin #78
Loving Husband. Caring Admin. Secret Octopus.
(Yesterday, 12:12 AM)
Quote

> Originally Posted by **d00d3n**
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MattKeil #79
BIGTIME TV MOGUL #2

I like several of his picks, and it's nice to see Life is Strange getting love from all sides, but if your

(Yesterday, 12:21 AM)
Quote

top 10 of 2015 doesn't include The Witcher 3, I cannot take your top 10 seriously.

d00d3n
Member
(Yesterday, 12:27 AM)
Quote

#80

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That I have to agree with, I guess.

yanipheonu
Member
(Yesterday, 12:30 AM)
Quote

#81

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blue_phazon
Member
(Yesterday, 12:34 AM)
Quote

#82

> Originally Posted by **yanipheonu**
> I'm not going to lie, the prevalence of Rise of the Tomb Raider on these mainstream lists is a little eyebrow raising.

Why?

It was pretty well reviewed, and people's impressions are really positive in the OT on gaf

potatohead
Member
(Yesterday, 12:34 AM)
Quote

#83

> Originally Posted by **yanipheonu**
> I'm not going to lie, the prevalence of Rise of the Tomb Raider on these mainstream lists is a little eyebrow raising.

Tomb Raider only became good when people bought it for exclusivity.

EthanC
Member
(Yesterday, 12:34 AM)
Quote

#84

> Originally Posted by **yanipheonu**
> I'm not going to lie, the prevalence of Rise of the Tomb Raider on these mainstream lists is a little eyebrow raising.

It's my personal GOTY. No check needed. Enjoy your conspiracy theory.

domlolz
Member
(Yesterday, 12:36 AM)
Quote

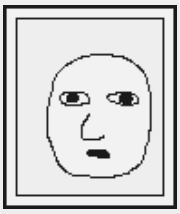
#85

> Originally Posted by **J-Tier**
> Is this just the writer's opinion? It seems to be the case, though I'm not in a good position to read the article in its entirety.

this may come as a shock but most lists are the authors opinions. unless its a poll or something.

Piston Hyundai
Member
(Yesterday, 12:40 AM)
Quote

#86



Seems like the only reason to pick Hardline as the low point of the year was how it fits into the current political climate. Then again, judging by some of the games on that list (as well as their placement), I think the criteria overall seems to favor the ideas a game presents as opposed to how well it actually executes them.

Opinions are entirely subjective and all that, I know, but I can't imagine someone thinking that Battlefield Hardline is a worse game overall than the likes of Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 5 and Afro Samurai 2.

J-Tier
Member
(Yesterday, 12:43 AM)
Quote

#87

> Originally Posted by **domlolz**
> this may come as a shock but most lists are the authors opinions. unless its a poll or something.

Indeed, I am shocked.

patapuf
Member
(Yesterday, 12:47 AM)
Quote

#88

> Originally Posted by **yanipheonu**
> I'm not going to lie, the prevalence of Rise of the Tomb Raider on these mainstream lists is a little eyebrow raising.

Tomb raider reviewed pretty well iirc. It's also an acessible game that isn't too long.

Feedback on GAF and other forums is positive as well.

I don't really see what's "eyebrow raising" about it being on a list. Seems like a decent game. It's maybe the most "been there done that" game on a list that seems to favour vision for something new.

Vice
Member
(Yesterday, 12:50 AM)
Quote

#89

> Originally Posted by **d00d3n**
> I agree in spirit, but had to retract my enthusiastic response considering your ban.
>
> Seriously, though, would anyone on gaf recommend that winning title?

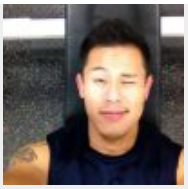
Sure, it's an intersting two hour experience. Not everything good has to have a lot of mechanical depth or narrative complexity to be worth playing.

It's good to see non-gaming focused outlets caring about games. Hopefully it will provide a wider platform for games and introduce people to something outside of big titles like CoD, Madden and Fallout.

rokkerkory
Member
(Yesterday, 12:51 AM)
Quote

#90

Pretty cool list tbh



chekhonte
Member
(Yesterday, 12:52 AM)
Quote

#91

> Originally Posted by **Kuro-Law**
> Bloodborne snubbed again.
> List is cool for having splatoon and ori.

We all know that game critics are filthy casuals.

JudgmentJay
Member
(Yesterday, 12:56 AM)
Quote

#92

> Originally Posted by **charlequin**
> It's exceedingly gorgeous aesthetically and has a very clever gameplay conceit. When you play it you find yourself having to engage with a type of gameplay that isn't really present anywhere else, and thus thinking about things in a new way.

Its aesthetic is nice, but I'm not sure I'd go so far as to call it gorgeous. Ori and the Blind Forest is gorgeous. "Pleasant" is a word I'd use to describe Prune's aesthetic. That said, I played it for about 20 minutes on a friend's phone and that was enough for me. I haven't given the game a second thought since I played it. While its gameplay might be unique, that didn't stop it from being a shallow, forgettable, and ultimately throw-away experience to me.

Dr.Acula
Member
(Yesterday, 12:59 AM)
Quote

#93

sigh Square-Enix's blockbuster, *Life is Strange*, getting all the accolades while indie *Witcher 3* is ignored.

kidding/not kidding

fhqwhgads
Member
(Yesterday, 01:03 AM)
Quote

#94

The one thing I'm consistently impressed by is Splatoon getting so much recognition. I was fearing that when it comes to Wii U games this year Mario Maker would hog all the glory but I've been happily surprised by the amount of praise Splatoon has received.

Dabanton
Member
(Yesterday, 01:04 AM)
Quote

#95

As a nice accompaniment, I would recommend this article from the same author. That kind of goes along with his list.

Games in 2015 were better when they stepped away from the guns

SolidSnakex

#96

Member
(Yesterday, 01:11 AM)
Quote

> Originally Posted by **Dabanton**
> As a nice accompaniment, I would recommend this article from the same author. That kind of goes along with his list.
>
> Games in 2015 were better when they stepped away from the guns

> When games, in fact, resorted to using guns, their pace slowed. "Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain" often makes shootouts the least desirable option

It's a stealth series at heart, shootouts are supposed to be the least desirable option.

The Technomancer
card-carrying scientician
(Yesterday, 01:15 AM)
Quote

#97

I always appreciate lists like these that highlight some of the less traditionally lauded sorts of games from the year

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mnz
Member
(Yesterday, 01:19 AM)
Quote

#98

> Originally Posted by **Turin Turambar**
> The thing with Sunset, from what I know, it's that even the people who usually like these types of games didn't like it a lot.

Yeah, it looks terrible.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9F6nBAWpwo

I don't understand.

Tyreese Victoria
Junior Member
(Yesterday, 01:31 AM)
Quote

#99

> Originally Posted by **JudgmentJay**
> Well, Ori and the Blind Forest makes sense, but I can't say I agree with the 9 other video games on that list. Haven't played Tomb Raider yet though.
>
> The fact that Prune is now on two GotY lists blows my mind. It's an incredibly shallow time-waster, nothing more.

Playing Prune is the closest I've come to having a religious experience.

I'm not religious.

Scott667
Junior Member
(Yesterday, 01:34 AM)
Quote

#100

As a person who has appreciated the new wave of indie games exploring new themes, I like seeing so many get recognition.

However, I'm a little confused as to how 'Her Story' has received as much praise as it has, and wanted to know if someone who has enjoyed it could explain the appeal. I thought it was going to a character study, but that failed for me because [redacted]. The acting and writing being sub-par [redacted] didn't help either.

Maybe there is a new perspective that could help me appreciate the game more? But for now I'm just left confused whenever I see it appear on all these lists.

Last edited by Scott667; Yesterday at 01:57 AM.

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