

# 1999 Nintendo Power Awards nominations

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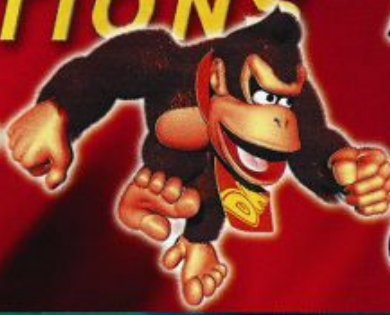
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# 1999 NINTENDO POWER AWARDS NOMINATIONS



## VOTE FOR THE BEST OF 1999!

Now that 1999 is history, it's time for last year's games to take their place in history, too. Honor the best of '99 by choosing your favorites from the critics' choices.

After polling Nintendo's game play counselors, testers, producers and magazine staffers, we've come up with what we think are the best games of 1999. Now it's your turn to narrow our nominations and single out which nominees you think should emerge at the top of the heap. Each of the categories was limited

to nine nominees, so plenty of deserving games weren't always able to make the cut in every category. Maybe that's why no one likes a critic, but at least the biggest prize, Category A, gives you the most freedom of choice.

### MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT OR VOTE ON-LINE

To cast your ballot (and enter this month's Player's Poll Contest), fill out the Player's Poll Card inserted between pages 98 and 99. You can also cast your votes on-line at Nintendo's official website, [www.nintendo.com](http://www.nintendo.com). As an added bonus, Internet voters will have a few extra categories to vote for at the website. But don't feel left out if you're not wired—all readers are encouraged to make up new categories and mail their write-in nominations to Player's Pulse. Results will appear in Volume 132.

### THE CREAM OF THE CROP

Did your favorite game get the shaft? Do you think Pokémon Yellow beats the pants off any N64 game out there? For the NP Awards' top honor, you can vote for any game, be it N64 or Game Boy, that came out in 1999.

#### A BEST OVERALL GAME

To vote, pick five favorites from the "1999 Releases" section of the Games List on page 136, then write their numbers on the Player's Poll Card ballot.

## A LIKELY STORY

A game's story is what helps draw you into the action. It's so integral to good game play that Acclaim turned to a comic book to create Shadow Man, while fellow nominee Rainbow Six was developed by best-selling novelist Tom Clancy. Which story do you like to unfold?

### B BEST STORY

1. **Army Men: Sarge's Heroes** (N64)
2. **Castlevania: Legacy of Darkness** (N64)
3. **Hybrid Heaven** (N64)
4. **Jet Force Gemini** (N64)
5. **Rainbow Six** (N64)
6. **Resident Evil 2** (N64)
7. **Shadow Man** (N64)
8. **Vigilante 8** (N64)
9. **WinBack: Covert Operations** (N64)

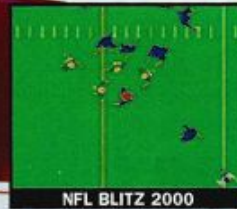


## BEAUTY AND THE BEST

If good looks could kill, these drop-dead beauties would knock you head over heels. And sure, fetching graphics hardly make up for good game play, but this superficial category isn't meant to go any farther than skin deep.

### C BEST GRAPHICS

1. **All-Star Baseball 2000** (N64)
2. **Armorines: Project S.W.A.R.M.** (N64)
3. **Donkey Kong 64** (N64)
4. **Jet Force Gemini** (N64)
5. **Pokémon Snap** (N64)
6. **Rayman 2: The Great Escape** (N64)
7. **Resident Evil 2** (N64)
8. **Shadow Man** (N64)
9. **World Driver Championship** (N64)

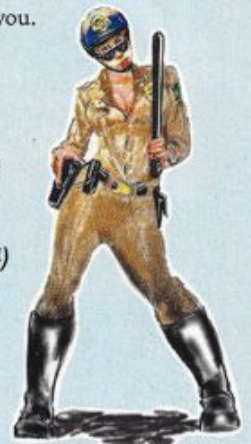


## PUT ANOTHER DIME IN THE JUKEBOX, BABY

From elegant symphonies and chamber music to techno- and thrash-charged rave-ups, 1999's game music keeps fingers snapping instead of poised on the mute button. Tune into the soundtrack that scores big with you.

### E BEST MUSIC

1. **Castlevania** (N64)
2. **Donkey Kong 64** (N64)
3. **Hot Wheels Turbo Racing** (N64)
4. **Jet Force Gemini** (N64)
5. **The New Tetris** (N64)
6. **Road Rash 64** (N64)
7. **Shadow Man** (N64)
8. **Star Wars: Episode I: Racer** (N64)
9. **Vigilante 8** (N64)



## REINVENTING THE WHEEL

Games should never hit you with that been-there, done-that feeling. New ideas and fresh approaches keep gaming exciting, and the following ambitious and innovative games add new twists to establishment.

### D MOST INNOVATIVE

1. **Hybrid Heaven** (N64)
2. **LEGO Racer** (N64)
3. **Mario Party** (N64)
4. **Pokémon Snap** (N64)
5. **Rainbow Six** (N64)
6. **Rayman 2: The Great Escape** (N64)
7. **Resident Evil 2** (N64)
8. **Rocket: Robot on Wheels** (N64)
9. **Super Smash Bros.** (N64)



## HEAR'S LISTENING TO YOU, KID

Music sets the mood, but it's the sound effects, voices and overall aural ambience that maintain it. Which of the following ear candy resonates with the crystal-clear realism that you want to hear?

### F BEST SOUND

1. **Armorines: Project S.W.A.R.M.** (N64)
2. **Castlevania** (N64)
3. **Donkey Kong 64** (N64)
4. **Duke Nukem: Zero Hour** (N64)
5. **Jet Force Gemini** (N64)
6. **Pokémon Snap** (N64)
7. **Shadow Man** (N64)
8. **Turok: Rage Wars** (N64)
9. **Zebco Fishing!** (Game Boy)



## CRAZY, MIXED-UP GAME

The best games never get old, and it's usually because they boast enough variety to keep even the shortest of attention spans entertained. With ever-changing action and objectives, the following nominees mix up the best cocktail of genres and jumble of things to do.

### G BEST GAME PLAY VARIETY

1. **Disney's Beauty and the Beast: A Board Game Adventure** (Game Boy)
2. **Donkey Kong 64** (N64)
3. **Gex 3: Deep Cover Gecko** (N64)
4. **Jet Force Gemini** (N64)
5. **Mario Golf** (N64)
6. **Mario Golf** (Game Boy)
7. **Mario Party** (N64)
8. **Rayman 2: The Great Escape** (N64)
9. **South Park: Chef's Luv Shack** (N64)



ALL-STAR BASEBALL 2000



VIGILANTE 8



SURVIVAL KIDS



PRINCE OF PERSIA



JET FORCE GEMINI

## NINE REASONS TO GET SIDETRACKED

Sometimes it's the minigames and secondary modes that keep you coming back. The following second-banana diversions definitely are inspired, but only one of the games within a game will steal the spotlight.

### H BEST MINIGAME/MODE

1. **All-Star Tennis '99: Bomb Tennis** (N64)
2. **Donkey Kong 64: Donkey Kong Arcade Game** (N64)
3. **Donkey Kong 64: JetPac** (N64)
4. **Mario Party: Bumper Balls** (N64)
5. **Mario Party: Crazy Cutter** (N64)
6. **Mario Party: Running of the Bulb** (N64)
7. **Monster Truck Madness: Soccer** (N64)
8. **NBA Courtside 2 Featuring Kobe Bryant: Three-Point Contest** (N64)
9. **South Park: Chef's Luv Shack: Spank the Monkey** (N64)



BEETLE ADVENTURE RACING



HOT WHEELS TURBO RACING



NFL BLITZ 2000



COMMAND & CONQUER



STAR WARS: EPISODE I: RACER



MARIO GOLF



MOTOCROSS MANIACS 2



BOMBERMAN QUEST

# 1999 NINTENDO POWER AWARDS NOMINATIONS



## DANGER'S MY MIDDLE NAME

Hang on tight, because all of the following entries dole out roller-coaster fun, smash-'em-up action and supersonic pacing. Granted, the best part can be the thrill of the chase, but capturing one of these nominees to bestow it with an NP Award could be just as fun.

### I BEST ACTION GAME

1. **Armorines: Project S.W.A.R.M.** (N64)
2. **BattleTanx: Global Assault** (N64)
3. **Duke Nukem: Zero Hour** (N64)
4. **Gauntlet Legends** (N64)
5. **Jet Force Gemini** (N64)
6. **Rayman 2: The Great Escape** (N64)
7. **Rocket: Robot on Wheels** (N64)
8. **Super Smash Bros.** (N64)
9. **Vigilante 8** (N64)

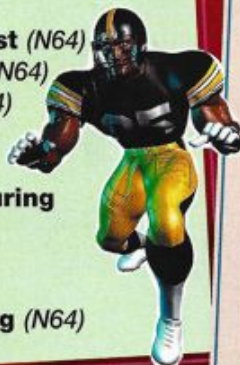


## PLAYING THE FIELD

Rather than physically exerting themselves in real-world athletics, gamers gave 1999's sports video games a workout instead. Whether you're an arm-chair quarterback or golfer, be a good sport and award the MVP to your favorite competitors.

### J BEST SPORTS GAME

1. **Ken Griffey Jr.'s Slugfest** (N64)
2. **Knockout Kings 2000** (N64)
3. **Madden NFL 2000** (N64)
4. **Mario Golf** (Game Boy)
5. **Mario Golf** (N64)
6. **NBA Courtside 2 Featuring Kobe Bryant** (N64)
7. **NBA Showtime** (N64)
8. **NFL Blitz 2000** (N64)
9. **Ready 2 Rumble Boxing** (N64)



## YA LIKE GRAPPLES? HOW YA LIKE THEM GRAPPLES?

Who would have guessed that games involving big, sweaty guys in spandex and capes could grow into such a monster genre? Goldberg and Stone Cold probably could have, and we wouldn't dare question them. We'll leave it to you to pick sides.

### K BEST WRESTLING GAME

1. **WCW Mayhem** (N64)
2. **WCW Nitro** (N64)
3. **WWF Attitude** (Game Boy)
4. **WWF Attitude** (N64)
5. **WWF WrestleMania 2000** (N64)
6. **WWF WrestleMania 2000** (Game Boy)



## FANTASTIC VOYAGE

The worlds to be explored in video games are expanding into larger, more dangerous landscapes every year. Something may lurk around every corner, but last year's adventures have managed to keep you trekking into the unknown.

### L BEST ADVENTURE GAME

1. Donkey Kong 64 (N64)
2. Castlevania (N64)
3. Castlevania: Legacy of Darkness (N64)
4. Conker's Pocket Tales (Game Boy)
5. Jet Force Gemini (N64)
6. Rainbow Six (N64)
7. Resident Evil 2 (N64)
8. Shadow Man (N64)
9. WinBack: Covert Operations (N64)

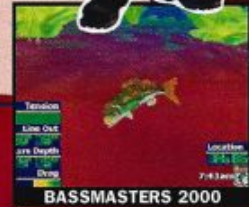


## EPIC PICKS

Is Pokémon Yellow the standout RPG of last year? Or is it Hybrid Heaven and its new spin on menu-based fighting and character building? Last year saw RPGs and strategy games at their most diverse. Which role do you prefer to assume?

### M BEST ROLE-PLAYING/STRATEGY GAME

1. Command & Conquer (N64)
2. Déjà Vu I & II (Game Boy)
3. Harvest Moon 64 (N64)
4. Hybrid Heaven (N64)
5. Pokémon Yellow (Game Boy)
6. Revelations: The Demon Slayer (Game Boy)
7. Shadowgate 64: Trials of the Four Towers (N64)
8. Survival Kids (Game Boy)



## WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR

When your friends come over, there's got to be one game that you're all itching to play together. Maybe it's Twister, but why strain your spine when you could play head-to-head-to-head-to-head in one of the following party favorites?

### N BEST MULTIPLAYER GAME

1. Beetle Adventure Racing (N64)
2. Gauntlet Legends (N64)
3. Mario Party (N64)
4. NFL Blitz 2000 (N64)
5. Super Smash Bros. (N64)
6. Turok: Rage Wars (N64)
7. Vigilante 8 (N64)
8. WWF WrestleMania 2000 (N64)
9. Xena Warrior Princess: The Talisman of Fate (N64)



BARBIE: OCEAN DISCOVERY



MICKY'S RACING ADVENTURE



RESIDENT EVIL 2



DONKEY KONG 64



SUPER SMASH BROS.



NBA 3-ON-3 FEATURING KOBE BRYANT



POKÉMON PINBALL



SHADOW MAN



WINBACK: COVERT OPERATIONS



GRAND THEFT AUTO



EARTHWORM JIM: MENACE 2 THE GALAXY

## LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

New Beetles. Monster trucks. Toy cars. Podracers. All are fast, but only one will win this race for the NP Award. Perhaps the only thing that's for certain in the driving world is that true racing fans steer clear of that pesky B Button that operates those things called "brakes."

### O BEST RACING GAME

1. **Beetle Adventure Racing** (N64)
2. **Hot Wheels Turbo Racing** (N64)
3. **LEGO Racer** (N64)
4. **Mickey's Racing Adventure** (Game Boy)
5. **Micro Machines 64 Turbo** (N64)
6. **Monster Truck Madness** (N64)
7. **Star Wars: Episode I: Racer** (N64)
8. **Top Gear Rally 2** (N64)
9. **World Driver Championship** (N64)



## YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY

History repeated itself last year as gussied-up and revamped vintage video games of the '80s came back with a vengeance. The retro resurgence reacquainted gamers with forgotten favorites, and the answer to the test of time depends on your vote.

### P BEST UPDATE OF A CLASSIC

1. **Asteroids Hyper 64** (N64)
2. **Gauntlet Legends** (N64)
3. **Lode Runner 3-D** (N64)
4. **Namco Museum 64** (N64)
5. **Paperboy** (N64)
6. **R-Type DX** (Game Boy)
7. **Space Invaders** (N64)
8. **Super Mario Bros. Deluxe** (Game Boy)
9. **The New Tetris** (N64)



## IF ONLY GAMES AWARDED STYLE POINTS...

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you win. Overtaking rival racers is fine, but barbecuing them as you pass is primo. The following nominees would score big if games would only award points for style...because nothing says style like an inflatable orangutan.

### Q COOLEST WEAPON OR MOVE

1. **BattleTanx: Guided Missiles** (N64)
2. **Donkey Kong 64: Lanky's Baboon Balloon** (N64)
3. **Gauntlet Legends: Super Shot** (N64)
4. **Jet Force Gemini: Tri-Rocket Launcher** (N64)
5. **Knockout Kings 2000: Ali's Uppercut** (N64)
6. **Star Wars: Episode I: Racer: Sebulba's Flame Jet** (N64)
7. **Super Smash Bros.: Kirby's Swallow Attack** (N64)
8. **Turok: Rage Wars: Chest Burster** (N64)
9. **Turok: Rage Wars: Inflator** (N64)





NBA LIVE 2000



ZEBCO FISHING!



MARBLE MADNESS



STAR WARS: EPISODE I: RACER



LOOK FUSE SHADOWGATE CLASSIC

## ALTERED STATES

For every aspiring grease monkey, city planner and Dr. Frankenstein, there's an edit mode to help them customize cars, raceways and characters. Everyone has a creative side, and these edit modes are the perfect means for expressing it.

### R BEST EDIT MODE

1. **Bassmasters 2000:** *Create-an-Angler* (N64)
2. **LEGO Racer:** *Build Car/Racer* (N64)
3. **Motocross Maniacs 2:** *Track Editor* (Game Boy)
4. **NBA Courtside 2 Featuring Kobe Bryant:** *Create Player* (N64)
5. **Penny Racers:** *Track Editor* (N64)
6. **Re-Volt:** *Track Editor* (N64)
7. **WCW Mayhem:** *Create Wrestler* (N64)
8. **WWF Attitude:** *Create Wrestler* (N64)
9. **WWF WrestleMania 2000:** *Edit Mode* (N64)



## HOME OF THE BRAVE

Mario, Donkey Kong and Duke Nukem will always be revered, but the new heroic upstarts who recently debuted on Nintendo systems keep things exciting, too. Give a hero's welcome to the newcomer who saved your day.

### S BEST NEW HERO

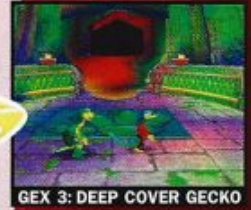
1. **Army Men: Sarge's Heroes:** *Sgt. Hawk* (N64)
2. **Donkey Kong 64:** *Tiny Kong* (N64)
3. **Jet Force Gemini:** *Lupus* (N64)
4. **Rayman 2: The Great Escape:** *Rayman* (N64)
5. **Resident Evil 2:** *Claire Redfield* (N64)
6. **Rocket: Robot on Wheels:** *Rocket* (N64)
7. **Shadow Man:** *Shadow Man* (N64)
8. **WinBack: Covert Operations:** *Jean-Luc* (N64)
9. **Xena Warrior Princess: The Talisman of Fate:** *Xena* (N64)



BABE & FRIENDS



QUAKE II



GEX 3: DEEP COVER GECKO

## SLIPPING UNDERNEATH THE RADAR

This category of course begs the question: Can the game that wins the title, "Most Underrated," still be considered underrated? Whatever the case may be, don't let any of the nominees go unnoticed, because all are worth your attention.

### T MOST UNDERRATED GAME

1. **Disney's Beauty and the Beast: A Board Game Adventure** (Game Boy)
2. **Goemon's Great Adventure** (N64)
3. **Harvest Moon 64** (N64)
4. **Hot Wheels Turbo Racing** (N64)
5. **Motocross Maniacs 2** (Game Boy)
6. **Rayman 2: The Great Escape** (N64)
7. **Rocket: Robot on Wheels** (N64)
8. **Shadow Man** (N64)
9. **Starshot: Space Circus Fever** (N64)



## THE YEAAARRRRGH! AWARD

Sometimes, no matter how hard you try, you just can't figure out or overcome a game objective. Instead of throwing down your Controller for the umpteenth time, vent your frustration by giving it the nod for biggest pain in gaming.

### U TOUGHEST LEVEL/TASK

1. **Donkey Kong 64:** *Beaver Bother!* (N64)
2. **Jet Force Gemini:** *Winning Gold Medals in Floyd's Missions* (N64)
3. **Mario Party:** *Slot Car Derby* (N64)
4. **Mickey's Racing Adventure:** *Pluto's Digging Puzzles* (Game Boy)
5. **NBA Live 2000:** *1-on-1 with Michael Jordan* (N64)
6. **Pokémon Snap:** *Photographing Mew* (N64)
7. **Quake II:** *Mission Zero* (N64)
8. **Star Wars: Episode I: Racer:** *Oovo IV* (N64)
9. **Super Smash Bros.:** *Yoshi's Bonus Practice 1* (N64)





## NOTABLE PORTABLES

Last year was a banner year for Game Boy as a flood of pocket-sized games hit the system. Pokémon Yellow was by far the favorite, but is the Blue and Red follow-up more of the same or is it special enough to best last year's other entries?

### V BEST GAME BOY GAME

1. Conker's Pocket Tales
2. Mario Golf
3. Mickey's Racing Adventure
4. Pokémon Pinball
5. Pokémon Yellow
6. R-Type DX
7. Super Mario Bros. Deluxe
8. Survival Kids
9. Top Gear Pocket



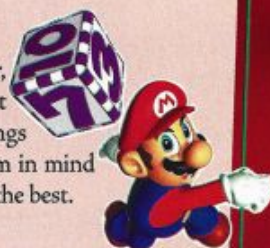
DUKE NUKEM: ZERO HOUR



NBA COURTSIDE 2 FEATURING KOBE BRYANT

## THE BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD

Of course, the best thing since sliced bread was the toaster, which helped you optimize your sliced bread usage, but after that come these top-notch hits. Critics' darlings Rayman, Duke and Beetle missed this boat, so keep them in mind when voting for Category A. Until then, here's the rest of the best.



### W BEST N64 GAME

1. Donkey Kong 64
2. Jet Force Gemini
3. Mario Party
4. Pokémon Snap
5. Resident Evil 2
6. Rocket: Robot on Wheels
7. Shadow Man
8. Super Smash Bros.
9. WWF WrestleMania 2000



CONKER'S POCKET TALES



MARIO PARTY



RAYMAN 2: THE GREAT ESCAPE

# PLACE THE WINNING VOTE! THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

VOTE FOR THE BEST OF 1999. ENTER TO WIN THE BEST OF '99!

## GRAND PRIZE

- 1 WINNER**
- 20 1999 N64 GAME PAKS OF YOUR CHOICE\*
  - 5 1999 GAME BOY GAME PAKS OF YOUR CHOICE\*
  - 1 GAME BOY COLOR
  - 1 N64 CONTROLLER PAK



## 2ND PRIZE

- 15 WINNERS**
- GAME BOY COLOR
  - THE 1999 GAME BOY GAME OF YOUR CHOICE\*
  - THE 1999 N64 GAME OF YOUR CHOICE\*



## 3RD PRIZE

- 50 WINNERS**
- A NINTENDO POWER T-SHIRT



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