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“WHO DARES DISTURB THE CRYPT OF THE IMMORTAL SPACE BITCHES?”

The answer may very well be here—along with blatant abuse of Nerf weapons, highly questionable pizza toppings, murderous exploding penguins, shopping-mall zombie mayhem, the ponderous ponderings of Twisp and Catsby, and the libidinous juice machine that shall remain nameless (at least on the book cover)—in the seventh *Penny Arcade* collection.

Inside you'll find

- Every full-color *Penny Arcade* strip from 2006—along with all-new, supposedly insightful commentary from the genial creators!
- Sixteen pages of brand-spanking-new bonus material that's not to be missed!
- *The Sorcelator!*
- And more, from the *New York Times* bestselling alteregos of those gaming-obsessed, pop-culture hellions Gabe and Tycho!

## Penny Arcade Volume 7: Be Good, Little Puppy Details

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## From Reader Review Penny Arcade Volume 7: Be Good, Little Puppy for online ebook

## Thomas Hunt says

always good to spend some time with the PA crew. :)

**Cale says**

This collection of strips from 2006 isn't Penny Arcade at its best, but it does have a few high points (Armadeaddon, a CTS series and a Twisp and Catsby comic), and Jerry's commentary is on point as usual, calling out the things that were dated by the time of the book's publication (and some of which have become even more so). There's also a bonus Sorcelator section which is... not quite painful but the parody of a parody doesn't strike on all cylinders.

**Alana says**

Wait, The Land of Upp was about Eric Burns???

Hee Hee.

Heh.

Lauren says

The year was 2006...and gaming was good. The newest book to the Penny Arcade series is quite good. My pre-order came with a poster. I only wish the pre-orders were autographed. I'll bring it to PaxEast and see if I can get it signed then.

## Lady Lioness says

When I was younger, I used to dabble more with console gaming. We were a Nintendo family and we owned everything from the original Gameboy to the WII. There was also a brief period where we owned a SONY and we used to gather around, taking turns playing Wonderboy. Video games were a communal event in my childhood, believe it or not. However, as we got older and things got cheaper & smaller, we started to break away to play our own. My brother would still host raucous parties where the boys would spend HOURS playing Mario Party, Donkey Kong, or Mario Karts. I transitioned over to single player PC games where my all-time favorite was Star Trek: Birth of the Federation.

Penny Arcade launched in 1999 when I graduated from high school and I started reading it when I was in college. I lost track of it after I got my degree, but I stumbled across the first volume in the bookstore one day. Gabe and Tycho, as their alter-egos are named, talk a great deal about video games and other geek pursuits. Even though I am very far removed from the gaming culture at this point, I enjoy their blend of snark and common sense. Both of them are married and, while their wives make an occasional appearance, women are very rarely seen in the strip. It's really just about the two of them, shooting the shit. It's almost an editorial comic in a way, if you tilt your head and squint a little.

I enjoy the strip, but I gave this collection three stars because I don't think it was their finest year. I read the volume last night by flashlight and thinking back now, I can't really remember a lot of the strips. There was a rare series, with continuity no less, about zombies invading a mall. Other than that, I got nothing. I don't regret purchasing it, but the boys are their best when they're outraged. 2006 must've been a boring year.

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### **Nick Douglas says**

Every Penny Arcade strip from 2006, with new 2011 commentary on each strip by the writer. Picked it up at the Housing Works Bookstore Cafe.

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### **Patrick says**

Sometimes the best review you can give a book is a quote from the book itself.

For example:

“Don’t say another goddamn word. Up until now, I’ve been polite. If you say anything else--word one--I will kill myself. And when my tainted spirit finds its destination, I will topple the master of that dark place. From my black throne, I will lash together a machine of bone and blood, and fueled by my hatred for you this fear engine will bore a hole between this world and that one. When it begins you will hear the sound of children screaming--as though from a great distance. A smoking orb of nothing will grow above your bed, and from it will emerge a thousand starving crows. As I slip through the widening maw in my new form, you will catch only a glimpse of my radiance before you are incinerated. Then, as tears of bubbling pitch stream down my face, my dark work will begin. I will open one of my six mouths, and I will sing the song that ends the Earth.”

Take this quote and then juxtapose it with title of this collection: "Be Good Little Puppy."

That really tells you everything you need to know.

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### **Boulder Boulderson says**

Seventh volume of Penny Arcade; I mean just read my previous six reviews, really. This edition notable for more of the FF, and of course the continuing tales of teh Cardboard Tube Samurai.

### **Alex Telander says**

Do not be deceived by this cutesy cover of Tycho and Gabe having fun with a puppy and butterflies, for within these pages lies tales of damnation and lust; whatever you do, don't let a child get ahold of this book . . . and for those who are already familiar with the unforgettable and endlessly entertaining comic known as Penny Arcade, then this cover works as an excellent camouflage for the sordid-laughter-inducing artwork within its pages . . .

Be Good, Little Puppy is the seventh volume from Jerry Holkins and Mike Krahulik, bringing together a collection of all the Penny Arcade strips from 2006. Fans get to enjoy returns from familiar characters like Cardboard Tube Samurai, the enigmatic Twisp and Catsby, and occasional visits from various appliances, including a certain “fruit-loving” machine, who arrives to save the day! Readers also get to see Tycho’s talent as a writer in his incredible Elemenstor Saga, ripped off and ridiculed by one L. H. Franzibald in Song of the Sorcelator. The question is how far will Tycho go to end this plagiarism and the answer of course is all the way . . . only Gabe happens to be a Franzibald fan! Gabe and Tycho also have much to say about what Microsoft is doing with its Xbox, as well as addressing this new Playstation, and the new unfortunately named console, Nintendo Wii. And then there’s the incredible nine-part epic, “Armadeaddon,” involving everyone’s favorite: zombies.

Add this to your collection; it’s simply required. Plus you get cool extras, like an entertaining (and seemingly obtuse) introduction from bestselling author Patrick Rothfuss. Plenty of commentary from Jerry Holkins on each strip, and at the end you’ll find some moving excerpts from Song of the Sorcelator, as well as some important character and stat info on Wichaloks!

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### **Justin says**

It's hard to give a cohesive review to the Penny Arcade collections, since you're really just looking at a snapshot of a year in the life of the webcomic. This volume, like the last, falls within my favorite years of Penny Arcade's run, and includes the launch of the Nintendo Wii (before anybody knew about the coming impact of casual gaming on the industry) and the hilarious layered meta-satire, Song of the Sorcelator.

For some reason, it felt like the included bonus material wasn't quite as substantial as it was in the previous volume. Holkins' commentary on each strip is still present and still funny, but the text both throughout the strips and in the Sorcelator stuff in the back is scaled back in favor of unreleased comic strips. Which is arguably better, but also reads a lot quicker.

Not much else to say; this was a great, lazy read, and as much of a technophile as I am, it's nice to be able to flip through some solid pages at random for a bit, instead of clicking through PA's comic archive through their site.

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### **Dale Furutani says**

Going through the Penny Arcade books has been a blast of gaming nostalgia. This book covers 2006. The recent launch of the 360, and the imminent release of the ps3 and wii, the birth of casual gaming, a new "trend" called DLC, the shift in which consoles began to take the form of "media centers" and more. All with their trademark ruthless wit.

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### **Megan Baxter says**

I don't really play video games. It's not that I haven't, or can't (although I'm not very good at them). I just don't. (Also, the fact that we haven't been able to afford a new system since the PS2 may play a factor in here.)

And yet, I read Penny Arcade. And although I rarely know exactly what they're talking about, I generally have enough absorbed nerd knowledge to get them. And sometimes, they make me laugh until I'm sore. I don't think this is the best collection, though. Previous ones I've enjoyed a lot more.

It's not that they're bad, but either I'm getting more out of touch (entirely possible!) or this just wasn't their best year. The comic about telling Gabe he could "play" the Wii Weather Channel killed me, though.

Penny Arcade is definitely a webcomic for its target audience. Video game players, some other assorted nerds, and people with a high shock threshold. If you fall within this relatively small group, you'll probably like this webcomic. But I'd recommend their earlier books first.

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### **Schnaucl says**

Another delightful entry. Relive the unveiling of the Wii and Penny Arcade's conversion to the Mac.

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### **Tung says**

Unless you are a major geek like me, you have no idea what Penny Arcade is. If you do know what Penny Arcade is, you will have probably already read this book. Penny Arcade is one of the most-read online comics, especially for video game enthusiasts. If you play videogames or even create videogames or work in an industry related to videogames, you read Penny Arcade as a matter of course. Where ESPN is the daily stop for sports fans, Penny Arcade is the daily stop for video game enthusiasts and nerds. This book collects the online strips for 2006, and each strip is accompanied by a commentary from the author and/or artist. Fans, this year was the year with the Armageddon series of strips, along with The Hawk and the Hare (CTS). Volume 7 for me was probably second in overall quality to Volume 6 for me. A must-read, obviously, for fans of the site – you non-fans don't know what you're missing.

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**\*\*\*Dave Hill says**

There's not a lot to distinguish this collection of the 2006 PA strips from other collections, before or after. They're funny, often witty, frequently mordant, regularly scatological or otherwise NSFW, and quite enjoyable.

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