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**How to Get Rid of Homeless** Matteo Bittanti 2015-01-06 How to get rid of homeless is a monumental project. A 600-page epic split in two volumes documenting the so-called “homeless scandal” that affected the newly released game SimCity (Maxis/Electronic Arts, 2013), How to get rid of homeless reproduces dozens of threads concerning “homelessness” that appeared in Electronic Arts’ online forum between 2012 and 2013. Matteo Bittanti collected, selected, and transcribed thousands of messages exchanged by the forum members who first experienced and then tried to “eradicate” the phenomenon of homelessness that “plagued” SimCity. From surprise to despair, from shock to resignation, these posts highlight the pitfalls of simulation, the not-so-subtle effects of ideology on game design, and the interplay between play and society, politics and entertainment. Decontextualized from their original source and reproduced on paper sans the majority of online communication hallmarks (e.g. author’s signatures, side banners, avatar pictures etc.), these textual exchanges create a peculiar narrative. Some of the dialogues’ absurdist tones evoke Ionesco’s plays. Others reveal racist and classist biases, and forcefully introduce - or, rather, reintroduce - a highly political vision that the alleged “neutral” algorithms were supposed to overcome.

Smart cities Netexplor

**SimCity 2000** Nick Dargahi 1995 The smash hit SimCity 2000 has been revised. This book covers the new CD-ROM version as well as Windows version, urban renewal kit and new utilities.

**Canadian Periodical Index** 1965

**The Sims: The Complete Guide** Eric Boland

**The City of Dusk** Tara Sim 2022-03-22 This dark epic fantasy follows the heirs of four noble houses—each gifted with a divine power—as they form a tenuous alliance to keep their kingdom from descending into a realm-shattering war. The Four Realms—Life, Death, Light, and Darkness—all converge on the city of dusk. For each realm there is a god, and for each god there is an heir. But the gods have withdrawn their favor from the once vibrant and thriving city. And without it, all the realms are dying. Unwilling to stand by and watch the destruction, the four heirs—Risha, a necromancer struggling to keep the peace; Angelica, an elemental with her eyes set on the throne; Taesia, a shadow-wielding rogue with rebellion in her heart; and Nik, a soldier who struggles to see the light—will sacrifice everything to save the city. But their defiance will cost them dearly.

**SimCity 2000 Strategies and Secrets** Daniel A. Tauber 1995 Covering the DOS, Windows, and Macintosh editions of the popular city-building game, this guide reveals secrets and offers tips for play drawn from hours of play by expert players across the country. Original. (All Users)

**The Big Book of Hacks for Minecrafters** Megan Miller 2015-11-03 With more than 100 million registered Minecraft accounts and rights picked up by Warner Brothers for a “The Lego Movie” style, action-adventure film, Minecraft is on its way to becoming the next big children’s brand. While there are several successful game guides on the market already, this book will be the first unofficial “hacker’s” super-guide dedicated to fighting mobs, building , and much more that is especially geared toward seven- to twelve-year-old Minecrafters. With The Big Book of Hacks for Minecrafters, kids will learn how to build awesome structures, defense strategies for fending off hostile mobs, and great tips on mining, farming, and more! Other tips will help gamers: know which animals to domesticate and how to do it properly use potions and enchantments build and customize a survival home select appropriate weaponry and much more! Packed with expert tips, cheats, and hacks on building, fighting, farming, enchanting, mining, and more, The Big Book of Hacks for Minecrafters shows exactly how the experts bring their amazing structures to life (like a Japanese pagoda or underwater dome) and fight every single type of mob (from Blazes to Zombie Pigmen and everything in between). Illustrated guides will let every kid follow along with each tip step-by-step to master the Minecrafting world. In particular, this adventure series is created especially for readers who love the fight of good vs. evil, magical academies like Hogwarts in the Harry Potter saga, and games like Minecraft, Terraria, and Pokemon GO.

**The Giant Book of Hacks for Minecrafters** Megan Miller 2018-02-05 A gigantic guide to command blocks, redstone, mods, and more! The Giant Book of Hacks for Minecrafters teaches Minecrafters everything they need to know about manipulating and programming command blocks within Minecraft, manipulating redstone to make amazing contraptions and machines, how to add modifications to their Minecraft game, and more! Other tips will help gamers: Make their own custom maps and mini-games Build essential redstone logic gates, loops, and circuits Explore today’s range of modded Minecraft play, from the must-haves to the fanciful And much, much more! Packed with expert tips, cheats, and hacks! This guide shows users exactly how the experts wield command blocks and make fun modifications (like giving and getting loot and customizing villagers), wield redstone power and build classic and crazy contraptions (like automatic doors and furnaces, and hidden traps and staircases), and keep their games new and exciting with mods (from utilities to full-fledged gameplay extensions and modpacks). Hundreds of screenshots help readers follow along with each tip, step-by-step, to master the Minecrafting world.

**The ArcGIS Book** Christian Harder 2017 This is a hands-on book about ArcGIS that you work with as much as read. By the end, using Learn ArcGIS lessons, you'll be able to say you made a story map, conducted geographic analysis, edited geographic data, worked in a 3D web scene, built a 3D model of Venice, and more.

**Seeing Like a State** James C. Scott 2020-03-17 “One of the most profound and illuminating studies of this century to have been published in recent decades.”—John Gray, New York Times Book Review Hailed as “a magisterial critique of top-down social planning” by the New York Times, this essential work analyzes disasters from Russia to Tanzania to uncover why states so often fail—sometimes catastrophically—in grand efforts to engineer their society or their environment, and uncovers the conditions common to all such planning disasters. “Beautifully written, this book calls into sharp relief the nature of the world we now inhabit.”—New Yorker “A tour de force.”— Charles Tilly, Columbia University The Place of Play Maaïke Lauwaert 2009 A fascinating, eclectic analysis of the changing geographies of play in

contemporary society.

**Self-Organization and the City** Juval Portugali 2012-12-06 This book integrates the theories of complex self-organizing systems with the rich body of discourse and literature developed in what might be called ‘social theory of cities and urbanism’. It uses techniques from dynamical complexity and synergetics to successfully tackle open social science questions.

**What Video Games Have to Teach Us About Learning and Literacy. Second Edition** James Paul Gee 2007-12-26 Argues that video games go beyond entertainment and examines the principles that make these games valuable tools of learning and literacy.

**The Signal and the Noise** Nate Silver 2015-02-03 UPDATED FOR 2020 WITH A NEW PREFACE BY NATE SILVER "One of the more momentous books of the decade." —The New York Times Book Review Nate Silver built an innovative system for predicting baseball performance, predicted the 2008 election within a hair’s breadth, and became a national sensation as a blogger—all by the time he was thirty. He solidified his standing as the nation’s foremost political forecaster with his near perfect prediction of the 2012 election. Silver is the founder and editor in chief of the website FiveThirtyEight. Drawing on his own groundbreaking work, Silver examines the world of prediction, investigating how we can distinguish a true signal from a universe of noisy data. Most predictions fail, often at great cost to society, because most of us have a poor understanding of probability and uncertainty. Both experts and laypeople mistake more confident predictions for more accurate ones. But overconfidence is often the reason for failure. If our appreciation of uncertainty improves, our predictions can get better too. This is the “prediction paradox”: The more humility we have about our ability to make predictions, the more successful we can be in planning for the future. In keeping with his own aim to seek truth from data, Silver visits the most successful forecasters in a range of areas, from hurricanes to baseball to global pandemics, from the poker table to the stock market, from Capitol Hill to the NBA. He explains and evaluates how these forecasters think and what bonds they share. What lies behind their success? Are they good—or just lucky? What patterns have they unraveled? And are their forecasts really right? He explores unanticipated commonalities and exposes unexpected juxtapositions. And sometimes, it is not so much how good a prediction is in an absolute sense that matters but how good it is relative to the competition. In other cases, prediction is still a very rudimentary—and dangerous—science. Silver observes that the most accurate forecasters tend to have a superior command of probability, and they tend to be both humble and hardworking. They distinguish the predictable from the unpredictable, and they notice a thousand little details that lead them closer to the truth. Because of their appreciation of probability, they can distinguish the signal from the noise. With everything from the health of the global economy to our ability to fight terrorism dependent on the quality of our predictions, Nate Silver’s insights are an essential read.

**The Big Book of Graphic Novels for Minecrafters** Megan Miller 2017-11-07 Phoenix, a young miner girl, has never known her parents. She has always dreamed of something greater, of seeing the world outside her village and the magical forest that lies just beyond the walls. One day she takes the risk—just a quick hop over the walls—but her forbidden trip changes the course of her life. Thrust into a world of zombies, creepers, witches, and magical monks, Phoenix finds the adventure she craved, but will she find the bravery she needs to save not only her village but the entire Overworld? Containing The Quest for the Golden Apple, Revenge of the Zombie Monks, and The Ender Eye Prophecy, The Big Book of Graphic Novels for Minecrafters will enchant readers of all ages who love playing Minecraft and love stories full of action, adventure, and bravery.

**The Forge of Mars** Bruce Balfour 2002 After stumbling upon some mysterious alien artifacts buried in the caverns of Mars, objects that have killed the first man who touched them, NASA sends researcher Tau Wolfsinger to unlock the secrets of the bizarre ruins, only to discover that others from a sinister international organization want to use him to reveal their powers. Original.

**Simcity 4** Greg Kramer 2003 Get Behind the Wheel with Sim City 4! ·Essential details on U-Drive-It! mode, including how to use vehicles to complete missions ·Exclusive strategies for building a smooth-running metropolis ·All-new civic, reward, and landmark structures covered ·New mass transit and bridge options to streamline your city ·Exhaustive tips for thwarting disasters such as road accidents and train derailments ·Fun hints for creating your own street names and otherwise personalizing your cities ·Get creative with Lot Editor and SimCity Scape

**Smart Cities Policies and Financing** John Vacca 2022-01-19 Smart Cities Policies and Financing: Approaches and Solutions is the definitive professional reference for harnessing the full potential of policy making and financial planning in smart cities. It covers the effective tools for capturing the dynamic relations between people, policies, financing, and environments, and where they are most often useful and effective for all relevant stakeholders. The book examines the key role of science, technology, and innovation (STI) - especially in information and communications technologies - in the design, development, and management of smart cities policies and financing. It identifies the problems and offers practical solutions in implementation of smart infrastructure policies and financing. Smart Cities Policies and Financing is also about how the implementation of smart infrastructure projects (related to the challenges of the lack of financing and the application of suitable policies) underlines the key roles of science, technology and innovation (STI) communities in addressing these challenges and provides key policies and financing that will help guide the design and development of smart cities. Brings together experts from academia, government and industry to offer state-of-the-art solutions for improving the lives of billions of people in cities around the globe Creates awareness among governments of the various policy tools available, such as output-based contracting, public-private partnerships, procurement policies, long-term contracting, and targeted research funds in order to promote smart infrastructure implementation, and encouraging the use of such tools to shape markets for smart infrastructure and correct market failures Ensures the inclusiveness of smart city projects by adequately addressing the special needs of marginalized

sections of society including the elderly, persons with disabilities, and inhabitants of informal settlements and informal sectors Ensures gender considerations in the design of smart cities and infrastructure through the use of data generated by smart systems to make cities safer and more responsive to the needs of women Demonstrate practical implementation through real-life case studies Enhances reader comprehension using learning aids such as hands-on exercises, checklists, chapter summaries, review questions, and an extensive appendix of additional resources  
**Gaming Rhythms** Tom Apperley 2009 "Global gaming networks are heterogenous collectives of localized practices, not unified commercial products. Shifting the analysis of digital games to local specificities that build and perform the global and general, Gaming Rhythms employs ethnographic work conducted in Venezuela and Australia to account for the material experiences of actual game players. This book explores the materiality of digital play across diverse locations and argues that the dynamic relation between the everyday life of the player and the experience of digital game play can only be understood by examining play-practices in their specific situations." -- Website.

**Urban Dynamics** Jay Wright Forrester 1969

**Future Cities** Nick Dunn 2020-12-10 What might our cities look like in ten, twenty or fifty years? How may future cities face global challenges? Imagining the city of the future has long been an inspiration for many architects, artists and designers. This book examines how cities of the future have been visualised, what these projects sought to communicate and what the implications may be for us now. It provides a visual history of the future and explores the relationships between different visualisation techniques and ideologies for cities. Thinking about what futures are, who they are for, why they are desirable, and how and when they are to be brought into being is central to this book. Through visualisation we are able to experiment in ways that would be impractical and potentially hazardous in the real world, and this book, therefore, aims to contribute toward a better understanding of the power and agency of visualisations for future cities. In this lavishly illustrated text, the authors apply several critical lenses to consider the subject in different ways: technological futures, social futures, and global futures, providing a comprehensive survey and analysis of visions for future cities, and engaging creatively with how we perceive tomorrow's world and future studies more widely.

**The Video Games Guide** Matt Fox 2013-01-03 "The Video Games Guide is the world's most comprehensive reference book on computer and video games. Each game entry includes the year of release, the hardware it was released on, the name of the developer/publisher, a one to five star quality rating, and a descriptive review of the game itself"--Provided by publisher.

**Sim City 3000 Unlimited** Greg Kramer 2000 SimCity has been the flagship and cornerstone of simulation gaming since its introduction in 1989. Now, SimCity 3000 Unlimited is the hot new follow-up to 1999's successful SimCity 3000. The new game features all the great gameplay of the original plus several new features, including two new building sets, thirteen challenging scenarios, and a scenario creator. Now with SimCity 3000 Unlimited: Prima's Official Strategy Guide, you'll get: Coverage of both SimCity 3000 Unlimited and SimCity 3000 for PC and Mac Exclusive advice from the Electronic Arts testers Secrets for novices and seasoned mayors alike Detailed instructions for earning all rewards Tips on dealing with natural disasters Strategies for new scenarios A graphic directory of North American, Asian, and European building sets Comprehensive appendices including all buildings and landmarks

**PC Mag** 2006-05-23 PCMag.com is a leading authority on technology, delivering Labs-based, independent reviews of the latest products and services. Our expert industry analysis and practical solutions help you make better buying decisions and get more from technology.

**SimCity Societies** Greg Kramer 2007 Build the City of Your Dreams...Or Your Nightmares. • Transform your city into the hidden Haunted Town. • Complete building directory and catalog. • Get to know all the Special Sims. • Shape your cities to your will with city profile. • Harness Societal Values to grow the city you want.

**Snow Crash** Neal Stephenson 2003-08-26 The "brilliantly realized" (The New York Times Book Review) modern classic that coined the term "metaverse"--one of Time's 100 best English-language novels and "a foundational text of the cyberpunk movement" (Wired) In reality, Hiro Protagonist delivers pizza for Uncle Enzo's CosoNostra Pizza Inc., but in the Metaverse he's a warrior prince. Plunging headlong into the enigma of a new computer virus that's striking down hackers everywhere, he races along the neon-lit streets on a search-and-destroy mission for the shadowy virtual villain threatening to bring about infocalypse. Snow Crash is a mind-altering romp through a future America so bizarre, so outrageous . . . you'll recognize it immediately.

**Triadic Game Design** Casper Hartevelt 2011-02-26 Many designers, policy makers, teachers, and other practitioners are beginning to understand the usefulness of using digital games beyond entertainment. Games have been developed for teaching, recruiting and to collect data to improve search engines. This book examines the fundamentals of designing any game with a serious purpose and provides a way of thinking on how to design one successfully. The reader will be introduced to a design philosophy called "Triadic Game Design.": a theory that all games involve three worlds: the worlds of Reality, Meaning, and Play. Each world is affiliated with aspects. A balance needs to be found within and between the three worlds. Such a balance is difficult to achieve, during the design many tensions will arise, forcing designers to make trade-offs. To deal with these tensions and to ensure that the right decisions are made to create a harmonic game, a frame of reference is needed. This is what Triadic Game Design offers.

**A Pattern Language** Christopher Alexander 2018-09-20 You can use this book to design a house for yourself with your family; you can use it to work with your neighbors to improve your town and neighborhood; you can use it to design an office, or a workshop, or a public building. And you can use it to guide you in the actual process of construction. After a ten-year silence, Christopher Alexander and his colleagues at the Center for Environmental Structure are now publishing a major statement in the form of three books which will, in their words, "lay the basis for an entirely new approach to architecture, building and planning, which will we hope replace existing ideas and practices entirely." The three books are The Timeless Way of Building, The Oregon Experiment, and this book, A Pattern Language. At the core of these books is the idea that people should design for themselves their own houses, streets, and communities. This idea may be radical (it implies a radical transformation of the architectural profession) but it comes simply from the observation that most of the wonderful places of the world were not made by architects but by the people. At the core of the books, too, is the point that in designing their environments people always rely on certain "languages," which, like the languages we speak, allow them to articulate and communicate an infinite variety of designs within a forma system which gives them coherence. This book provides a language of this kind. It will enable a person to make a design for almost any kind of building, or any part of the built environment. "Patterns," the units of this language, are answers to design problems (How high should a window sill be? How many stories should a building have? How much space in a neighborhood should be devoted to grass and trees?). More than 250 of the patterns in this pattern language are given: each consists of a problem statement, a discussion of the problem with an illustration, and a solution. As the

authors say in their introduction, many of the patterns are archetypal, so deeply rooted in the nature of things that it seems likely that they will be a part of human nature, and human action, as much in five hundred years as they are today.

**A Practical Guide to Indie Game Marketing** Joel Dreskin 2015-12-22 Learn how to market for your indie game, even with a small budget and limited resources. For those who want to earn a regular income from making indie games, marketing can be nearly as vital to the success of the game as the game itself. A Practical Guide to Indie Game Marketing provides you with the tools needed to build visibility and sell your game. With special focus on developers with small budgets and limited staff and resources, this book is packed with recommendations and techniques that you can put to use immediately. As a seasoned marketing professional, author Joel Dreskin provides insight into practical, real-world experiences from marketing numerous successful games and also shares tips on mistakes to avoid. Presented in an easy to read format, A Practical Guide to Indie Game Marketing includes information on establishing an audience and increasing visibility so you can build successes with your studio and games. Through case studies, examples, guidelines and tips, you will learn best practices for developing plans for your game launches, PR, community engagement, channel promotions and more Sample timelines help you determine how long in advance of a launch to prepare your first public communications, when to announce your game, as well as recommended timing for releasing different game assets Book also includes marketing checklist 'cheat sheets', dos and don'ts and additional resources

**Creating Sustainable Cities** Herbert Girardet 1999 Creating cities of cultural vigour and physical beauty that are also sustainable in economic and environmental terms.

**The Works** Kate Ascher 2005 A behind-the-scenes account of the interconnected technology, transportation, and utility systems supporting New York City pairs detailed graphic images with accessible explanations of behind-the-scenes mechanisms and processes for key structures and everyday arenas. 60,000 first printing.

**Better Buses, Better Cities** Steven Higashide 2019-10-10 Imagine a bus system that is fast, frequent, and reliable--what would that change about your city? Buses can and should be the cornerstone of urban transportation. They offer affordable mobility and can connect citizens with every aspect of their lives. But in the US, they have long been an afterthought in budgeting and planning. Transit expert Steven Higashide uses real-world stories of reform to show us what a successful bus system looks like. Higashide explains how to marshal the public in support of better buses and argues that better bus systems will create better cities for all citizens. With a compelling narrative and actionable steps, Better Buses, Better Cities describes how decision-makers, philanthropists, activists, and public agency leaders can work together to make the bus a win in any city.

**Virtual Cities: An Atlas & Exploration of Video Game Cities** Konstantinos Dimopoulos 2020-11-10 Immerse yourself in 45 spectacularly imagined virtual cities, from Arkham City to Whiterun, in this beautifully illustrated unofficial guide. Spanning decades of digital history, this is the ultimate travel guide and atlas of the gamer imagination. Dimopoulos invites readers to share his vision of dozens of different gaming franchises like never before: discover Dimopoulos's Half-Life 2's City 17, Yakuza 0's Kamurocho, Fallout's New Vegas, Super Mario Odyssey's New Donk City, and many more. Each chapter of this virtual travel guide consists of deep dives into the history and lore of these cities from an in-universe perspective. Illustrated with original color ink drawings and--of course--gorgeous and detailed maps, readers can explore the nostalgic games of their youth as well as modern hits. Sidebars based on the author's research tell behind-the-scenes anecdotes and reveal the real-world stories that inspired these iconic virtual settings. With a combination of stylish original maps, illustrations, and insightful commentary and analysis, this is a must-have for video game devotees, world-building fans, and game design experts.

**Soft City** David Sim 2019-08-20 Imagine waking up to the gentle noises of the city, and moving through your day with complete confidence that you will get where you need to go quickly and efficiently. Soft City is about ease and comfort, where density has a human dimension, adapting to our ever-changing needs, nurturing relationships, and accommodating the pleasures of everyday life. How do we move from the current reality in most cities--separated uses and lengthy commutes in single-occupancy vehicles that drain human, environmental, and community resources--to support a soft city approach? In Soft City David Sim, partner and creative director at Gehl, shows how this is possible, presenting ideas and graphic examples from around the globe. He draws from his vast design experience to make a case for a dense and diverse built environment at a human scale, which he presents through a series of observations of older and newer places, and a range of simple built phenomena, some traditional and some totally new inventions. Sim shows that increasing density is not enough. The soft city must consider the organization and layout of the built environment for more fluid movement and comfort, a diversity of building types, and thoughtful design to ensure a sustainable urban environment and society. Soft City begins with the big ideas of happiness and quality of life, and then shows how they are tied to the way we live. The heart of the book is highly visual and shows the building blocks for neighborhoods: building types and their organization and orientation; how we can get along as we get around a city; and living with the weather. As every citizen deals with the reality of a changing climate, Soft City explores how the built environment can adapt and respond. Soft City offers inspiration, ideas, and guidance for anyone interested in city building. Sim shows how to make any city more efficient, more livable, and better connected to the environment.

**Strong Towns** Charles Marohn 2019-10-01 A new way forward for sustainable quality of life in cities of all sizes Strong Towns: A Bottom-Up Revolution to Build American Prosperity is a book of forward-thinking ideas that breaks with modern wisdom to present a new vision of urban development in the United States. Presenting the foundational ideas of the Strong Towns movement he co-founded, Charles Marohn explains why cities of all sizes continue to struggle to meet their basic needs, and reveals the new paradigm that can solve this longstanding problem. Inside, you'll learn why inducing growth and development has been the conventional response to urban financial struggles--and why it just doesn't work. New development and high-risk investing don't generate enough wealth to support itself, and cities continue to struggle. Read this book to find out how cities large and small can focus on bottom-up investments to minimize risk and maximize their ability to strengthen the community financially and improve citizens' quality of life. Develop in-depth knowledge of the underlying logic behind the "traditional" search for never-ending urban growth Learn practical solutions for ameliorating financial struggles through low-risk investment and a grassroots focus Gain insights and tools that can stop the vicious cycle of budget shortfalls and unexpected downturns Become a part of the Strong Towns revolution by shifting the focus away from top-down growth toward rebuilding American prosperity Strong Towns acknowledges that there is a problem with the American approach to growth and shows community leaders a new way forward. The Strong Towns response is a revolution in how we assemble the places we live.

**Virtual Pearls** Wendy Kennell 2013-02-14 What is it like in China? Read this book and venture with one of the delegates of the People to People Ambassador program to China. Written with humor and insight, this book wraps the reader into a journey that highlights misadventures of miscommunications and provides candid shots of daily life in China, all the

while recording the author's comparison of preconceptions to reality. Whether you want to visit hospitals or medical centers seen by few Westerners, explore aspects of life in China, live a virtual adventure touring Beijing or Nanning, or enjoy a true story about personal growth while learning some facts about China and Occupational Therapy, this book is for you.

Rules of Play Katie Salen Tekinbas 2003-09-25 An impassioned look at games and game design that offers the most ambitious framework for understanding them to date. As pop culture, games are as important as film or television—but game design has yet to develop a theoretical framework or critical vocabulary. In *Rules of Play* Katie Salen and Eric Zimmerman present a much-needed primer for this emerging field. They offer a unified model for looking at all kinds of games, from board games and sports to computer and video games. As active participants in game culture, the authors have written *Rules of Play* as a catalyst for innovation, filled with new concepts, strategies, and methodologies for creating and understanding games. Building an aesthetics of interactive systems, Salen and Zimmerman define core concepts like "play," "design," and "interactivity." They look at games through a series of eighteen "game design schemas," or conceptual frameworks, including games as systems of emergence and information, as contexts for social

play, as a storytelling medium, and as sites of cultural resistance. Written for game scholars, game developers, and interactive designers, *Rules of Play* is a textbook, reference book, and theoretical guide. It is the first comprehensive attempt to establish a solid theoretical framework for the emerging discipline of game design.

**Outpost** Bruce Balfour 1994 The ultimate realistic game of survival in space. Breathtaking cinematic graphics and animations combine with solid information based on NASA research to create an amazingly realistic simulation of survival in outer space. For aficionados of *Sim City* and *Civilization*, this game has all the marks of a classic. *In Beta* Prescott Harvey 2021-07-13 "Prescott is one brilliant dude." —JJ Abrams *It's* 1993, and Jay and Colin are small-town geeks. Senior year is nearly over, and they're still as unpopular as ever. Everything changes when they discover a disk containing a computer program called *The Build*, a pixel-perfect replica of their hometown. As the boys tweak its code, they discover they can bend the laws of reality. With godlike power, they react as any teenager would: hacking high school to make it more awesome. But someone—or something—is watching. And as their friends and neighbors begin acting increasingly strange, they buckle in for an epic battle. Jay and Colin must pull out all their cheat codes to save themselves, their town—and the very fabric of existence.