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Kids who love video games will love this first installment of the new 5-book series about 12-year old Jesse Rigsby and the wild adventures he encounters getting sucked into different video games.

Jesse Rigsby hates video games—and for good reason. You see, a video game character is trying to kill him. After getting sucked in the new game *Full Blast* with his friend Eric, Jesse starts to see the appeal of vaporizing man-size praying mantis while cruising around by jet pack. But pretty soon, a mysterious figure begins following Eric and Jesse, and they discover they can't leave the game. If they don't figure out what's going on fast, they'll be trapped for good!

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Brianna Brown says

I read this book with my son and I very much enjoyed it. It has been the first book he has loved and looked forward to reading in a long time. It's made reading after school so much easier. He still has a couple chapters to go, then he'll be starting book 2. We're so thankful to have found it! He laughed out loud on almost every page.

Michelle says

3.5 stars

This was fun to read. The story had some really creative elements. It was easy to believe that the characters were trapped in a video game. It was harder to believe that the main character didn't like to play video games.

Ms. Yingling says

Copy provided by the publisher

Jesse is not a fan of video games, but his best friend Eric is obsessed with Full Blast, an alien invasion game that a classmate's father has provided to some of the boys in his son Chris's class. While looking for Eric, Jesse comes upon the game on the television in Eric's basement, and gets sucked into the game! His right hand is replaced by a blaster, and he and Eric have to play the game. As the game proceeds, they find out that a boy who has gone missing in their neighborhood has also been sucked into the game, and they discover that there is a significant bug in the programming that they have to figure out how to fix the game before they are stuck as well. Of course, since this is the first in a five book series, we know that further adventures await the boys. A short lesson at the back of the book on computer coding and how games are put together is interesting.

Strengths: This was about the length of a Jake Maddox sports book, and shares a similar font size, amount of illustrations, and level of reading difficulty. The story moves along quickly, and Jake and Eric are sympathetic characters. Readers who enjoy video games but who are not strong enough readers for Anderson's fantastic Insert Coin to Continue will adore these books.

Weaknesses: This title is not year listed on Follett, and is published in paperback. While it would make a great gift for a reluctant reader or an addition to a classroom library, it wouldn't hold up to the circulation it would see in my building without being available in prebind.

What I really think: This is a great choice for readers who are interested in video games but not terribly interested in reading. My students who pick up Patton's Battle Bugs book would be all over this. I will definitely keep my eye on this title, but if an Accelerated Reader test is not available for it, I won't purchase.

Holly says

This has to be the most video game driven book that I have ever read that makes reading fun for kids who love video games! When you have two boys (named Jesse & Eric) get sucked into a video game that leaves them wondering what will happen next, anything and everything starts going wrong. It's when they realize that a game glitch is going into self protection mode and will kill anything that wasn't in the game to begin with, it will leave them both fighting for their lives.

I found this first book in this series to be filled with laugh out moments and moments that will have you wondering what is going to happen next. It's the perfect book for kids who need something that will get them to read a book when they are just too connected to video games. I will say this as a adult reading it, it made me want to read the other books in this series just to see what will happen next for Jesse & Eric!

Thank You to Dustin Brady for writing a good start to this series that will hopefully get kids to drop the controllers to pick up a book!!

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book from NetGalley!

Lynn Burrows says

“Best book in the world” if your kiddo loves video games!

7yr old really enjoyed reading this and so did mom!! Very well written, includes wonderful humor and relatable topics throughout!!

Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says

This was actually a lot more interesting than I thought it was going to be. I started the book with my 8 year old as a random grab for bedtime reading, and was quite surprised.

Trapped in a Video Game was a well-written, engaging story for 8-10 year old readers. The language is age appropriate. While there is violence, it is kept very much at the basic video game level. There is no blood or guts or anything like that. When characters die they reset to the beginning of the level. And the concept is just fun. I mean, who hasn't imagined that they could be in their favorite book or movie? Taking it one step further to a video game isn't hard at all. I giggled at the Super Mario bit involved.

Even with that assurance of safety, though, Trapped in a Video Game still does manage to introduce an element to keep the tension up. The characters are safe from permanent harm, but sometimes that's not enough, as they quickly find out.

The two main characters are young boys. The way they interact with each other is very believable. They are very different in personality. One is very take charge and whoop it up, whereas the other is much more goal-oriented and serious. They don't exactly make a great team most of the time, but that's what adds some of

the realism. There is a third character that is featured briefly. I would assume book two deals with what happens to him. I have to say I'm honestly curious, too. Kudos to Dustin Brady for keeping even my interest!

I think Trapped in a Video Game is a book that is definitely tailored for today's kids. It stimulates the imagination, both during reading the book and afterwards. It's adventurous, well thought out, and a fun book to read with your child. Or to let them read on their own.

Danalli Calhoun says

Read this to my 5 year old and he absolutely loved it! It kept his attention focused on the book and what was going to happen next. We can't wait to read the next book to see what happens to Jesse next!

Mark Cooke says

Awesome read my 7 year old really loved it but couldn't stay awake . So I would have to read more the next night!!!!!!

The book was so captivating so well written. The characters were well thought out the good guys ,the bad guys the equipment all keep you in the story.

Natalie Hills says

This book is engaging the ENTIRE TIME! I feel like this would be great for reluctant readers, because it's simple to read, but keeps you interested in knowing what's going to happen next! It ends well as its own book, but also got me excited to read the next one! Fast paced, fun!

Etienne says

I didn't enjoy it as much as the others readers seem to have, but it definitely not a bad book. It's original, had good action, and may be the kind of the book that will attract boys to reading, and if it does, well it's more then enough to justify its existence. But for me, I don't know why but I just not get into it, I'm not a big fan of those book based on video game, and I like video game a lot, but I when I play, I love to play, and when I read I read, it's not because I like both of those activities that I enjoy mixing them up.

Angela Lambkin says

What a unique and different type of story involving a. video game!

I thought the author really did a great job in painting one scene after and after another quite vividly too! So, I want to recommend this for those ages 4-12 and or In grades 3-7 who loves to play video games like this of

playing war type of games with different levels. I received this book for free, in return, here is my honest review. Super work Dustin B.! By Sunny.

J.C. Long says

This was a fun and entertaining read. Lots of laughs and enough excitement to keep a middle grade reader turning pages. Jesse is a likable MC that a wide audience can connect with. The game elements were woven in to great effect, though sometimes I wonder if they weren't more for the edification of a grownup audience, with a bit of nostalgia thrown in--hence the loss of one star, as young readers don't really have any nostalgic tendencies, and won't feel so connected to some of the references. Over all it's a fun series and one that I would recommend to my middle-grade level students.

iamGamz says

Awesooooommmeee!!

Read this with my grandson over Easter weekend and we both LOVED it! It was different, exciting and so much fun!

It tells the story of 6th grader Jesse who finds himself and his best friend Eric trapped in a video game. They have to save the earth from aliens that has invaded the Earth. What should have been a simple video game mission turned really dangerous when a game glitch causes a self protection program to try killing Jesse and Eric.

We had a wonderful time reading this book. I highly recommend if you have a 7 year old boy who is always begging to play video games in your life. It's an excellent distraction from the actual games!

Lisa says

I read this to my 4th grade class and I had so many of them beg me to keep reading during read a loud. A few of my boys even ordered their own copy because I wasn't reading it fast enough! Now they are begging me to get the next book to read to them. I love that they were so excited to read every day and actively listened. Awesome book!

Melanie Patrick says

This was a hard book to get through. I think for boys that love video games, this could be a good transition book to get them reading. It is set within a video game. For me it was a tad boring but I think 5-7th graders would enjoy it.
