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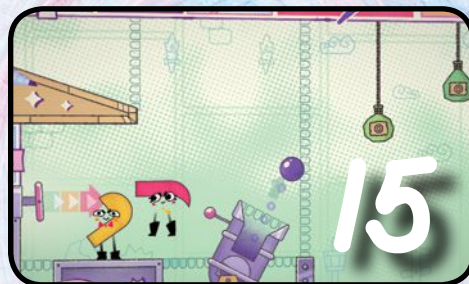
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Little Player Magazine's mission is to provide a safe, fun and advertising-free reading experience that parents can feel good about giving to their kids. We also want to inspire and teach kids to make good gaming choices and play what is appropriate for their age group. We only cover and review games that are rated EC, E, and E10+ to ensure that young children are not exposed to content meant for teens or mature audiences.



## Portable video gaming has a bright future!

When I was younger, portable video game systems made their debut with the Nintendo GameBoy. I remember the excitement of having my favorite video games with me wherever I went. Back then, portable systems generally were less powerful than their home-based counterparts. Fast forward to 2018... Mobile and portable gaming has grown larger than console gaming and will continue to do so in the future. The increase in power of these amazing hand-held devices is just the beginning of why they are so popular. Advances such as touch screens, Wi-Fi, and cellular data make gaming on the go more fun than ever. There are so many choices: you can play on a phone, a tablet, or a portable system like the 3DS. Now you can even take a console quality experience with you on the Nintendo Switch. As our Editors picked out their favorite portable games this issue, one thing became clear: The hybrid features of the Nintendo Switch are a total hit, and nothing beats playing Super Mario Odyssey or Zelda: Breath of the Wild when you're away from home. We truly hope you have a happy new year full of gaming fun. Please enjoy our special previews of two new and exciting Kirby games coming out in 2018.

**Martin Alessi**  
Publisher / EIC

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# FEATURE STORY

# Kirby Battle Royale

**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** HAL Laboratory  
**Systems:** 3DS  
**Players:** Single-player, Multiplayer  
**Release Date:** 1/19/2018  
**ESRB Rating:** E10+  
**Content Descriptors:**  
Mild Cartoon Violence



**Kirby and all his friends are back for an all new action-packed adventure!**

By Todd Friedman

Kirby: Battle Royale features exciting tournament style game-play which allows you to play up to 4 players online or through local wireless. The fun is just beginning with 10 Epic Battle Modes and plenty of abilities to choose from. This title has a huge amount of characters and abilities to keep you and your friends entertained level after level. The game also has a story mode in which you can gain access to even more abilities and items! Kirby: Battle Royale brings the best aspects of the series into a portable, multiplayer experience that anyone can enjoy.



## Here are some of Kirby's fun and awesome abilities!



**Sword**



**Fighter**



**Bomber**



**Beetle**



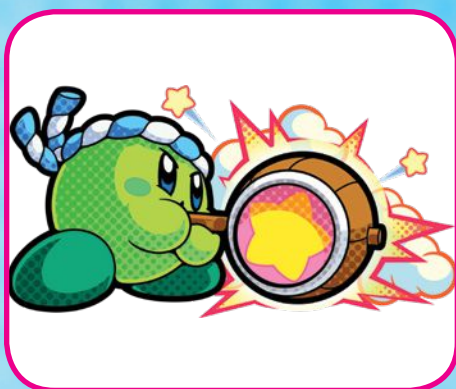
**Cutter**



**Spear**



**Ninja**



**Hammer**



**Whip**



### **Kirby is about to face his toughest rival yet... Himself!**

There is a single-player story mode where you can foil King Dedede's plan and win the Cake Tournament. You can also battle up to 4 nearby friends who each have their own 3DS system with only one version of Kirby: Battle Royale. If that wasn't cool enough, you can connect to the internet (with a parent's permission) and battle Kirby players from all around the world in ranked matches!

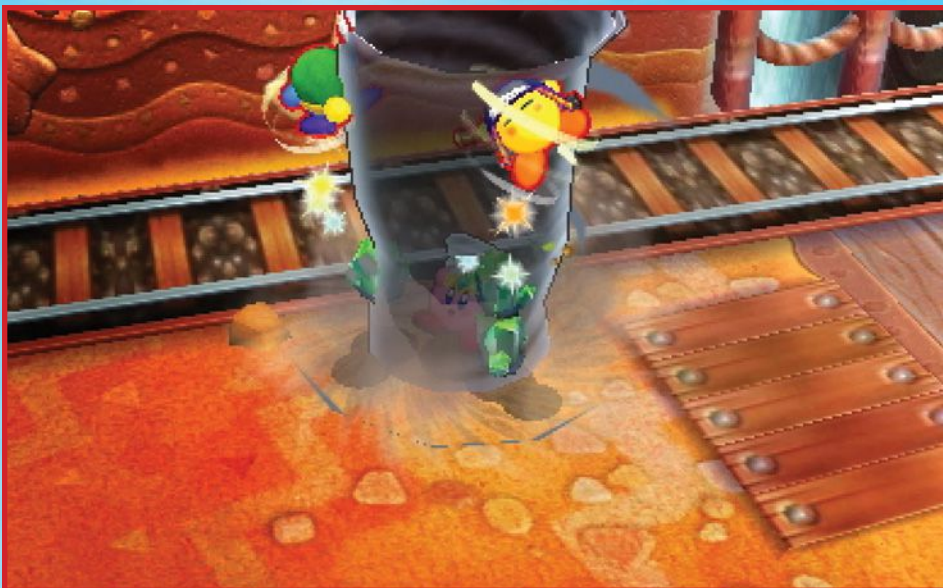
**There are 10 epic Battle Modes for you to explore!**





## Battle your friends or take on the big bosses together!

There are a number of Battle Modes to choose from such as Battle Arena, Apple Scramble, Coin Clash, Attack Riders, Crazy Theater, Rocket Rumble, Robo Bonkers, Slam Hockey, Ore Express and Flag Ball. Each Mode provides different attributes such as gaining points, collecting gemstones and fueling your rocket ship.



Kirby: Battle Royale looks to be a fun, entertaining game for all ages. Choose your favorite character and begin your adventure the moment you press start. Even if you haven't played previous Kirby games, Kirby: Battle Royale is a great way to get introduced to the series. With an RPG feel combined with a fighting style gameplay, Kirby is a great 3DS game to start off the new year.



*We have confirmed that the following four amiibo have functionality in Kirby: Battle Royale. Tap the corresponding amiibo to your 3DS to receive headgear of Galacta Knight, Café Waddle Dee, Ultra Sword Kirby or Masked King Dedede.*



**Kirby (2014)**



**Kirby (2016)**



**King Dedede**



**Waddle Dee**

# SUPER PREVIEW



**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** HAL Laboratory  
**Systems:** Switch  
**Players:** Single-player, Multiplayer  
**Release Date:** Spring 2018  
**ESRB Rating:** E10+  
**Content Descriptors:**  
Cartoon Violence



*All screenshots are from the Japanese version of the game still currently in development.*

## Kirby and friends are coming soon to a Switch near you!

By Tim Wilkus

Nintendo brought smiles to many fan's faces with their latest launch trailer of everybody's favorite puffy pink mascot named Kirby. With the launch of the Nintendo Switch nearly a year ago, many Nintendo loyalists have been wondering and hoping for Nintendo to announce a Kirby game for the Switch. Well, the wait is almost over! Launching in Spring of 2018 is Kirby Star Allies, Kirby's first title for Switch! From what we've seen so far, it looks amazing.

Based on the trailer Nintendo shared during its latest Nintendo Direct, many of Kirby's past abilities are making a return. The one that has us most excited is the helper system, first introduced in Kirby Super Star. It allows Kirby to change enemies into allies and use their abilities. We think this will bring some really creative puzzle solving scenarios.



*Filled with colorful and whimsical HD graphics, this is the best looking Kirby game we've seen so far! We are also excited by Kirby's new abilities as well as a cast of fun characters to play as.*





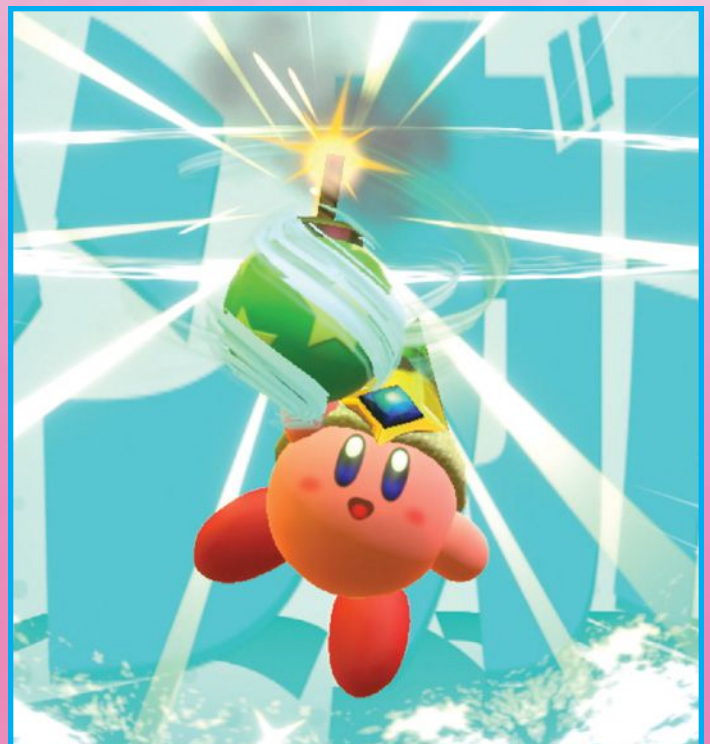
## Have a blast with 4-Player Co-Op action!



## Kirby will have many abilities to win the fight!



**Sword Power!**



**Bomb Power!**



**Team up to defeat enemies or solve puzzles faster!**



## Boss battles are much easier with your friends!



Kirby's latest adventure can be tackled alone, or with the help of others. Four-player co-op was also shown, which is very exciting! At this time, it is not known if you'll be able to play online with three of your friends, or if you are limited to local co-op.

Two other interesting abilities shown were Kirby's cleaning and yo-yo abilities, also borrowed from previous installments in the series. We're hoping to see the hug-to-share-health feature make a return as well, because everyone loves hugs!



# CLOSER LOOK

# MINECRAFT

## NEW NINTENDO 3DS EDITION

### Get ready to create new worlds that you can take anywhere you go!

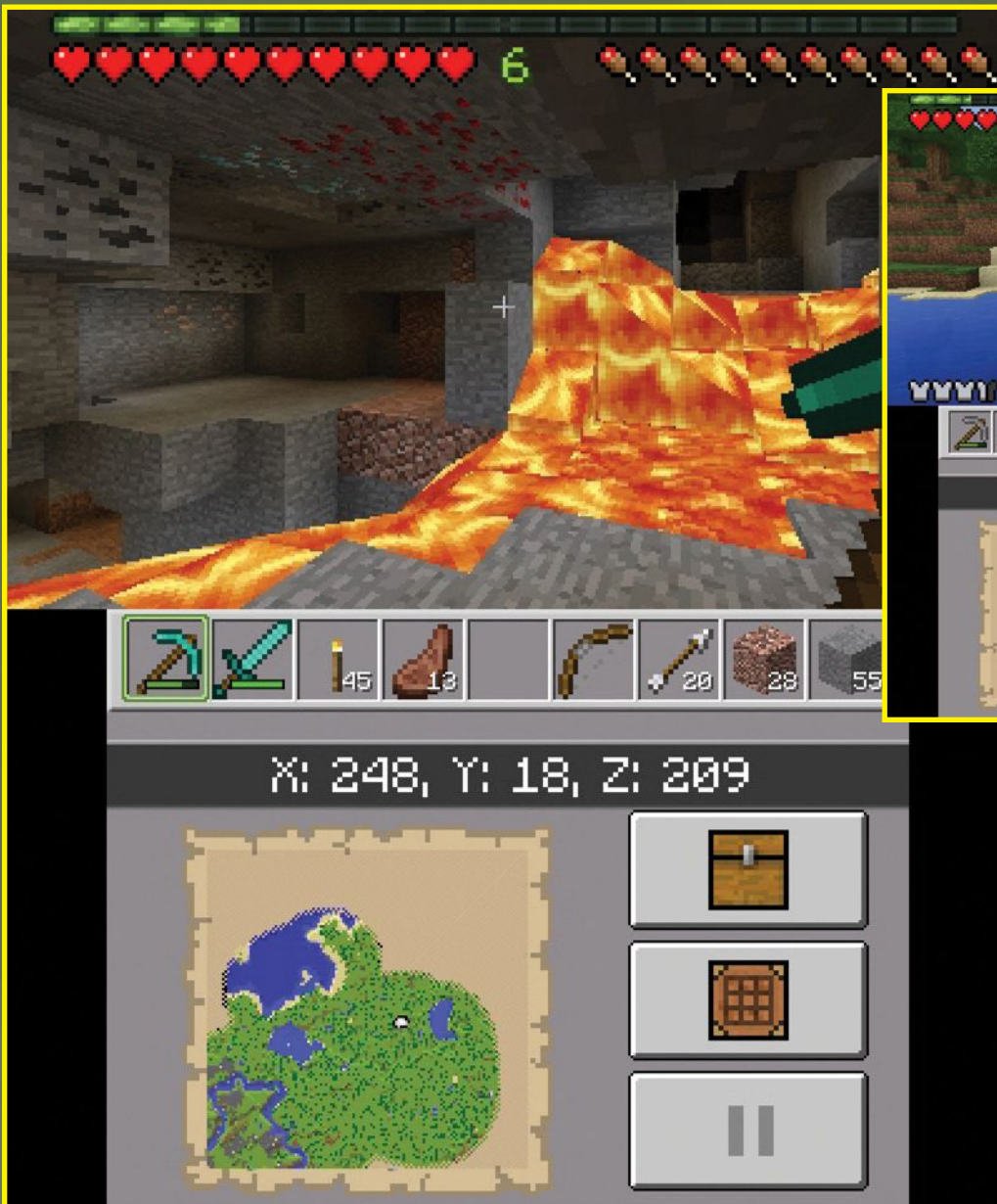
By Todd Friedman & Tim Wilkus

The wait for a portable version of Minecraft on the 3DS is finally over with the release of Minecraft: New Nintendo 3DS Edition. The dual-screen of the 3DS allows for an all-new unique approach to crafting and creating your world. The map is always present, so you always know where you are when you're traveling. You can explore randomly selected worlds and add to the scenery, or enter a creative mode with unlimited resources to ignite your imagination. A Survival mode is also present where players can craft weapons and armor to fight off evil monsters. If you are a fan of Minecraft, this is a must-have game for your collection.

**Publisher:** Mojang AB  
**Developer:** Other Ocean Interactive  
**Systems:** 3DS  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 9/13/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E10+  
**Content Descriptors:** Fantasy Violence

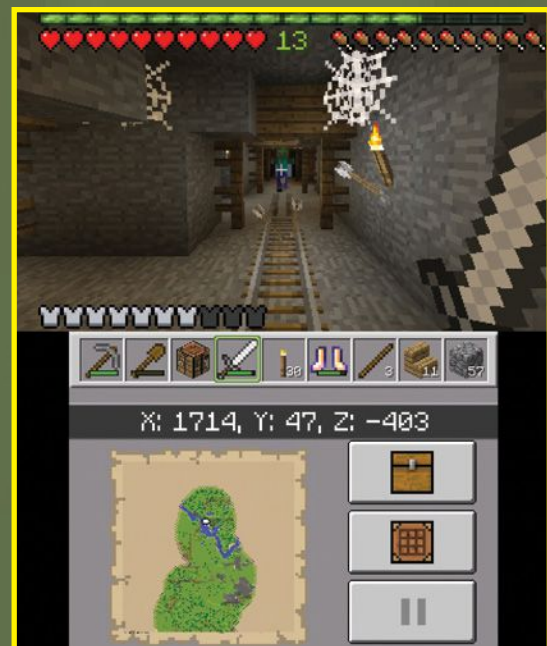


*The dual screen feature of the 3DS makes this version of the game unique and using the stylus adds simplicity to crafting and creating your world.*



*Included in the game are 5 new skin packs as well as two texture packs to begin the adventure of building your world.*

*You'll never get lost again because your map is always available to look at.*



# CLOSER LOOK

## Welcome to **Animal Crossing** Pocket Camp

**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** Nintendo  
**Systems:** Android, iOS  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 11/22/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:**  
N/A



### Have an adventure with animal friends anywhere you go!

By Tim Wilkus

If you've ever played any of the previous installments of the Animal Crossing series, this game will feel very familiar. Just like in previous games, you'll design your character, name him or her, and complete simple tasks to get acquainted with the nuances of the Animal Crossing world. Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp still has you collecting fruit, be-friending animals, and custom-izing your living space. Activities are connected to its various locations, which makes it very easy to manage your goals. Some of those goals might be collecting a combination of fruits for one of the many friends you'll make along the way. Controls are very simple and all touchscreen based. Simply tap on the screen, or slide your finger where you want to go, and your character moves there. Honestly, it couldn't be more intuitive for mobile gaming.



**There are many animals to meet and make friends with!**



**Don't worry about the simple controls, there is so much to do and so much to see in the world of Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp.**

# CLOSER LOOK

# SNIPPERCLIPS™ PLUS

CUT IT OUT. TOGETHER!

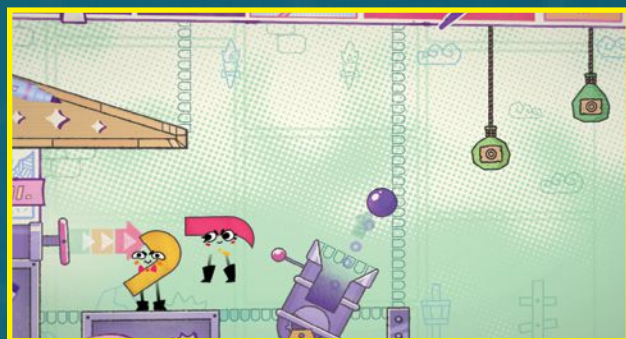
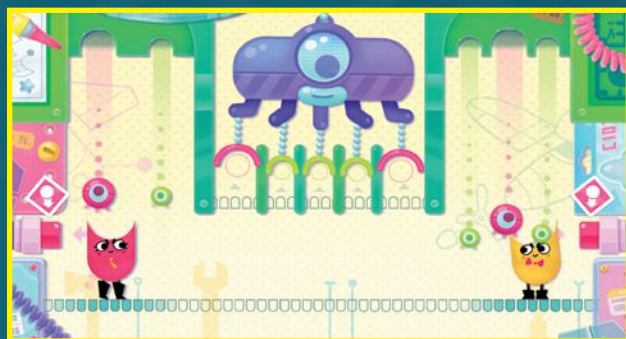
**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** SFB Games  
**Systems:** Switch  
**Players:** Single-player, Multiplayer  
**Release Date:** 11/10/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:** N/A



## Teamwork is not the only way to win this time!

By Todd Friedman

Snipperclips Plus is an extension of the original Nintendo Switch game that came out at launch. The 30 additional levels and new challenges keep the game fresh and fun for all ages. Use your Joy-Cons to control Paper Pals to move objects, unlock items and cut your way to solving the level. This game will test your mind and have you make difficult choices on how to solve each challenge. Cutting your Paper Pal into different shapes make the choices you have easier and allow you to control the items on the level. There are different modes you can play on such as World, Party and Blitz Mode. In Party Mode you can team up with Friends to solve challenging puzzles. Blitz Mode is a fun, fast sports competition; or you can go alone in World Mode and try to complete all the levels. You can purchase the full game for \$29.99 or if you already own the original, you can purchase the expansion pack DLC for \$9.99.



*Blitz mode is a ton of fun as the gameplay switches from focusing on cooperating to fierce competition.*

# BLAST. FROM. THE. PAST!



**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** HAL Laboratory  
**Systems:** Nintendo NES  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 5/1/1993  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:** N/A

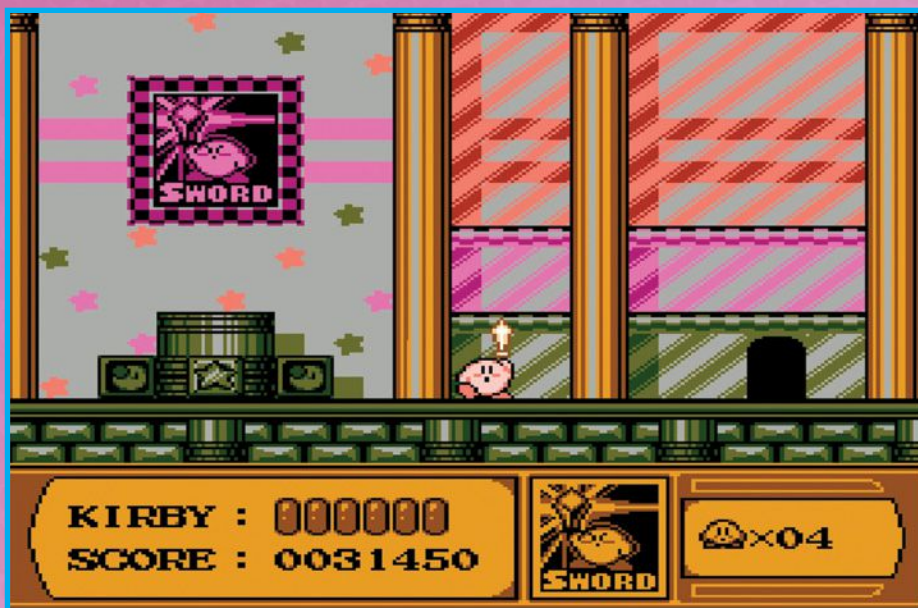


## Kirby's debut on the NES was a grand adventure!

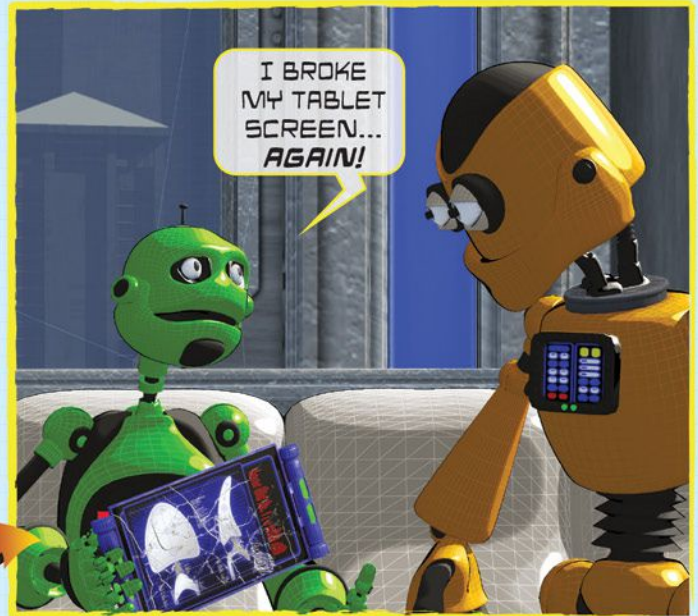
By Tim Wilkus

With the upcoming releases of Kirby Battle Royale on 3DS and Kirby Star Allies on the Nintendo Switch, we look back on Kirby's debut on the NES titled Kirby's Adventure which was released in May of 1993. In this classic game, you will travel to a world called Dream Land to repair the Star Rod that the evil King Dedede broke into many pieces and scattered across the land. The controls are simple as most games were back then. Kirby can walk left and right, jump, duck, and inflate himself to fly short distances. Kirby's biggest ability is the power to suck in enemies and acquire their powers. This is known as the "copy ability". Be careful though, if you get hit, you lose your ability unless you are able to inhale the star that flies out of your mouth before it disappears. Kirby's Adventure consists of seven worlds which all pushed the graphics of the NES at the time. It was definitely ahead of its time and is a timeless classic to experience for new fans of the Kirby series.

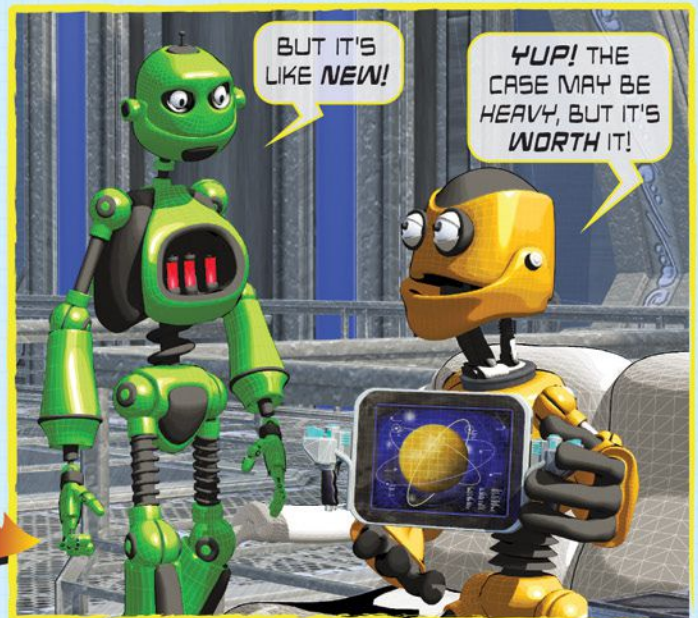
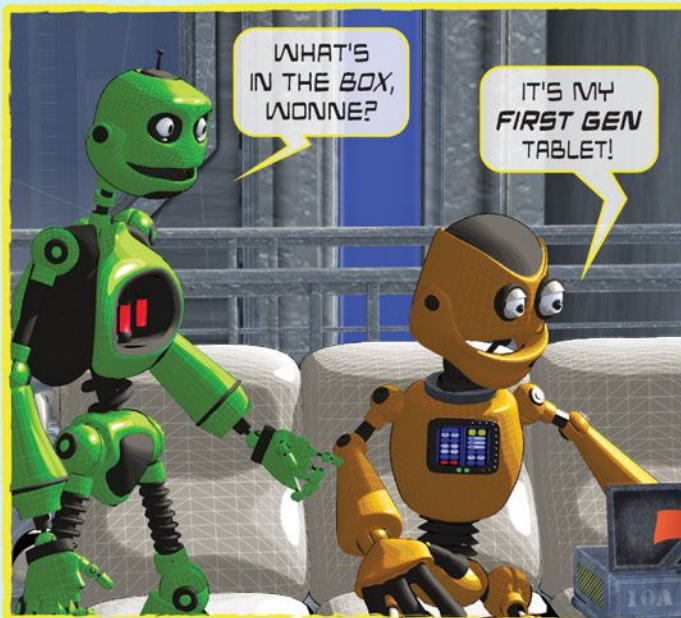
Despite his pink and fluffy appearance, Kirby is a powerful hero with many abilities and techniques to conquer all 7 worlds!







ZHEERO ISN'T CAREFUL WITH HIS DEVICES. SOMETIMES HE HAS TO WAIT A LONG TIME FOR REPAIRS.



WONNE IS CAREFUL WITH HIS TOYS AND DEVICES. HE GETS A LOT OF PLAY OUT OF THEM.

**THIS ISSUE'S TOPIC:  
BE CAREFUL!**

IT'S IMPORTANT TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR STUFF. WHETHER IT'S A TOY FROM A CEREAL BOX OR A FANCY PORTABLE DEVICE, TAKE CARE AND IT WILL LAST!

**DON'T BE A "ZHEERO," BE A HERO!  
THAT'S HOW THE GAME OF LIFE IS WON!**

# little Editors' Portable Choice



**Isabella**

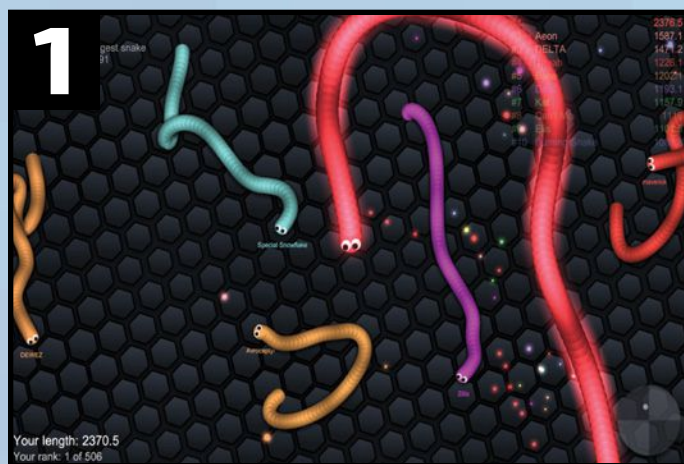


**Brody**



**Super Mario Odyssey - Switch**

Along with taking the cake for Game of the Year, Odyssey yet again shows its worth. Its simple platforming methods and vast worlds make it a joy to pick up and play anywhere in the game.



**Slither.io - iOS**

Slither.io is a really good time waster. You can change what the snake looks like and choose between online and versus AI. The gameplay is easy to figure out yet always seems to remain fun and provide a challenge.



**Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp - iOS**



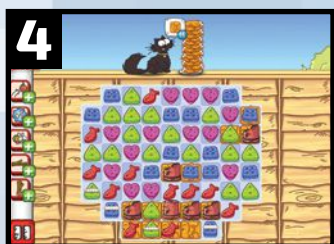
**Kirby: Planet Robobot 3DS**



**Pokémon Ultra Sun 3DS**



**Super Smash Bros. 3DS**



**Simon's Cat: Crunch Time - Android**



**Metroid: Samus Returns 3DS**



**Homescapes iOS**



**Gardenscapes iOS**

# little Editors' Portable Choice



**Hannah**



**Aiden**



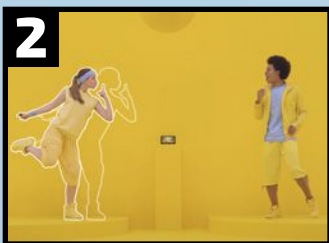
**1** **Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp** - iOS

Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp is one of my favorite games because you explore all over and can collect items to upgrade your campsite. I would recommend this game to adventurers.



**1** **Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild** - Switch

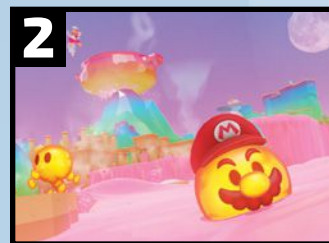
This is my favorite portable game of the year because it is fun to play. I love how it is a free run game and an open-world. My favorite part are the mechanics of the game.



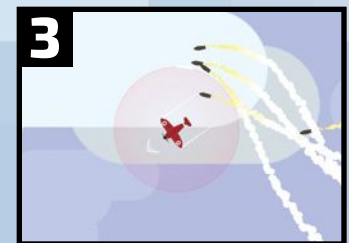
**2** **1-2-Switch**  
Switch



**3** **Mario Kart 8 Deluxe**  
Switch



**2** **Super Mario Odyssey**  
Switch



**3** **Go Plane**  
iOS



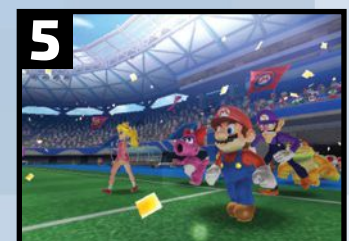
**4** **Snipperclips Plus**  
Switch



**5** **Hill Climb Racing 2**  
iOS



**4** **Madden NFL Football**  
iOS



**5** **Mario Sports Superstars**  
3DS

# BIG Editors' Portable Choice



**Martin**



**Shelly**



**Metroid: Samus Returns - 3DS**

Metroid: Samus Returns is a portable masterpiece! Stellar graphics complemented by amazing music set the mood for an intergalactic adventure like no other! The best part of it all is the excellent game-play which kept me coming back for more.

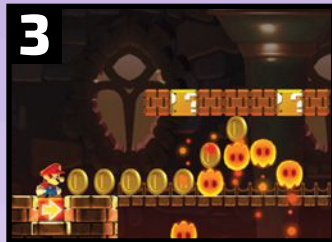


**Super Mario Odyssey - Switch**

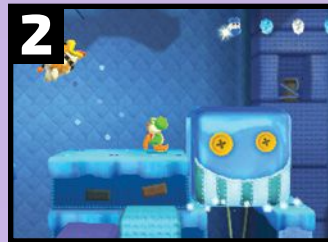
The Nintendo Switch is awesome because I can play these great games on the TV or on the go. Super Mario Odyssey was my favorite game of the year, and my favorite portable game simply because it is so much fun to play.



**Super Mario Odyssey**  
Switch



**Super Mario Run**  
Android / iOS



**Poochy & Yoshi's Woolly World**  
3DS



**Puyo Puyo Tetris**  
Switch



**Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild** - Switch



**The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D** - 3DS



**Realm Defense**  
Android



**Super Cat Bros.**  
Android / iOS

# BIG Editors' Portable Choice



**Jason**



**Tim**



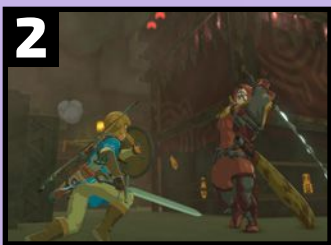
**Super Mario Odyssey - Switch**

The fact that I can bring my game of the year anywhere I go is incredible. What else is there to say? Kudos to Nintendo for raising the bar on the games we're all playing and also how and where we get to play them.

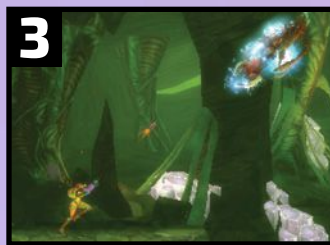


**Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp - Android**

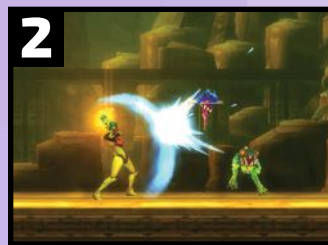
This was such a pleasant surprise from Nintendo. The fact that you can download it for free adds to its value. I honestly can't see much of a difference between this mobile release and a traditional release on one of their consoles.



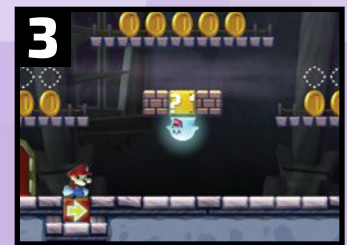
**Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild - Switch**



**Metroid: Samus Returns 3DS**



**Metroid: Samus Returns 3DS**



**Super Mario Run Android / iOS**



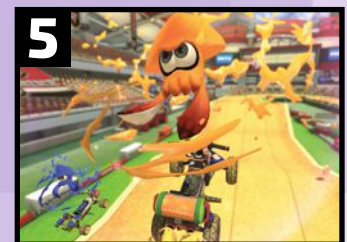
**Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Switch**



**Puyo Puyo Tetris Switch**



**Sonic Mania Switch**



**Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Switch**

# BIG Editors' Portable Choice



**Todd**



**Nathan**



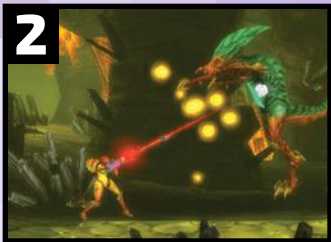
**1** Super Mario Odyssey - Switch

Super Mario Odyssey is perhaps one of the greatest Mario games of all time. Playing this game on the Switch in portable mode enhances the fun and excitement of the overall experience.



**1** Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild - Switch

The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild kept me busy for many hours across the year. With the portable abilities of the Nintendo Switch, I was able to play wherever I wanted in my home - and for that reason, it's my number one game of the year.



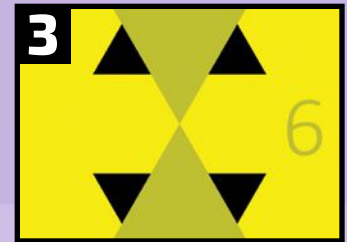
**2** Metroid: Samus Returns  
3DS



**3** Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild - Switch



**2** Pop the Lock  
Android / iOS



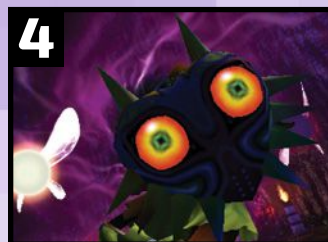
**3** Yellow  
Android / iOS



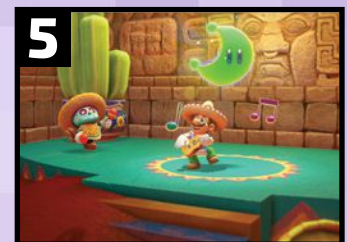
**4** Rush  
Android



**5** Hey! Pikmin  
3DS



**4** Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask 3D - 3DS



**5** Super Mario Odyssey  
Switch

# SPECIAL CONTEST!

You could win a  
copy of Kirby  
Battle Royale!

(3DS console not included)



## We want your Reviews!

Get your very own game  
review printed in the pages of  
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Here's how you do it... Write a small review (60 words or less) about your favorite EC, E, or E10+ rated game and be sure to give us the number score and what system you play it on. Make sure to ask a parent first. A winner will be randomly selected from submissions and their review will be printed in the next issue. Good luck everyone!

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## We have a Winner!



**Caden H. who is 11 years old submitted their review for Mario + Rabbids Kingdom Battle on the Switch and won a copy of Metroid: Samus Returns!**

### little REVIEW

# 8.5

CADEN H. (11yo)

Sure, Mario + Rabbids Kingdom Battle sounds odd. Seriously? Mario and Rabbids together, in a strategy game? But it works so well, masterfully combining the crude humor of the Rabbids with the fun, colorful world of the mushroom kingdom. I highly recommend this new Nintendo Switch title for the humorous dialogue, the fun turn-based combat system, and the overall atmosphere.

# BIG & little Reviews

## Meet the Crew

### BIG Players

#### SHELLY ALESSI



Shelly has been busy playing Super Mario Odyssey and has over 900 moons so far! She can't wait to see what the Nintendo Switch will bring in 2018. Playing portable games is fun at home and on the go!

#### JASON KAPLAN



Jason was so thrilled with the great games that came out in 2017, especially all the quality titles for the Nintendo Switch. He can't wait to see what cool new games we'll be playing in 2018 and beyond!

#### TIM WILKUS



2017 was an amazing year! Tim absolutely loved his time with the Switch and looks forward to all the big releases of 2018! He's excited to spend more time with the Xbox One X and get immersed in all its 4K glory!

#### MARTIN ALESSI



Martin is getting ready for another blockbuster year on the Switch. The best system for kid-friendly gaming! With Kirby and Yoshi already on the way, he can't wait for more surprises from the Big N throughout the new year.

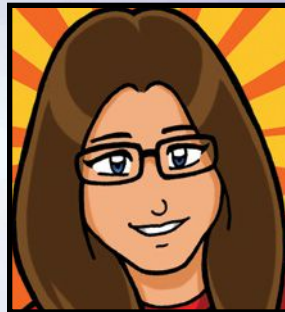
### little Players

#### ISABELLA OCAMPO



Isabella has been so pleased with the line-up on the Switch and the fact that you can take it wherever you go! Super Mario Odyssey is her "go-to" portable game these days until the new Kirby releases.

#### HANNAH FRIEDMAN



Hannah had a great 2017. She made the honor roll at school and took ballet classes. The games she played most were Snipperclips, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, and Minecraft for the Nintendo Switch.

#### BRODY PATTERSON



Brody has been in Pokémon heaven and immersed in the Ultra series on 3DS over winter break. He is very excited that a new Yoshi is coming to the Switch and a new Ori is coming to the Xbox One this year!

#### AIDEN FRIEDMAN



Aiden also had a great 2017. He made the honor roll at school and played Soccer, Basketball and took magic classes. The games he played most were Madden '17, Super Mario Odyssey and Zelda.



# BIG & little Reviews

## Snipperclips Plus



**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** SFB Games  
**Systems:** Switch  
**Players:** Single-player, Multiplayer  
**Release Date:** 11/10/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E10+  
**Content Descriptors:**  
N/A



**8.2**

Average  
Score

### BIG REVIEW

**8.5**

**SHELLY**

Snipperclips Plus adds some neat features to the original game. You can add up to 4 players now, with the addition of the blue and purple snippers. There are also new game modes, such as blitz mode. In this mode you play against each other competitively, instead of helping each other. A fun add-on to the original game, great for all ages!

### little REVIEW

**7.5**

**HANNAH**

Snipperclips Plus is the exact same as the regular game but there are 30 more levels now. They are way more fun and way more difficult. Multiplayer is my favorite to play with a friend. Snipperclips Plus allows you to go back to the older levels from the first game. If you like puzzle solving games, I would recommend this one.

### BIG REVIEW

**9.3**

**MARTIN**

Snipperclips Plus is an awesome addition to anyone's Switch library. There is plenty of fresh and fun content to enjoy for those who already own the original. I especially like the new Party and Blitz modes. Not only do you have to work as a team, there is also a time for competition. There are lots of laughs to be had with 4 players at once. Great for families and parties!

### little REVIEW

**7.5**

**ISABELLA**

This outrageously fun and rewarding game returns with new surprises and enjoyable content. The game still maintains its original charm, adding to the fun with more levels and gameplay, along with the same overall difficulty on select stages. However, with a bit of wit and teamwork, the kinks of this game can be unbound and turn into a fun family night for anyone.

# BIG & little Reviews

## Pokémon Ultra Sun & Moon



**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** GAME FREAK  
**Systems:** 3DS  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 11/17/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:**  
Mild Cartoon Cartoon Violence



**8.1**

Average  
Score

### BIG REVIEW

**8.5**

**MARTIN**

These games take the best aspects of the Sun & Moon series and enhance them enough to justify another look. Stunning visuals combined with streamlined gameplay make this set of games a must have for Pokémon fans everywhere. If you missed the first editions, do yourself a favor and catch these at once!

### little REVIEW

**9.5**

**BRODY**

I really like the Ultra series a lot because there is a better story and a fresh character. The storyline is less confusing than before and you can catch some new Pokémon. There are also a lot of new functions and areas in the game without changing the map you know too much. I couldn't put this game down.

### BIG REVIEW

**8.0**

**JASON**

If you've already played these games when they released last year, you'll be delighted to know there's enough new content to make it worth a second trip to the bright tropical Alola Region. The basic Pokémon formula hasn't changed much but it's more streamlined now. That makes Ultra Sun and Moon the best version and the best playing Pokémon game too. Plus, Team Rocket is back!

### little REVIEW

**6.5**

**AIDEN**

I feel this game was just OK. There is a lot of menus and text in the game and not enough action. If you go into tall grass you might run into a Pokémon and battle it, if you beat the Pokémon you get XP to level up. This gets kind of repetitive. I do like battle mechanics, they are fun to play in this version.

# BIG & little Reviews

## Mario Party Top 100



**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** Nintendo  
**Systems:** 3DS  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 11/10/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:**  
Mild Cartoon Violence



**7.1**

Average  
Score

### BIG REVIEW

**7.0**

#### SHELLY

This game is interesting because it is filled with mini-games. You must try and finish first place because you gather stars to go to different worlds. There are also bonus mini-games along the path. The mini-games are fun to play, but very short and don't last long. I would have liked the game more had there been more options.

### little REVIEW

**6.0**

#### HANNAH

This Mario Party is all the different party mini games combined into one huge game. It is not my favorite game because they had the old mini games which most people already played. They did not come out with any new mini games. I would recommend this to gamers who like going back into the past and play old games.

### BIG REVIEW

**7.0**

#### JASON

This is a neat take on the Mario Party series. All the mini games are taken from the older entries and serves as a "best of" compilation. The nostalgia of seeing the older mini games was cool, but there's an awful lot of grinding required to unlock them all. This supports download play too so only one of your friends needs the game for local multiplayer. I would have liked to see more variety in the game modes.

### little REVIEW

**8.5**

#### AIDEN

I like this game because it has every Mario Party mini game that I love. My favorite is the drag car racing game from Mario Party 2. You can select your own character and choose the level of difficulty. The graphics are cool because they are on a handheld system. I recommend this game for all Mario Party fans.

# BIG & little Reviews

## Animal Crossing Pocket Camp



**Publisher:** Nintendo  
**Developer:** Nintendo  
**Systems:** Android, iOS  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 11/22/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:** N/A



**8.6**

Average  
Score

### BIG REVIEW

**TIM**

**9.0**

I absolutely loved playing Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp on my mobile phone while on the go! It felt like a full-fledged release, not a simple knock off to waste time. It is that good. Controls are simple, graphics identical to previous releases, and it's free! I will be playing this for a long time. I'm hoping Nintendo supports it with many updates going forward.

### little REVIEW

**ISABELLA**

**7.8**

Taking a break from rapid, eye-boggling gameplay, players will find Pocket Camp to be quite a calming experience. The peaceful nature of Animal Crossing paired with the inventive method of befriending characters with written depth and quirky charms make for a mean combo making it difficult to put the game down. The eccentric nature of the game will have you coming back for more.

### BIG REVIEW

**JASON**

**8.0**

Nintendo's latest mobile game is fun in short bursts. If you've played the older Animal Crossing games, you'll find this one is similar. You still gather materials, catch bugs, interact with other characters and you can craft furniture too. You have goals to achieve and you can even unlock new animals. There is a real money store that mainly helps to speed up progression but it's not completely necessary.

### little REVIEW

**HANNAH**

**9.5**

Animal Crossing Pocket Camp is one the games I could play all day. It's pretty basic, you start with a character and travel in your camper to different campsites. You collect items and use the items to build your campsite. You can invite people and make new friends. I love the quality and I would highly recommend it.

# BIG & little Reviews

## Juicy Jelly Barrel Blast



**Publisher:** Microtale  
**Developer:** Microtale  
**Systems:** Android, iOS  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 9/06/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:** N/A



**7.5**

Average  
Score

### BIG REVIEW

**MARTIN**

**8.3**

The formula is simple... Take one of best mini games from Donkey Kong Country and make a fun, easy to grasp, arcade game for mobile devices. The graphics are crisp and the music is truly funky. Best of all, the game play is fast, challenging and loads of fun. I really had a great time or should I say "blast" with this one!

### little REVIEW

**ISABELLA**

**6.8**

JJBB managed to juice it's way into my heart with sleek graphics and an ingenious gameplay. It's pace is quick, tantalizing and achievements depend on swift reflexes. A small but appreciable detail appeared in the form of how the game rewards you on progress rather than mindless replayability.

### BIG REVIEW

**TIM**

**8.0**

Juicy Jelly Barrel Blast is a BLAST to play! Line your barrel full of jelly up and take aim for the next barrel. Sounds easy, right? Well it is at first, but it definitely ramps up the difficulty as you progress. I never got frustrated with it. In fact, I was always determined to come back for one more try.

### little REVIEW

**BRODY**

**7.0**

This game is another clone game, this time like Sling Kong with cannons. It is a nice challenge to play but that doesn't make you forget how much it copies from other games. I felt like rage quitting a lot of times too, they made it too easy to lose. It does have better graphics than a lot of the games it copies.

# BIG & little Reviews

## Zen Koi 2



**Publisher:** LandShark Games  
**Developer:** LandShark Games  
**Systems:** Android, iOS  
**Players:** Single-player  
**Release Date:** 12/14/2017  
**ESRB Rating:** E  
**Content Descriptors:** N/A



**7.6**

Average  
Score

### BIG REVIEW

**8.5**

**SHELLY**

This game is as fun as the original Zen Koi, but with new features and graphics. You must eat bugs and creatures to grow your koi and ascend into dragon form. New to this version is you get to play as the dragon in a cut scene. The game is easy to play, and the graphics and music are relaxing.

### little REVIEW

**7.5**

**AIDEN**

Zen Koi 2 is cool because you are a fish and can eat food in the ocean. The more you eat the bigger you get. You can find different fish and swim with them and lay eggs for your collection. I love the music because it is nice and relaxing and calming. Playing as the dragon form was also really neat!

### BIG REVIEW

**7.5**

**TIM**

As a big fan of the first Zen Koi, I was really looking forward to playing the follow-up on my tablet. I was not disappointed. Like its predecessor, Zen Koi 2 is a beautiful game. I love the simplistic controls as you swim around eating the various creatures in the pond to expand it while listening to the relaxing music.

### little REVIEW

**7.0**

**HANNAH**

Zen Koi 2 is a game where you a fish and have to eat as many fish as you can. You need to stay away from the red leaves because they are poisonous. I like this game because it is peaceful with calming music. The game starts off easy but gets harder as you get further. I really like this game.

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