
Subject: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?
Posted by [terminator 101](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 07:57:45 GMT
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I am sure that everyone on these forums reads reviews about games before buying them. But, based on which reviews do you buy the game? None that that I have chosen reviews from people who don't write reviews for money.
Here is example:

Far Cry

Review 1:

<http://www.gamefaqs.com/computer/doswin/review/R74503.html>

Review 2:

<http://www.gamefaqs.com/computer/doswin/review/R75603.html>

Now, based on which review would you buy this game? They are both reviews of the same game, but one marks the game as perfect and second one marks the game as not that good.

Here is another example:

Half Life 2

Review 1:

<http://www.gamefaqs.com/computer/doswin/review/R81499.html>

Review 2:

<http://www.gamefaqs.com/computer/doswin/review/R82039.html>

Now, based on which review would you buy this game?

Now, since I usually read only the low or lowest ranking reviews, I would buy these games based on the review number 2, because I think that Reviews should mostly point out the flaws the game has, not just how good it is.

I know that the lowest ranking reviews are not allways the best ones, but most of the time, they describe the game perfectly.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?
Posted by [idebo](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 08:04:46 GMT
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Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?
Posted by [light](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 08:32:21 GMT
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My reviews come from people I know who have played the game, and demos.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 12:30:11 GMT

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idebo wrote on Wed, 01 February 2006 03:04I don't read reviews on games. I just buy it when I think it's a cool game.

OMG free will alert!

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 13:24:29 GMT

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Reviews by people who have played the game through ALL THE WAY AT LEAST ONCE. And I'd have to be at least somewhat familiar with the reviewer.

Alternately, there are games I know I'm going to like before they even come out. A few examples I can name would be Star Wars: Empire at War (Petroglyph), Half-Life 2: Aftermath (Valve), and Starsiege:2845 (Clancore). I'd buy any of the above on opening day (provided I had the cash and either the bandwidth for online distro or the gas to go to a store) if all I knew was the title, because the developers behind each are committed to turning out a quality product.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Lijitsu](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 18:50:18 GMT

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Meh. If I wanted the game, I would've looked for system specs before a review. I know the limits of my machine, and I know that I have to upgrade before I even try to install some of the newer games. The Battlefield 2 demo wouldn't even start. The least it could've done was had a warning pop up that said: "Attempting to play a game that your machine is obviously not powerful enough to play is stupid. Welcome to idiotville, dumbass." Or something of that nature.

Besides, I can catch G4/TechTV. I've got X-Play if I badly need a review of a game.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Dr. Lithius](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 19:13:18 GMT

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I generally don't buy games based on what reviews -- either by people, or by magazines -- happen to say. If the game doesn't have a demo of some sort, I might not bother with it until much, much later.(Return to Castle Wolfenstein, WarCraft III(at the time, there was no demo)...) Or, in some rare cases where I can't get a demo to run, I might see if a friend has a copy, or ask someone's opinion.(Not the same as a review!)

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Spice](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 19:24:10 GMT

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www.gamespot.com is hwere I read mine from. Sometimes they are wrong, but I read it anyways, watch the footage and such. I don't want to buy another Terminator 3: Rise of the machines.

Gamefaq sucks, don't read their bullshit.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 19:34:02 GMT

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idebo wrote on Wed, 01 February 2006 02:04I don't read reviews on games. I just buy it when I think it's a cool game.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 21:07:23 GMT

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If I don't know what to expect, I tend to look on the screenshots on the back, as well as the description. I don't base it entirely on that, as the only shots used are the ones that would entice you to buy the game, but it does give me an idea of what to expect. So far, I have never been wrong in my prediction of whether or not I would enjoy it.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Kanezor](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 22:50:02 GMT

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Assuming that I was considering the two games solely based on those two reviews, I would consider the second and fourth reviews per the two games. The reason is very simple: they were created at a later date and are thus much more likely to be not-so-biased after having actually played the game for a while instead of playing it for 10 minutes and coming back "OMG THE GAME IS AWESOME!" (a la Generals, Half-Life 2, Battlefield 2).

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [PointlessAmbler](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 22:52:49 GMT

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Or you could just ignore GameFAQs reviews entirely since the people who write them spend most of their time arguing about whether Master Chief or Samus would win in a fight, and the people who think Master Chief would win will give all Metroid games a 1/10 even though that they have never played any of them before, and vice versa.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [terminator 101](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 22:58:22 GMT

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Three things:

1. Try (rent not buy) Terminator: Redemption, it is the best Terminator game so far, even if it is just a Rail shooter(mostly)
2. Gamefaq has sometimes very good reviews, good guides, and does not suck
3. You did not answer my question, what types of reviews(low scoring, etc...) you read before buying a game.

I, my self, usually read several lowest scoring reviews before deciding if I want to buy the game. If I can't find many or almost none of those(Reviews for NFS: Most Wanted for example), then I assume the game is good, and buy it.

One more thing: When I see reviews with 10/10 I don't even bother reading them, because I have yet to see a game that is absolutely without bugs and some sort of annoyances

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Naamloos](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 23:07:07 GMT

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I don't read reviews.

If I see a game that I think might be interesting I go to the site of that game, read the features and look at screenshots. Possibly some forums too.

It's often then that I really like it, or not at all. I also listen to what other players say about the game, what they like and what they don't like about it, and I sometimes ask how stuff works in a

game.

Based on that I either buy it or not.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Xtrm2Matt](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 23:51:33 GMT

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Don't read reviews. Usually download the game - if I like it, I'll buy it. If not, *hits delete*.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [Homey](#) on Thu, 02 Feb 2006 06:59:51 GMT

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Download the demo, still not sure, download the game. If it's good enough, buy it.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [JRPereira](#) on Thu, 02 Feb 2006 07:23:17 GMT

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People who buy games based on the reviews instead of based on their own personal research and perhaps a few plays of the demo, should be shot.

Subject: Re: Based on what types of reviews do you buy games?

Posted by [terminator 101](#) on Thu, 02 Feb 2006 14:50:37 GMT

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Of course I do a personal research. My brother saw NFS Underground at my cousins house and he said that it as a good game, so we bought it, and it turned out to be good game.

I heard bad things about NFS Underground 2, and when I saw the game on Xbox, it was ugly. I also heard that once you finish a race in NFS U2, you have to drive through the whole city to another race, and again and again.

But the problem with console game is that there usually is no demo for the game, so it is risky. However, I bought a jam pack and it had very good demo of Killzone, a game that I have never heard of before, but I liked it, so I bought it.

When Renegade came out, I did not read reviews about it at all, I downloaded the demo immediately.

So you see, I don't always read the reviews, I only read them as last resort.
