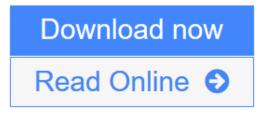


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Derek Fallon gets the chance of a lifetime—to participate in a gaming company focus group and to test out a new video game called "Arctic Ninja." Together with his friends Carly, Matt, and Umberto, Derek thinks his gaming talents will be showcased. 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?

# My Life as a Gamer Details

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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 reccomend this book to kids that enjoy fiction books about gaming and friendship.

#### **Elizabeth says**

technology column, April 2016

#### James says

This book was fantastic! This is a great Diary of a Wimpy Kid book series with a lot more plot and vocabulary words such as tirade, deadpan, and liberated. On top of all the great vocabulary and plot, it can really relate to kids in middle school. Derek Fallon's character is very similar to a typical middle school student. He loves to hang out, and play with friends. Throughout this book, it was also a rapid page-turner, wondering what would happen with Derek about him and his dream of testing out video games. After finishing this book, I learned a very important lesson: Things don't turn out as they seem to be. By all means, this book would be perfect for a middle school child who loves to learn new vocabulary words within the margins.

#### Ved Mahadevan says

A twelve-year-old Derek has presented the opportunity of a lifetime, he has the opportunity to test a brand new video game. He is faced with a problem, which friend does he bring? and what happens when he meets the most famous gamer in the world? This book is a good but easy read. The humor in this book was great but the storyline was not the best. This was not the best book because I felt it was too short and there could have been much more description of the plot included. However, just because I didn't really like this book it doesn't mean that other people wouldn't like it. This book would be good for kids from about nine to ten.

### **Paul Reed says**

I thought that it was cool that Devin could write cartoons to go along with vocabulary words. I liked all of the pictures and the words together except for "admitting."

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# Erica Sonzogni says

What an excellent book! I definitely will be recommending this to many of my students. Even their parents would enjoy reading this. The main character is funny, yet lovable, in the fact that he has difficulties with reading and doesn't like school. As a teacher, usually this is a turnoff, but his friends give him strategies (the same ones I teach my students) which enables him to succeed. Also, in order for Derek to understand what he reads, he draws cartoons depicting vocabulary words in the margins. This helps to expand the reader's vocabulary knowledge as well as give them a tool to use when they learn new words. One item I would like to criticize, though, is how the author chose the vocabulary words in which to illustrate. One on page, for example, the word that is illustrated is "unlucky" while on the same page, the word "despise" is written but not illustrated. I would assume that most children reading this book would find "unlucky" an easy word that they already understand, yet not know the meaning of "despise". Additionally, I thought it was interesting the way that some vocabulary words were depicted. The word "loathe" had the illustration of someone eating a heaping plate of food with sweat coming off their forehead. I am not sure if I would find that helpful when trying to define the meaning of the word "loathe". Overall, this book had an excellent plot, normal and relatable characters, and would appeal to readers of all ages.

#### Anthony says

I really liked My Life as a Gamer because Derek and I have a lot in common plus, it's a great book to read. Derek is faced with Arctic Ninja and the state tests are coming up so Derek has to step up his learning ability to pass and keep his gaming ability up when he's up against El Sid, the #1 play station player. Carly and Amanda who is really El Sid, help with the state tests. In the end, Derek beats the state tests and beats Arctic Ninja as well.

#### **CRG** says

My life as a Gamer has an interesting combination of vocabulary and hilarious dialogues with a fun

character; Derek Fallon get invited to test a new video game called, "Artic 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.