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Land ho! Read about a scandalous pirate game.

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# Top 10 Songs

Joshua Brown

There are a lot of songs, and a lot of different kinds of music in general, that I could put on this list. I will list my personal top ten picks, which means they aren't a real list that was voted on, and you should take no offense if I don't list a song you consider to be one of the top 10—I either don't like it as much as you or don't know it. This list is in no particular order as well. I do not listen to new country, rap, hip hop, R&B, jazz, or classical. None of these will appear on the list. Sorry.

1. Stairway to Heaven by Led Zeppelin. This takes the number one spot because it was a breakthrough in rock and Led Zeppelin is considered the first rock supergroup. This is a tremendous song with soaring vocal lines, unreal guitar chords, and drum solos from one of the greatest drummers ever to play.

2. Master of puppets by Metallica. This eight minute masterpiece from the 80's is the title track and opener from Metallica's Master of Puppets album. With wonderful, allegorical lyrics and smashing guitar riffs, this is a must listen for rock fans.

3. Nutshell by Alice in Chains (MTV Unplugged version). The haunting voice of late Layne Staley wailing for death as an escape from his ruined life speaks volumes. Though this is completely acoustic, the guitar and drums seem even more alive and the melody sadder than the original. Nutshell is a last cry for help from a lost soul set over addictive drum beats and beautifully melancholy guitar riffs.

4. Out of exile by Audioslave. Chris Cornell's screeching yelps and draw-out cries guide this lovely song/story. With Rage Against the Machine's guitarist, Tom Morello, setting the scene on an island, drummer Brad Wilk drives the pace forward with crashing symbols. Unlike Nutshell, this is a terrific song for uplifting spirits and looking to a better future.

5. X-Ray mind by Mad Season. Mike McCready's echoing guitar chords make this a mesmerizing listen. With bongos and a matching drum beat, this song seems almost tribal, yet the wailing vocal lines seem to scream at you to look at the darkness that has engulfed the world—abuse, greed, and deception are the key things you are forced to acknowledge during this song that will make you think.



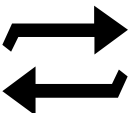
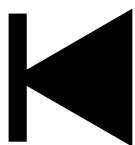
6. Tom Sawyer by Rush. A great work of art from the 3 man band, Rush, from Canada. With eighties synth lines and drum beats that will make your head spin, this song entrances and rises along high vocal lines before descending into an instrumental swamp of pure talent.

7. Pneuma by TOOL. Released only in 2019, this might seem like newer metal to old fans, however this song will change your whole perspective on what the date is to consider a song "bad." Danny Carey shows us why he is the greatest drummer alive as he does an entire 180° turn to hit all the necessary parts of his unique set. Guitar from another world and masterful lyrics make this unforgettable.

8. Comfortably numb by Pink Floyd. If you have seen the live show of this, available on YouTube, you understand why this is top 10 material. Guitar and vocals from David Gilmour are unprecedented and weave a web of mystery as the song progresses. The solo in this has yet to be successfully replicated and remains a hallmark of rock.

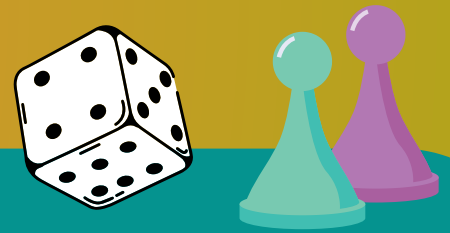
9. Spoonman by Soundgarden. The music in this song is unbelievable and enjoyable even thirty years after its release. Chris Cornell sings of the hardest vocal lines ever when he screams, "With your hands," in the last half of the song. The drums seem like a locomotive that pushes the beat along and the spoon playing from Artis the Spoonman add a flavor of country to this masterpiece.

10. Suspicious minds by Elvis Presley. Yep, I had to put a song by the King of Rock 'n Roll. This ballad of two lovers who are "caught in a trap" still holds up after fifty years. Elvis's voice is strong and melodic as he deals with his divorce by singing. Guitar that acts like a snake charmer keeps you listening and tapping your foot while he lays down the scene. A great pick for the number 10 spot.



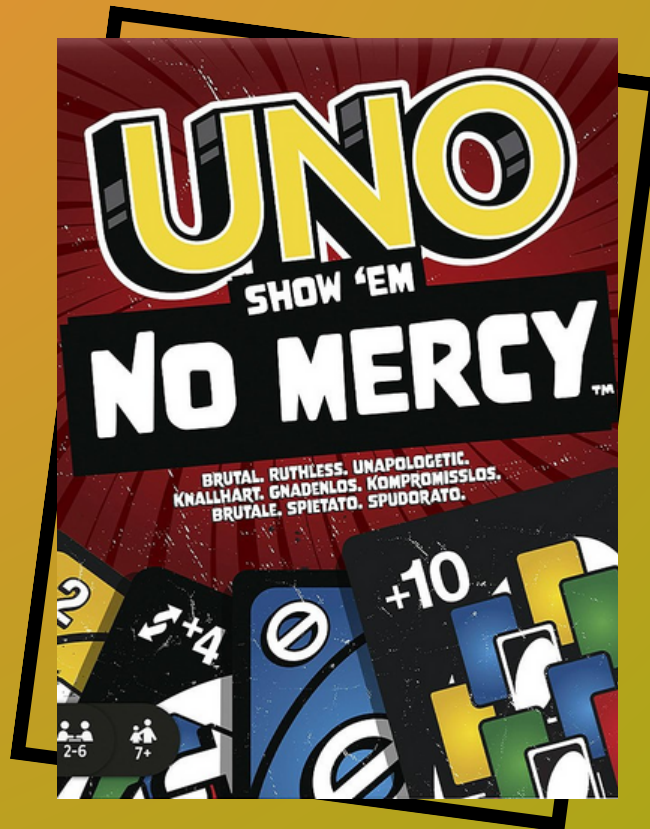


# Board Game Spotlight



## Uno No Mercy

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**Number of Players:** 2-6

**Wacky Fun Rating:** 8/10

**Replayability:** 10/10

**Genre:** Family, Party, Card

**Summary of Gameplay:** I think I can safely assume that most of you have heard of Uno? Well, this is No Mercy. In Uno No Mercy, you play the same as regular Uno with some extra rules such as stacking and drawing until you can play. Also, watch out for if you have more than 25 cards in your hand because that means you are eliminated. You might be saying, "Well there's no way I would get that many." Let me just say one thing in response. +10 :)

# Video Game Review: Sea of Thieves

## The Bearded Bard



**Available on: Xbox, PS5, and PC/Steam**

**Sea of Thieves is a game produced by Rare which is now a Microsoft studio, but back in the day they created some epic games including Goldeneye 007 (N64), Donkey Kong Country (SNES), Battletoads and R.C Pro-Am (NES). Rare has once again made a masterpiece with Sea of Thieves, providing an open world environment with the right balance of Player Versus Player (PVP) and Player Versus Environment (PVE).**

**Sea of Thieves is first a multiplayer pirate game where you and friends can party up and become a crew to sail 1 of 3 ship options across the high seas, completing quests, experiencing world events, setting out on specific voyages (multi-quest storyline), or just exploring the open world on your own looking for other players to plunder. There are loads of cosmetic customizations from the way you look, the clothes you can wear, the pets you can have, or how your ship looks. Some of these are unlocked by playing the game and increasing your reputation, and gold. For example, before you can decorate your ship you will have to purchase your own boat with gold, which you can acquire by various things around the world. The game is based around seasons which always come with new content (they are currently on season 12). Through the season you have an opportunity to unlock cosmetics by leveling up and gaining certain titles. With seasons they also offer a Plunder Pass which allows you to unlock premium content much like Fortnite's battle pass.**

With the release of season 10 a new game mode was released, Safer Seas which allows you to play on a single party server and experience the game without the fear of other pirate parties wrecking your fun. This is a great mode to play to just chill or hang out with folks or goof off where you aren't trying to grind levels as the experience and gold you receive from completing things is 30% less than playing on the main High Seas servers.

If you have ever wanted to captain or sail a ship, this game is a ton of fun. There is a pretty easy learning curve and tutorials that help you learn how to set your sails, read the maps, utilize a compass, shovel up buried treasure, shoot your weapons including cannons, and steer your ship. After learning the basics you are dropped into the actual game starting out at an outpost (the place you always spawn or respawn), though there are different outposts you can spawn into. While exploring the outpost you learn about the different emissaries which you can do quests for. I will go ahead and add my warning and personal story below.

DO NOT click on the HOURGLASS!!! When you first board your boat you will see an hourglass next to your quest table. I was quite quick in not reading everything but just interacting with everything in my ship before setting sail to complete some quests. During this I activated the hour glass. This put me in a PVP Challenge, think of it as matchmaking for the server. With my first experience completing some quests, I was startled when I started hearing some ominous music, and someone started to fire shots at me. After my ship almost sank, the nice fellow who was attacking me came over to my ship and asked if I was a new player, I said yes, he helped fix my boat, and explained how PVP worked and to stay away from the hour glass unless I am ready to battle other pirates. He then informed me that he had to sink me :) because was on a two streak. The guy was super cool and helped me get my sea legs in battle. I don't think I hurt him at all in the sea war, but I did learn a valuable lesson. If you want to check out the stream where this went down check it out here.

[https://www.youtube.com/live/z\\_OI6euL4wA?feature=shared&t=214](https://www.youtube.com/live/z_OI6euL4wA?feature=shared&t=214)

Overall I would recommend this game as one to check out. If you have Xbox Game Pass you have access to the game already, and for others you can typically catch the game on sale for 50% at least 2 times a year. I believe that this game is best played with friends, as there are times where you are sailing to your destination and you have some down time sailing, and time to chat it up or compose a song with your instruments. Also having an extra set of hands to repair the boat, scoop out buckets of water, operate canons, and put out fires while trying to steer your ship to avoid rocks or islands is really useful.





# The Challenger! By Joshua Brown.

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The future world is different from ours. Citizens work long hours for little pay and have houses, food and transportation rationed out to them according to their status. The Hybrid fighting games, a yearly sports event, is the only entertainment left. Citizens use their little extra money to bet on the games. The greatest thing they want for their children is to watch them sit as the hybrid fighting Champion.

Adam Merrick, a teenager in the West of the continent, is a rare case. He dislikes the hybrid games, would never dream of being in them, and is ridiculed and taunted because of it. While attending a drawing to determine who would become the last challenger—one of sixteen who would fight in the season—he, Adam Merrick, is picked to be the last fighter. He can't believe it. Nor can his parents or his schoolmates.

Now all he has to do is pick two to four animals to make into a hybrid, learn to become that hybrid, train to fight as a never-before-seen animal, travel to the Arena dome, where, after extensive training and coaching, he will fight fifteen other contenders and, if he triumphs, will battle the current Champion, Ryan Clawman.

Though Ryan is in trouble for killing three opponents last season, he still sits as hybrid fighting Champion, and is determined to maintain a grasp on his title.

Can Adam hope to accomplish all these things, or will his story end in tragedy?

# The Hunting Adventures of James Miller

## Nature Calls

Jonah Brown

I'm an avid hunter. If it walks, runs, flies, slithers, creeps, or does anything else you can imagine, I'll hunt it. My most recent hunting story takes place in the Deep South of the U.S. If you want to hunt whitetail deer, that's the place to go. A buddy of mine had told me that there was a huge ten-point buck showing up on his cameras. We agreed to a little contest to see who could take him down first. I drove to my buddy's property on a Friday evening, hoping to hunt the whole weekend. The first day was uneventful, so I'll spare you the details. Sunday morning came and my spirits were slightly dimmed by the previous day, but I was hopeful. I sat in a tree stand for the morning hunt and spotted some deer a couple hundred yards away, but none of them were the deer I was so desperately searching for. I came back to the house about 10:00 a.m. and was happy to hear that my friend didn't see anything either. There was a chance. I went to my finale stand around 3:00 p.m. and waited. I sat there for roughly 4 hours. It felt like an eternity, with my anxiety setting in. The sun was almost below the distant mountains, and I thought all hope was lost. I packed my things and climbed down the stand. Then something unexpected happened. Nature called. I don't mean the forest animals called out to me, I mean nature called. I knew there was no way I was making it back to the truck, so I quickly dug a pit. I was sitting there... you know, when I looked up and saw him. It was the buck! I stood up, took aim, and shot him, my pants pulled 'round my knees. This is one of the craziest things that's ever happened to me and I'll probably be laughing about it for years to come.





# My Crazy Cousin

## Looking For Some Work ... Legally?

Joshua Brown

Before I recount this peculiar story, I must first say this: I have a crazy cousin. He travels, yet is never without friends and money, he doesn't fluently speak any language other than English, yet still manages to make it in many foreign countries. I saw him again recently—he flew back here and drove over between flights to have lunch with me—and he told me a new tale from over the pond. This particular story comes from India. If you are a knowledgeable like myself, you know that many Indians are Hindi and believe cows are sacred. That is why you find cows just roaming the streets and fields in India, uneaten because they believe it is wrong to do so.

According to my cousin, he had gone to India to see some new building and realized once he got there that it wasn't finished. Instead of coming back, he looked for a few small jobs to make some money so he could stay until the building was completed. After moving some boxes for a family and helping a man repair an entire truck, which took three days, my cousin had gotten over five hundred dollars—in our money terms—and hadn't even paid for a hotel because the people who had hired him let him sleep in a spare room or on a couch. He did many of these menial tasks, the two I mentioned are just the larger ones.

Once he got this far, he decided to do one more large job and then pay for a hotel. He set out and, after asking around for a day, found a man, who spoke some English, in need of a helper. This man said he had a broken leg and had to get some cows and slaughter them and cut them up, but he only had a few days left to do it and could not because his leg was injured. My cousin offered his help—partly out of kindness and partly because of how much money the man was offering. Right away, he should've know the job was not entirely... Legal.

The man let my cousin stay in his apartment on a chair, which was large and soft, for the day. Once the sun had set, they each had a drink and then the man led my cousin to his truck. He got in the passenger seat and my cousin drove—the man's broken leg had a cast and he used crutches, so he rode shotgun and yelled instructions occasionally while my cousin drove. It took them an hour to reach the destination. It was a secluded field outside of the city my cousin was staying in. Seven cows wandered around the fenced area in the darkness, illuminated by the truck's headlights.

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The man exited the truck with a curse as he hit his knee and then stumbled forward, leaned on the hood and pointed at the animals. One looked up with dumb eyes and then kept eating. "We need to kill deez cowz and den put da meat in the back of da truck."

"Yes, sir!" My cousin said, going to the truck bed. Inside it was a large trunk, two tarps, a chainsaw, and some gloves. After getting the man to open the trunk with a key, he peered inside. It held a double-barrel shotgun and a case of lead slugs.

"Did you bring a light? It's so dark out here." My cousin complained.

His employer shook his head violently, aggravated, saying, "No lights. No lights."

"Okay. So should I go up there and lead one of the cows down here?"

"Yes, dat is correct. First, you need to check the house over dere—dere is there but with a "d" sound— and make sure no one is watching."

"Why is that?" My cousin asked, suspicion creeping into his eccentric brain.

"We, uh, don't need anyone to be looking at our killing deez cowz." The man replied nervously.

Here is where my cousin finally realized how weird the job was. He walked over to the house, ignoring the employer's frantic calls, and knocked. The lights were off but once he knocked one blinked on. A man came to the door and looked at him questioningly. "Our these your cows?"

"Yes."

"This man by the truck is here to kill them and take them to a butcher shop." My cousin explained. "Is that right?"

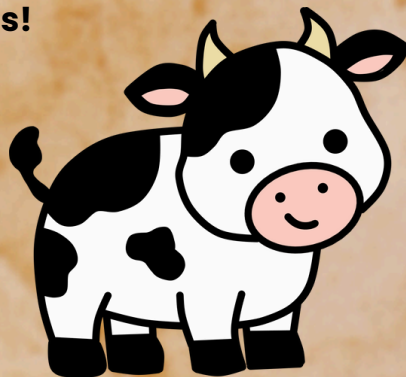
"No! No! Nobody should have come! Deez cows are scared. No eating them. No eating them!"

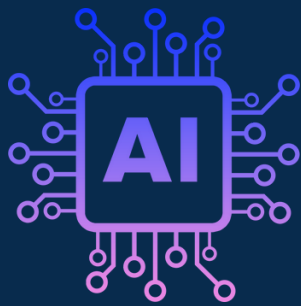
"Okay. I'll stop him." My cousin turned and saw that the man had the shotgun now and was coming up the sidewalk. He screamed, "I'm taking deez cows!"

My cousin calmly walked up to him, and kicked the crutch out, grabbing the shotgun away. The man fell to the side and then began wailing and cursing at my cousin.

It turns out that the owner of the cows was the man who had designed the building my cousin was there to see. The person who had hired my cousin was illegally planning to steal the cows and sell the meat outside the country. He had thought the owner would be at the opening of the building—he had made the same mistake my cousin had about the delay. In the end, my cousin got to be the first civilian to tour the new building with the architect.

It is a preposterous story but he still has a photo of him with an Indian man in a suit inside the building. To think, he almost committed a serious crime in another country just to pay for a hotel. Ridiculous!





OR



Joshua Brown

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A: Watermelon is a delicious and refreshing fruit that is perfect for hot summer days.

B: Watermelon is a fruit that grows on vines and is widely regarded as a great summertime snack.

2

A: Great white sharks are large, predatory fish that live in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

B: A remarkable example of marine life is the great white shark, known for its immense size and powerful presence in the ocean.

3

A: The massive river flowed straight through the rocky cliffs, its powerful currents sweeping up anyone who ventured into it.

B: The river meandered gracefully through the lush green valley, its gentle currents reflecting the golden rays of the sun.

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# ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT

By Joshua Brown

## ELEPHANT

Today, I'll be giving you some facts on a magnificent animal: the elephant.

There are two kinds of elephants, Asian and African, and I will give a few facts about each. We will start by looking at the Asian elephant. These have smaller ears compared to their African cousins, generally grow 2-3 feet shorter than the African elephants, and weigh less. They are overall just smaller versions. However, they have a double-domed, smaller head than their cousins. Another difference between the two is that the Asian elephant has only one finger-like point on the end of their trunk, while the African elephant has two. Asian elephants have smoother skin and a darker color to their bodies. They can live for 40 years in the wild and up to 19 in captivity.

The African elephant is larger, taller, lighter colored and more wrinkly than the Asian elephant. Both male and female African elephants—with a few exceptions—have tusks and generally grow them to almost 6 feet and longer for large males. A bull African elephant can stand 13 feet tall and knock trees down with its massive, ivory tusks. African elephants can live for 70 years in the wild! They are the longest living land mammal besides humans. However, they only live 17 or so years in captivity; there have even been cases where they die within only a few years of going into a zoo.

Elephants, both kinds, are in danger. Illegal poachers hunt them for their tusks and kill whole adults for a few feet of ivory. Elephants are very intelligent animals and have emotions, individual personalities, and can recognize themselves in a mirror. They can remember a human face even after 20 years. They are amazing creatures, and we should do more to protect them. I hope you enjoyed this spotlight on the gentle giants of the savannas of Africa and jungles of Asia.





# Just Chillin'

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