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Uncharted could “steal” Game of the Year Award



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With the many technological advances occurring everyday in our world, it can sometimes be hard for the software to catch up to the hardware.

The same can be said for the PS3: while the 3rd generation console may have Blu-ray, most of the games released on the system up until now have not fully utilized the PS3's capabilities

ed 2: Among Thieves (released on October 13) breaks this trend by being the first PS3 game to utilize all of the Blu-ray disc's memory capacity. This, along with many other qualities, may just make this game the best game of this year.

Like its predecessor, Uncharted 2: Among thieves is a third-person action-adventure game in which the player takes the role of Nathan Drake, a treasure hunter, and tries to solve

treasure.

One of this game's greatest aspects is its deep storyline. Without giving too much away, the plot is filled with deception, romance, and, well, treasure. This plot is made even better by the amount of really well developed characters.

Besides having a great plot, Uncharted has really solid gameplay. Building upon Epic Games' Gears of War third person perspective, Uncharted adds

to travel up and down buildings and objects as well as on the ground. The game also has third-person shooting elements and puzzle solving.

The only downside of the mixture of these three styles is the controls. Many times in the course of the game you have to move a certain direction while the camera is changing. This makes it much harder to control the character, and if you're jumping and shooting while doing this, it's very easy to get frustrated at the game.

However, the game makes up for this by allowing you to start at the previous checkpoint and giving tips to how you can get through sections of the game.

And while the single player is very well put together, the multiplayer is very simple and straightforward. The game only offers four multiplayer gametypes, as well as a co-op mode. The most popular is deathmatch, which (as you can guess) is just "killing" your opponents enough times to win the game. Even though the multiplayer utilizes the many aspects of the single player campaign, the controls (once again) may cause the player to get frustrated, and the matches may become repetitive.

The game attempts to make up for this with their co-op mode, challenging "trophies", and some single player replay value (through the shop mode).

Overall, Uncharted 2 has a really impressive storyline backed with really good gameplay. At times, the controls can be frustrating and the multiplayer can seem repetitive, but the game makes good attempts to correct these problems. So, if you have a PS3 (or not), this is a must-get, even if you have to go dig up ancient lost treasure and sell it just to cough up the \$60 (and