

Review of the Game : Splinter Cell

Game Overview:

Type of Game : 3rd Person Covert Action

Graphics : 9 / 10

Sound : 8.5 /10

Gameplay : 10/10

Realism : 10/10

Overall : (9.4) Outstanding

Games Similar to Splinter Cell : Thief, Hitman

Full Review :

Yes, the numbers speak for themselves. This game is probably one of the best games ever, and in my opinion, it is the best. Although, at first impressions, one may feel that it is a 3rd person shooter (like May Payne or Tomb Raider), but actually, it is more of a covert (stealth) type of a game. Having said that, you cannot complete this game going all guns blazing, but every room of every level needs considerable thought and strategy to complete properly. But the game play and the game realism simply addicts you to play on. In fact, the only time I felt sad was when I completed this game. So, basically, you can stop reading this review and rush to the stores to get yourself this superb game.

Game Story:

You are Sam Fisher, ex-government agent, and now you have been recruited into the NSA. NSA (National Security Agency) is an organization that quietly 'cleans up' political mistakes before they become a major threat. This game story revolves around the sudden crisis with respect to the Georgian economy, head by the tyrant Nikoladze. As the game story progresses, Georgia declares war on America, and it's your job to act "behind enemy lines" and clear things up before we have a world war in your hands.

You start with a relatively 'simple' objective to find two CIA operatives who were reported "missing". The location: Georgia. From there the story unfolds and you get to many locations which I will not give in this review, (for spoilers you know where to go).

Game Play:

Darkness is your biggest ally, and in this game, your most powerful weapon. You will spend most of the time moving carefully along dark corners and luring enemy soldiers so that they can be taken out cleanly and quietly. To aid you in your mission objectives, you have the cutting technology equipment including Night Vision glasses (which you will be using the most), Thermal Vision, optic cable to see beneath doors (to know in advance what lies ahead of you) and so forth. You even have equally powerful gadgets to take out enemy, and my personal favourite is the Diversion Camera. To use the diversion camera, you fire it onto a wall, and it starts to emit a very distracting sound. When the enemies nearby come and gather around you simply fire the sleeping gas onto them. A very sweet way of getting rid of the "bad" guys.

And for action freaks, you need not feel disappointed. This game also has guns, albeit only two of them. A standard handgun and a sniper rifle. However, you can fire cameras, choking wires and a variety of other gadgets from this gun. The inventory list is pretty good and it should keep you interested throughout the game.

And I have kept the best feature of this game for the last. You, Sam Fisher, are extremely athletic, needless to say, and you can perform a variety of amazing "stunts", my favourite being the split jump. You can do double jumps, climb poles, hang from wires and probably everything a gymnast can do. So, sometimes, finding a way out in a mission could be not-so obvious, but such things add to the fun and longevity of the game. The Unreal engine powered graphics, and realistic movements of the characters are simply mind-blowing and without doubt, have never been seen in a game before.

Final Words : Get it!