

# It started with Lego's Harry Potter!

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In high school, I got my first gaming system and I've been in love with gaming ever since. I can't say I'm a fan of all Lego games when at this point I've only played 4 full games (I'm counting the Harry Potter game as 2 games since when I played you had to buy Year 1-4 and then Year 5-7.)



During last year's Black Friday, I picked up 3 games at my local Game Stop since they had a Buy 2 Get One Free deal on PlayStation 4 games. I want to know my free game; Lego Star Wars: The Force Awakens. I played the very first chapter that night since I was in LOVE with the movie of the game's namesake. My first expression of the game wasn't very good and I'm glad I waited until now to write my review.

You don't start off the game with our Star Wars: The Force Awakens trio of Finn, Poe, and Rey. Nope, they make us wait and we have to go through some of the events of Star Wars: Return of the Jedi. We began with The Battle of Endor and go through the rest of game from that part, from then on out it goes very quickly. I didn't grow up a Star Wars fan (more of a Trekkie) but The Force Awakens trailer made the movie look so good I could wait to see it but first to I had to watch the other movies. When I did, I saw the Original movies first and then the Prequel's and I thought they were all good films (yup even the Prequel's.) Star Wars: The Force Awakens was something different (to me) at least. I understand Star Wars: The Force Awakens happen 30 years after the Return of the Jedi but for a fan of the new cast more so than the older ones, this wasn't what I signed up for. I didn't want to play this part but I did and afterwards is when the real fun started for me!



We travel through the rest of The Force Awakens, the same way as the movie does. After a few days of gameplay, that could have been done in a few hours (if the person doesn't have any

responsibility), we come to the end of the game. I kind of had the thought at first of "That's it" but it's really not. Lego, let you do a Free play which lets you roam in the area of the game you just played with a list of different characters to choose from. In doing the Free play's you can collect the collectibles and my favorite: Red Bricks, which give you different abilities, for a funny one check out my YouTube video down below! I like doing all the challenges and finding all the mini kits and playing as Finn, Poe, and Rey, having disco lightsaber or having a dance-off between Poe and Finn inside the hallway of the Millennium Flacon. I'm not saying these games are for everyone but to be able to get away and not check my phone and just let go for a couple of hours makes me really appreciate the game for what it is to me, a moment to just let go and remember what fun feels like!