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HALO INTERACTIVE STRATEGY GAME

And you thought the next Halo game was going to appear on the Xbox 360. The eternal battle between UNSC Marine Forces and the Covenant rages on in this interactive strategy board game from B1 Games. The set features 15 collectible Halo figures, a customizable board, and an interactive DVD featuring exclusive content.

\$49.99 • www.b1games.com

kick ass

GEARS OF WAR II LANCER

Created using actual in-game data from Gears of War, this full-sized model Lancer is the coolest toy we've seen in a while. Standing 36 inches long by 10-inches tall, the 13-pound Lancer's trigger activates chain-saw sounds and a rumble effect. Amazon.com has an exclusive deal on the product for anyone who preorders the game, but we've heard this bad boy will be popping up at other outlets sometime next year.

\$139.99 • www.necaonline.com



toys

MCFARLANE GUITAR HERO FIGURES

Proof that God rocks, these new McFarlane figures catch the Guitar Hero icon in perfect rock posture. This first wave of toys based on the hit Activision franchise includes Johnny Napalm, Axel Steel, and Lars Ümlaut. Each figure stands 6-inches tall, includes a unique guitar, and features around 15 points of articulation. Why should your younger sister be the only one who plays with dolls?

\$12.99 • www.spawn.com

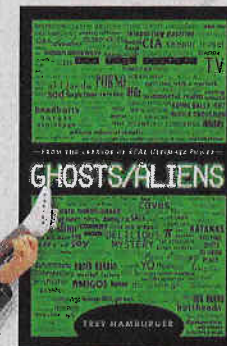
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The Art of Game Design: A Book of Lenses

Written by Jesse Schell, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center, this easy read is filled with practical resources for aspiring game designers.

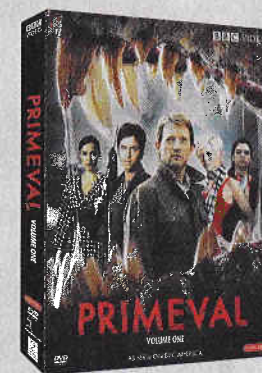
\$59.99 • www.elsevierdirect.com



Ghosts/Aliens

This is the most convoluted mess of nonsense we've ever seen. Those who loved Real Ultimate Power will laugh themselves silly.

\$13.95 • www.randomhouse.com



Primeval: Volume One

From the makers of the award-winning "Walking With..." series, Primeval explores what would happen if creatures from the past ended up in our world. Dinosaurs! Scientists! Awesome!

\$49.98 • www.bbcshop.com

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