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Derek Fallon gets the chance of a lifetime—to participate in a gaming company focus group and to test out a new video game called "Arctic Ninja." Together with his friends Carly, Matt, and Umberto, Derek thinks his gaming talents will be showcased. But he soon realizes that everyone has got him beat, including whiz kid El Cid. On top of that, school reading tests have begun and Derek feels doubly off his game. Isn't there anything he's good at?

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Green2017 says

I liked this book because it has video games and it has pictures for tricky words. One thing the author did well was the story and illustration. My favorite part was when Daniel finally wins Arctic Ninja. My favorite character was Daniel because he did a lot of video gaming. I relate to Daniel because we both do a lot of video gaming. I would recommend this book if you like video games.

Snazzy Reads says

4.5 stars

Christine Rains says

All Derek wants to do is play video games with his friends, but the state tests are coming up and he really needs to study or he might flunk. Yet he gets a special opportunity to be part of a focus group to test a new video game. That's tons more important, right?

This is the first book from this author I've picked up. I read this with my seven-and-a-half-year-old son. He enjoyed the gaming parts and thought it was funny. He learned some new vocabulary words, and the little drawings in the margins are cute. I liked how Derek struggled with his reading and how he had to find a way right for him to study, but that part of the story got lost under the video game drama.

Nicky H says

This book is about a kid named Derek Fallon that gets chosen to test video games along with other kids. Derek loves to play video games so he is really excited about this opportunity. His parents also want him to focus on school so they hire a tutor to help him with reading. At the beginning of this experience, he finds out that his best friend is in a gaming group with the best gamer in the world, El Cid. I recommend this book to kids that enjoy fiction books about gaming and friendship.

Elizabeth says

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character; Derek Fallon get invited to test a new video game called, "Arctic Ninja." Derek and his friends test the new video game with the best gamer in the world, "El Cid!" (campeador:) I am joking! This book has a wonderful drawings and vocabulary!

Niko says

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This book is about how a kid named Derek Fallon and his friends get invited to test the brand new video game called Arctic Ninja. The setting in this book was at Derek's house and Global Games, a place where they test video games and film TV shows. The story is from Derek's point of view. The protagonist in the story would be Derek. Other main characters are El Cid, Carly, Umberto, Matt and Tom their instructor. The book is mainly about how Derek gets a chance to test a new video game that could end up being famous.

I think this book was amazing and lifelike for me because I love to play video games just like Derek. A negative thing about this book is that Derek had to do homework instead of playing video games. I also did not like how almost half of the story was about testing, because I hate test. The reason I understood this book perfectly is because I've played all video games mentioned in this book

I would recommend this to a classmate who loves video games. This was the last book of the series but if there is another book in the series I will immediately get it.

Izaan Rizvi says

This book was really interesting and had a lot of detail into it. I especially liked the vocabulary on the side because it helps with new words which can be helpful for grades 3-5. What I didn't like that much was that half the ending was kind of expected. Even the other half wasn't, it kind of gives it away whenever you start reading the book, but either way, it was pretty good. This is the first "My Life" book and I enjoyed it.
