

THE BEST PROSOCIAL VIDEO GAMES



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ANIMAL CROSSING

Animal Crossing moves you into a town populated by anthropomorphic raccoons, penguins, and goats, and simply lets you live your new fauna-fabulous life. Make friends with the hippo next door, stitch yourself a new animal-print wardrobe, hang out with a guitar-playing dog —it's all up to you.

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FEZ

Gomez lives a peaceful, 2D life, but when an event shakes his worldview, he becomes aware of a third dimension. There are no bosses, enemies, punishment, or failure. It's all about solving puzzles and stopping to smell the roses.

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DEAR ESTHER

Walk along a beautiful deserted island and listen to a story. While you explore a cave or an empty house, audio will cue to explain more about what happened there. Curiosity and love of narrative drive the game forward.

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GONE HOME

You come home on a stormy night after being abroad for a year. Only, no one is home. A lot can happen in a year. As you rifle through your family's stuff, you begin to piece together what happened.

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EITHER ONE

You can walk through this entire game and not do a thing - just observe. Through this first-person adventure, you are tasked to go into clients' minds, trying to repair them...or so you're told.

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THE STANLEY PARABLE

Escape the 9-to-5 corporate job in this philosophical first-person comedy. Wind your way through the office halls and decide whether to take the road planned for you from the beginning or a more unconventional route.

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JOURNEY

You are a pilgrim on a journey toward a light that sits at the top of the mountain. As you make your way across the ancient ruins of what was once a prosperous world, you may meet another traveler — another person playing the game. While communication is only possible through little chirps, you will journey with this anonymous player through this world.

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MINDCRAFT

Ever wanted to build your own personal USS Starship Enterprise? The massively popular In Minecraft gamers work together across multiplayer servers to construct ambitious and elaborate new lands and scenarios. In Minecraft, you create the world you want to live in.

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PORTAL

You're an unwitting subject who's just been mysteriously dropped into the test chambers of the Aperture Science Enrichment Center. You're not really sure why you're there.

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BRAID

This game allows you to rewind time and redo actions, even if your character dies. But don't let the dreamy palette and the tranquil music lull you, you'll be facing difficult challenges and must collect pieces of different puzzles that will eventually explain the main character's affecting backstory and motivations.