

Queen Bee makes history with a best-selling album

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When life hands you lemons, normal people would tell you to make lemonade, but Beyonce will tell you to make a platinum album. On April 23, 2016, the queen stunned her bee hive fans with another hit album out of no-where, with 12 songs. The album "Lemonade" sold over 430,000 copies within the first week in the U.S. and over 17,000 in European countries and reached number one in charts within days. This is Beyonce's sixth number one album, beating Prince's record with four albums. This makes the queen bee the first artist in history to have this many number one albums.

The whole conspiracy with her album is her husband, Jay-Z, cheated on her. With the song "Don't Hurt Yourself" on her album, she explains how powerful she is and how much more powerful she could be without him and his lying. The first line in the first song "Pray You Catch Me" is "you can taste the dishonesty," implying her husband is lying to her. Throughout the album, she sings

about "becky with the good hair" and many more descriptions about other girls. However, instead of dwelling on it all, she brings out the independant side of her in her lyrics, saying she will love him no matter what and they can get through anything together. One of the songs on the album, "Sorry," being played on the everywhere, explains that all the events she's been through with Jay Z, she deserves more and basically says goodbye to him.

News flash, Beyonce is a business woman. None of it is true, it's a marketing thing. Tidal released this album to gain more money for their company. That being said, the bee hive is not so mad about it fortunately. The album is still a great one and many people can relate to her lyrics, whether they're about her or not. Lemonade has already been sold a couple thousand copies, and is a major feature in her tour "Formation World Tour," where tickets are starting at \$180. Each song on her new album already has a music video with over millions of views already. Most of the context is women standing up for themselves with

history going way back into slavery, and connecting it to what she's going through right now. The content is very interesting if you actually sit down and try to understand the video and connect it to the lyrics. This is the exact reason why she is so successful.

Each one of Beyonce's albums have a different tone to them. None of them are just pop, or just powerful, or just sad. Each one has a different theme to them, making them each so individual and creative. Lemonade's soundtrack has each song with the same message in the end, focusing on yourself and not settling for what's given to you could possibly be the best option anyone has for themselves. Beyonce wants her bee hive to always strive for better and never settle for someone who won't give you what you deserve. Which in her words, are the whole world and more.



Captain America sits up there with other superhero winners

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In 2008, Marvel studios released Iron Man and set the standard for all comic book movies to come out in the next decade. Not only was Iron Man one of the best movies to come out that year, it also introduced the idea of all the superheroes existing in the same universe. Marvel's latest film, *Captain America: Civil War*, takes full advantage of the large cast of characters that the studio has introduced over the past eight years and twelve movie lead-ins. All of this might be too much for most movie studios to handle, but with Marvel's excellent reputation, including 2011's *The Avengers* which is currently the 5th highest grossing movies of all time at 1.5 billion dollars worldwide, fans knew that the film would be in good hands.

The film revolves around the two main protagonists in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Iron Man/Tony Stark (played by Robert Downey Jr.) and Captain America/Steve Rogers (played by Chris Evans), and their disagreement on how their team of superheros should be run. Stark believes that their team should be regulated on what situations they can and cannot intervene in in order to cut down on collateral damage and give themselves a favorable public image, while Rogers believes they must act on what they think is right. This leads to, as the name of

the film would suggest, a "civil war" which culminates in a gigantic fight between both teams of heroes, and finally a one on one duel between Stark and Rogers.

Both Downey Jr. and Evans give masterful performances as their respective characters. Downey Jr. nails Stark's sarcastic, witty, and sometimes cruel character traits and Evans performance as the captain that acts on emotion and always does what he thinks is right is spot on as well. As good as the two main characters are, the supporting characters are just as good, if not better. Paul Rudd as Ant-Man/Scott Lang is one of the best parts of the film. His jokes and banter provide just enough comic relief in a movie that is overall more serious in tone than most other Marvel movies. Elizabeth Olsen also gave an excellent performance as Wanda Maximoff, the desperate survivor of a bombing in which she lost her family and is now looking to help others. There are too many great characters and performances to name them all, but each one is excellent and fans that have been eagerly waiting for Spider-man's debut in the Marvel Cinematic Universe will be more than pleased with Tom Holland's performance as Peter Parker.

Although it is the third *Captain America* movie, it is not reliant on the previous two films to be enjoyable. It more so has to do with each movie in the larger universe instead of containing itself to the Captain America series. That's not to say

that all twelve movies should be watched before this one, because that is not the case. *Captain America: Civil War* is a great movie on its own, but viewers that are more familiar with the other movies in the Marvel Cinematic Universe will get more out of the film.

Overall, *Captain America: Civil War* is a great film that any moviegoer will enjoy and it is a must see for any comic book/superhero fan. The story is not only fantastic, but deals with themes not often seen in most other comic movies. I give it 4 paws.

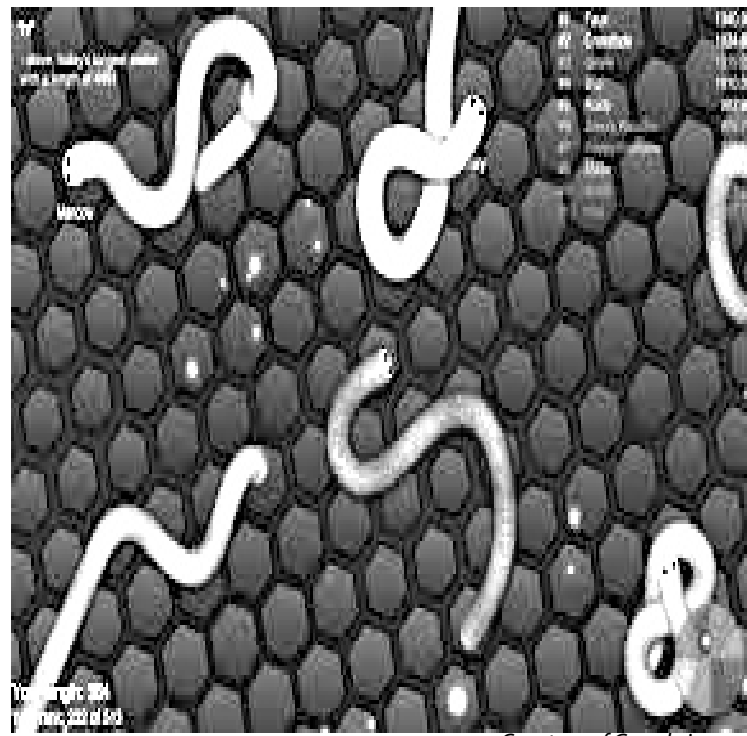


Doom: A Legacy continues into 2016 for elite gamers

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Doom is a series of first-person shooter games developed by id Software. The series focuses on a space marine who fights hordes of demons and the undead in order to survive. *Doom* is considered to be one of the pioneering first-person shooter games featuring 3D graphics, networked multiplayer, and player customization. This new version of the game went above and beyond my expectations.

This game was announced to be in production on May, 7, 2008. This will be the fourth installment of the game, remastered for next generation consoles and pc. The new game features both singleplayer and multiplayer capabilities. This new installment also offers several different super cool customizations. These customizations allow you to upgrade your character's armour, weapon, abilities, and certain animations. Another customization offered is the ability to build your



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Slither makes its way to app store

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The app store was waiting for their new hit, and it his finally arrived. *Slither* is the new, exciting game, that has kids addicted. You start the game as a small snake as you travel around the map, trying to collect blobs to grow in size. But it's not this easy, as you travel other snakes are around you as well, trying to cut you off. If you run into another online player you die and mostly quit the game in rage. To get away from competitors you can use a boost but be aware, the boost will make you shrink. The whole point of the game is to become the biggest snake in the online of 600.

The game is the app store's biggest grossing game right now. The game is free, but the makers of the game, make their money with promoting Twitter and Facebook to get new snake colors. Their biggest profits come from the advertisements that you are forced to sit through as you lose a game and select to start a new one. By making the game free, *Slither* has attracted many more players.

I personally think the game is great, and started playing it when I heard it was free. I always expect to

play one or two games and then go to bed but then I always find myself playing for hours. The game is very competitive and you never truly wins, so it tempts you to start going.

Although the game is very well made and thought out, it still does have problems. For example, when you are on an online server of 600 people, it is hard to load. The game lags a lot, forcing you to lose and run into other snakes. The advertisements are also very frustrating, especially after you just lost and aren't too happy with yourself.

Slither is the best game on the market. I think it will stay that way for a couple months because it's to addicting to stop playing. The makers made a great game that is full of action.

This app gets three paws out of four. It is extremely addiciting and leaves the gamer playing it for hours on end. But the game is played online and with the high demand of it, the game experiences lag and timeouts.



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The game is extremely fast paced, you never stop moving. Unlike recent first-person shooters there is no sprint button there is only one speed in this game and that is fast. To be successful in playing this game you must always be moving instead of hiding behind crates, you'll be climbing and vaulting off them to retaliate against your attackers with a surprise shotgun burst as you hurtle through the air. You will never have a reason to stop for cover. In many first-person shooters they allow you to cower behind object and wait for your health to regenerate, *Doom* brings back the classic health packs, and armour pick-ups. It incorporates many of the classic weapons with all the new ones too.

Doom does offer a story like many other first-person shooters, but you'll hardly ever have to stop gunning down demons to watch a boring cutscene, or listen to your character's inner thoughts. The story behind the mess on Mars is put together by battle logs found

throughout the game or from the environment around you. Sometimes you will get to see some of the events that had occurred there before your arrival.

This game is a fast-paced, crazy, and classic masterpiece of a first person shooter.

I personally had been waiting for the release for a long time and I was not disappointed to say the least. It took a while to get used to the unusual gameplay, since I am used to first-person shooters like *Call of Duty* and *Battlefield*. Whenever I start a game session it is always filled with plenty of action, rage, laughter, and pure satisfaction. I would recommend this game to anyone who appreciates the classic style of first-person shooters and love a good action-filled game to play. That is why I am giving this game a three out of four paws.

