

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Family Video Game Review

(NAPSA)—You probably don't need to check your family's gift list twice to see that video games are a hot holiday item. The games industry is predicted to end 2005 with record sales overall, compared to a peak of \$10.3 billion in 2002, according to market research firm NPD Group.

However, choosing the right video games for your family may not always be easy. Try this game review to help you choose the right game for the right person.

Serious Gamers

"Desert of Flames" is the latest addition to Sony Online Entertainment's popular online game, "EverQuest II."



The multi-player game lets players scramble up crumbling cliffs in search of treasure and adventure—all with an Arabian Nights theme and music. Gamers can battle 30 new fearsome creatures and even express themselves with new spoken emotes. Players can also take each other on in one-on-one or group combat in new Arena Battles as they play online with thousands of players around the globe.

Casual Gamers

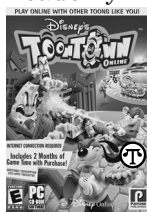
"GripShift" is the first video game for the PSP portable entertainment system to combine high-



flying stunt driving and unique puzzle-solving action. Players race as one of six characters in souped-up vehicles as they stunt their way through twisting levels—all while collecting power-ups,

avoiding traps, beating the clock and challenging friends.

"Frantix," which is also designed for the PSP system, puts players' puzzle-solving skills to the test as they travel through surreal worlds. Featuring frantic puzzle-solving action, 3-D graphics, more than 150 challenging levels, power pickups and an array of monsters and obstacles, the game can be easy to pick up but harder to put down. "Frantix" also features the Academy Award-winning CGI short animated film "The ChubbChubbs" on the disc.



Family Gamers

Team up with thousands of other gamers pranking their way to fun and excitement in Disney's Toontown Online. Designed specifically for kids and families, Toontown is an award-winning, multiplayer online game filled with nonstop play and ever-changing adventures. Now available in stores!

Players can create their own cartoon character and join forces with other Toons to save Toontown from the evil robot Cogs.

For more information, visit <http://toontown.station.sony.com>.