



Overlooked games of 2019

Resident Evil 2, Apex Legends, Devil May Cry 5 and Sekiro: Shadows Die Twice have been the source of most of the fanfare in gaming for 2019. But these weren't the only great games to release this year, and most certainly not the only AAA games. So, let's take a look at the other stellar titles which came out this year and see for ourselves whether these games were justifiably overlooked or just fell victim to poor marketing and release dates.

Metro Exodus

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Microsoft Windows

Price: \$49.99 (Epic Games)

Release Date: February 15, 2019

Metro Exodus was the much awaited sequel to Metro: Last Light and Metro 2033. Exodus is set in the post-apocalyptic wasteland of Russia. It's a first-person shooter with elements of stealth and survival. The level design is varied - a mix between linear and sandbox style levels. Although Metro Exodus's eerie atmosphere blends well with its survival elements, a lot of players have complained that the game doesn't deliver in terms of quantity of content, at its \$50, sometimes \$60 price point.



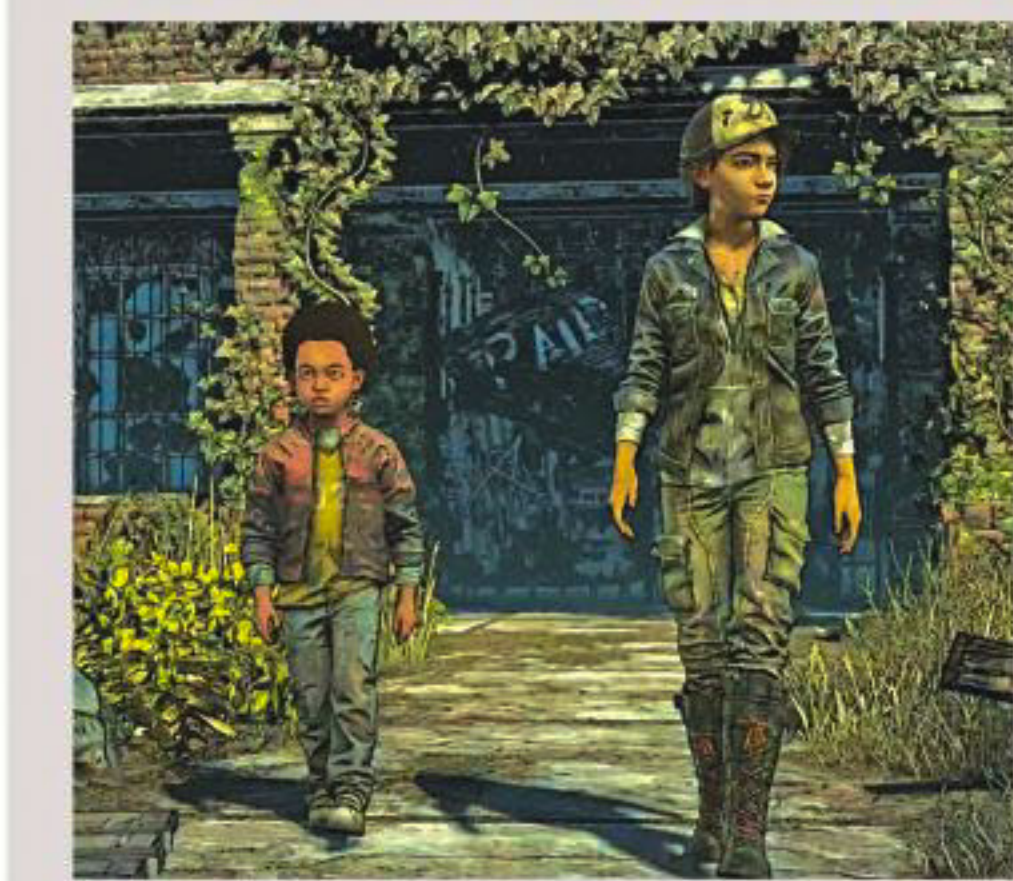
Kingdom Hearts III

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One

Price: \$41.99 (PlayStation Store)

Release Date: January 25, 2019

Kingdom Hearts is the weird Disney and Square Enix crossover franchise that became a fan favourite during the mid 2000s. And while the much awaited Kingdom Hearts III was received well by long-time fans, it slipped under the mainstream radar. It's a great sequel which stayed true to the elements which made the original games such a delight - the story, the varied tools you have in your battle arsenal and the characters. Kingdom Hearts III is worth picking up, even if it's your first KH title.



The Walking Dead: The Final Season Episode 3: Broken Toys

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, Microsoft Windows

Price: \$19.99 (PlayStation Store)

Release Date: January 15, 2019

Telltale Games officially shutdown in 2018 but not before they released The Final Season of The Walking Dead. The penultimate episode, Episode 3: Broken Toys released in January of this year. If you're a long time fan of the series, then it's imperative that you check out the finale of The Walking Dead series. The formula has stayed virtually the same for the Telltale story games but The Walking Dead has produced some of the most heart-felt bonds and characters in gaming and is definitely worth picking up.



Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney Trilogy

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch

Price: \$29.99 (PlayStation Store)

Release Date: February 21, 2019

Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney is the magnum opus of visual novel games and it follows the story of Phoenix Wright in his pursuit of justice. The Capcom title is full of whimsical characters and the game is based around the legal battles Wright has to face throughout his adventures. This trilogy has been pretty much left alone by the masses but, at \$30, it's a great bargain, considering how you get three games in one. Not to mention that the game's are fully remastered.

World War Z

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Microsoft Windows

Price: \$34.99 (Epic Games)

Release Date: April 16, 2019

World War Z is a great Left for Dead multiplayer style game. It's easy to get into with three other players for some four player action. It's biggest drawback has been its typical zombie apocalypse setting and there is very little variation to the missions. But it's still a great zombie clean-up game one you can soak hours into. The campaign is short but compelling. If you were a fan of the original Left for Dead games, then World War Z is a must buy.



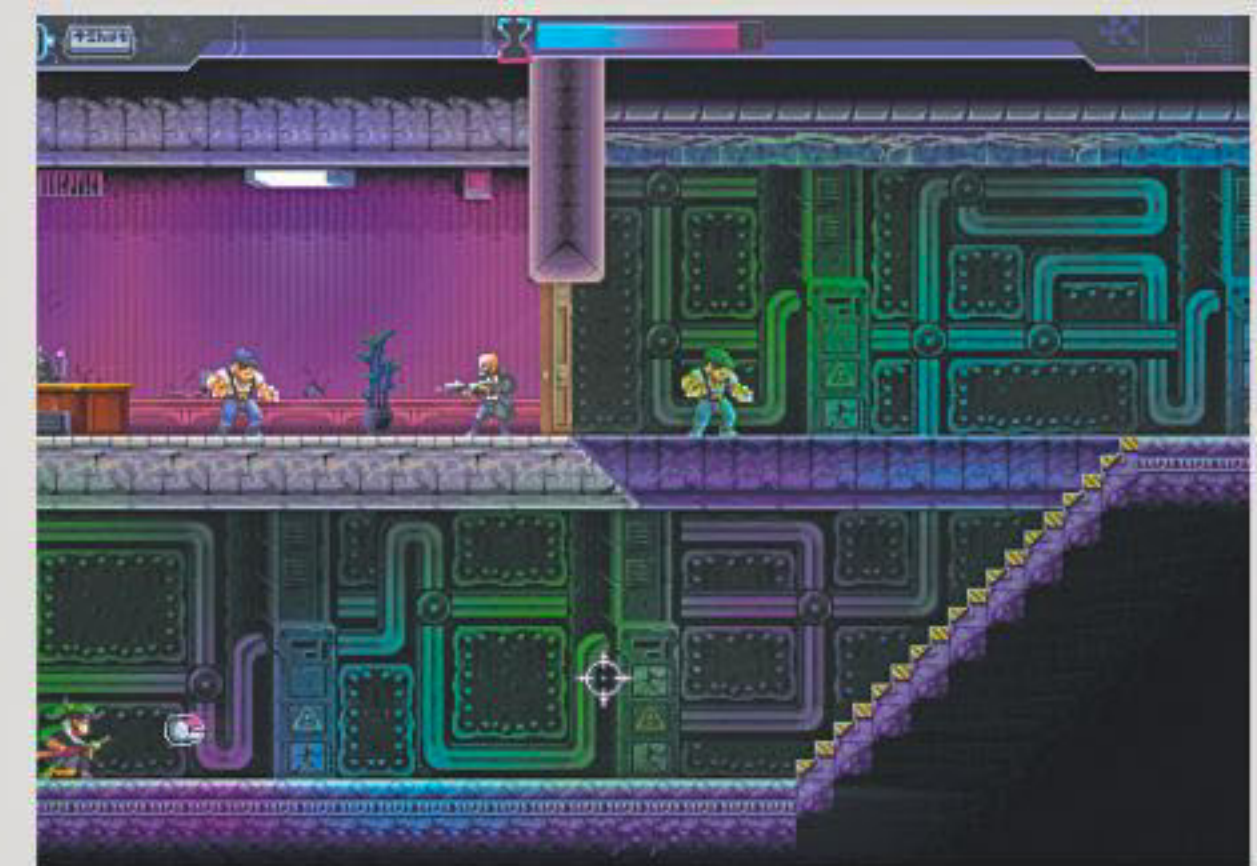
Katana Zero

Platforms: Nintendo Switch, Microsoft Windows, Macintosh operating systems

Price: \$14.99 (Steam)

Release Date: April 18, 2019

Katana Zero's unique presentation and mechanics fail to make up for the short experience. But it's been the best received indie game of 2019 and for good reason. The time manipulation mechanic is a great addition to this 2D action platformer game. It controls really well and the game is fast and fluid. But the game is punishingly difficult at times - the player character has no health bar and dies in one hit. Katana Zero was well received by critiques and fans alike but has failed to receive mainstream success.



TECH HAPPENING

BIFFL organises a symposium on Financial Building Management System and Fire Safety

Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Limited (BIFFL) organised a day-long symposium on "Financing Building Management System and Fire Safety" at CIRDAP Auditorium in the capital on 18 April 2019. M. Zakir Hossain, CE, YC & Project Administrator, EECPPF made the introductory remarks which was followed by speeches from Mohammad Sagor Hossain Khan, Chief Operating Officer, BIFFL, Md. Sharafat Ullah Khan, DGM, SME & Special Programs Department, Bangladesh Bank, Engr. Mohd. Rezaul Hoq, Director, Energy & Conservation, SREDA, S.A Abdullah Al Mamun, Senior Project Officer, AFD, Bangladesh Office, Anirban Kundu, Director KfW Development Bank, Bangladesh and S.M Formanul Islam, Executive Director & CEO, BIFFL.

Major A K M Shakil Newaj, Director (O&M), Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence, Prof. Dr. Md. Maksud



Helali, Department of ME, BUET, Vedran Krstulović, Director, EIHP (Croatia) & Industry Specialist & Capacity Building Expert, EECPPF, Engr. M. Omar Faruq, CEO, FMEC & EE Expert, EECPPF, Engr. Hasmotuzzaman, CEO & MEP Consultant, Utility Professionals and Md. Tanvir Warsi, Head of Financial Relations, BIFFL, presented on remedying fire hazards and

creating safer workplaces.

The program was geared towards addressing the infrastructural hazards which cause fires, and in that regard, S.M. Formanul Islam said, "The goal of the symposium is to learn how we can prevent fire incidents from taking place so that we can minimise the damages during a fire breakout."

Acer brings commercial products in partnership with Global Brand

Acer has officially brought their lineup of commercial products and services in association with distributor Global Brand Pvt. Ltd. The launching program took place in Pan Pacific Sonargaon in the capital on 24 April 2019. Sanjeev Mehtani, Country Manager, Acer India, said, "The IT industry here is growing rapidly and we believe that the country is a great match for our products and



product strategy." Mr. Rafiqul Anwar, Managing Director, Global Brand Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Jashim Uddin Khondaker, Director, Global Brand Pvt. Ltd., Mr. A K M Dedarul Islam General Manager Global Brand Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Madhu Kantamreddy - Senior Product Manager, Acer India were also present at the program.

A new master race in the making?

A look at the PS5's potential

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After years of teasing, the announcement of the PS5 comes as no real shocker. However, with the release not even tentative and the price point still a bit 'iffy', is it too early to call the PS5 potentially game-changing?

The PS5 is rumoured to have an 8 core/16 threads at 3.2GHz CPU with Zen2 architecture, Navi-based with AMD next-gen features at 12.6 to 14.2 teraflops GPU, 24GB total Memory with 20GB GDDR6 at 880GB/S and 4GB DDR4 for the operating system a 2 TB SSD. The PS5 will support up to 8K resolutions, built-in 3D audio, PS4 and PSVR backwards compatibility and is slated to release in 2020.

The specifications that released a few days ago aren't really all that impressive, especially when compared to the high-end PC Master race. However, what the specs do tell us is that, improvements are coming. With an 8-core processor and ray tracing graphics card, the new machine is going to pack a punch. And this will incentivize developers to go further beyond.

Let's be honest, The PS4 barely reaches mid-range nowadays. Even with its brilliant exclusives putting most other games to shame, the restrictions the firmware imposes on these games restrain developers from going all out. And despite the fact that, PS4 owners make up about a quarter of the market, if a game requires high-end hardware, developers have a tough time scaling it down to current console standards without making the difference too noticeable, gimping the titles graphically on consoles. This wouldn't have been a case if the GTX1000 series didn't come into the mix, but such is fact.

This is why the PS5 brings new hope. It's already speculated to be better than current high-end rigs



and might even be king of the gaming systems for a little bit. Even if the title doesn't last too long, it will be an important step towards innovation. Creating worlds where we gamers love to get lost in is about to get a whole lot better.

