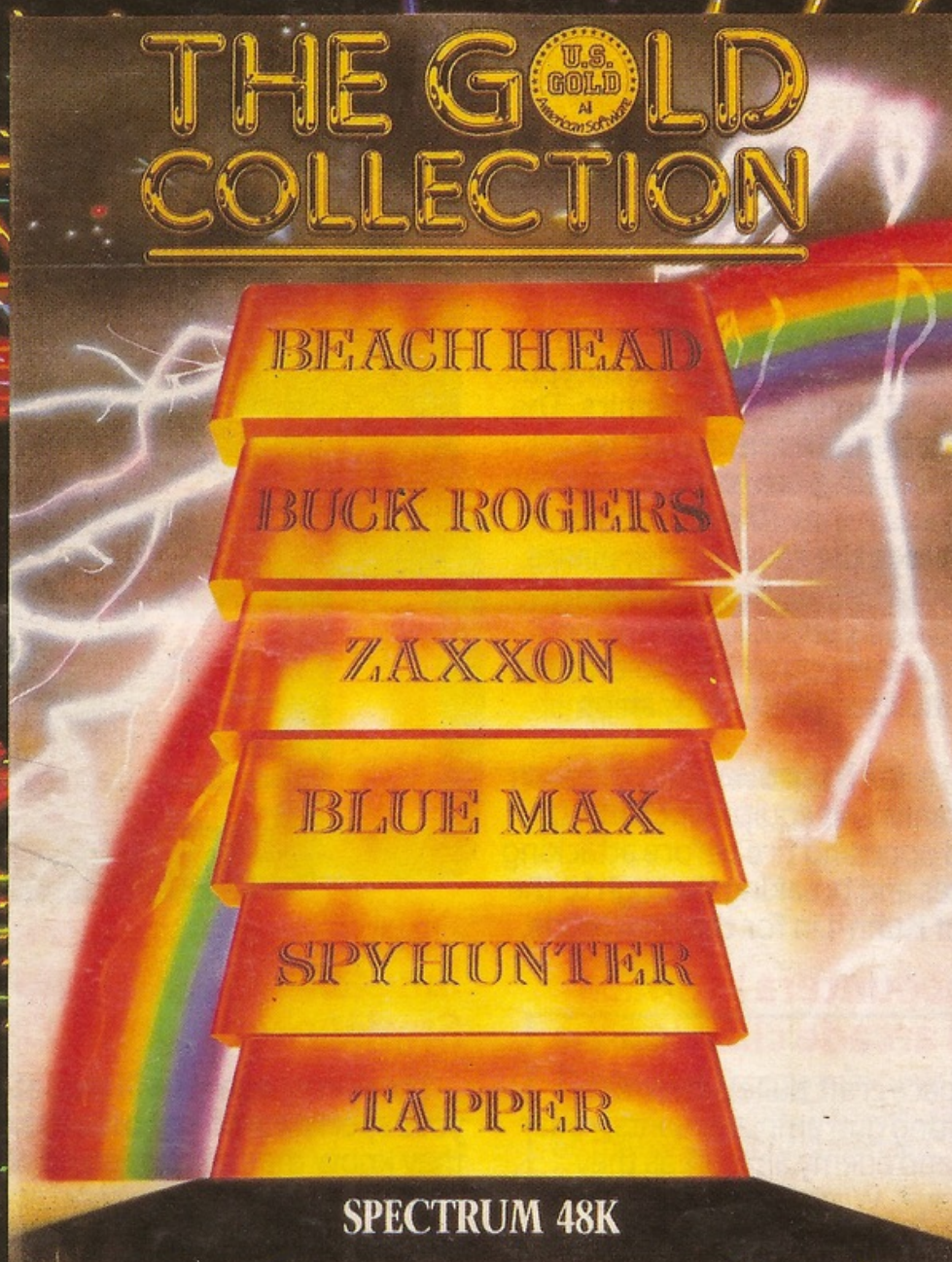


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**Six exciting arcade  
programs offering  
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# Fabulous value with The Gold

**Don't miss out on this unbeatable compilation of six of US Gold's finest offerings.**

Pick up some of the best games ever for a fraction of the shop price! As a valued Home Computer Club member you can now have them for under £12 on this fantastic twin cassette compilation!

## **Action stations with the ultimate battle action game. Into combat with the air, land and sea forces of Beach Head.**

It's heart-stopping action all the way with this incredible multiscreen land, sea and air epic battle featuring breathtaking 3-D graphics. The drama starts when the battle fleet must be guided through the hidden sea passage avoiding deadly torpedoes and mines. Then it's action stations as you engage the enemy ships, planes and dive bombers that strike from distant aircraft carriers. Only by shooting down the opposing squadrons can you move into the next phase of the fray to attack the enemy ships themselves.

But the ordeal is far from over. Hit the beach and manoeuvre tanks and equipment through the obstacles and opposing fire before attacking the island defences and breaking through to the enemy fortress of Kuhn-Lin for the final battle.

## **Thrilling encounters in space with Sega's arcade classic.**

Your attack space craft bullets over the asteroid city blasting gun emplacements, radar towers, missiles and enemy aircraft as they attempt to intercept. With superb flying skill you thread your way through narrow wall openings, lethal force fields and rocket fire. Finally after vicious space dogfights you encounter the fortress of Zaxxon with the deadly robot that looses off smart missiles.

Arcade game veterans will already know that Zaxxon was a major hit even before it transferred to home computers. One look at the 3-D scrolling battlefield and exciting colour graphics will convince you the game has lost none of its appeal!



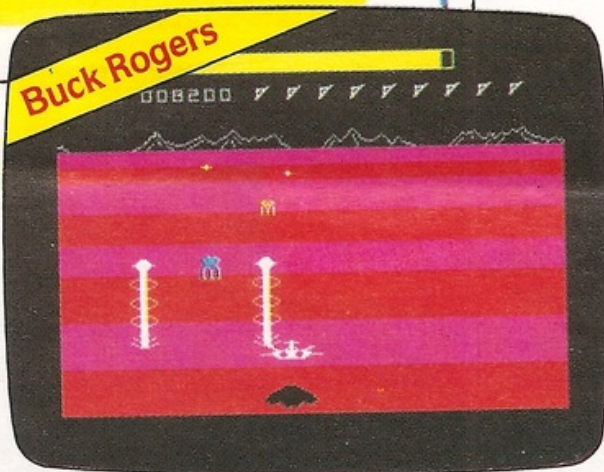
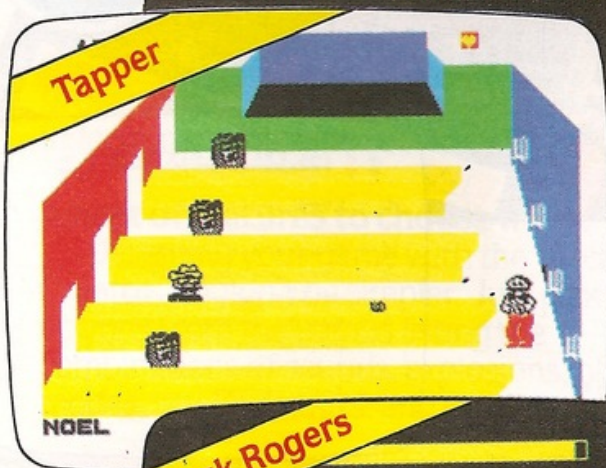
## **Danger and combat in the fast lane as enemy agents clash with Spy Hunter.**

The enemy agents will stop at nothing to force your special turbo spy car off the road. Little do they know the vehicle is equipped with a sophisticated weapons systems to thwart anyone in hot pursuit. The attacks come thick and fast from agents with their own weapons. You swerve and flash through winding country lanes and over bridges. With luck you make it to a strategically-placed boathouse where your Spy Car becomes an amphibious hydro spy boat skimming along the river where you face new perils.

Screens and terrains change as you move from one danger to the other. And the action doesn't let up for a second!



# Collection from US Gold.




## Crazy bar room antics with the soda slingers in Tapper

Closing time at the local pub was never like this! Thirsty customers keep slinging their glasses down the table for instant refills. Can you serve them quickly enough to stop the glasses falling and smashing? In the four different bars there are the added diversions of dancing girls and awkward customers who invariably have to be dealt with – but keep your wits and don't allow those thirsty customers to get the better of you!

## Cosmic combat in the 25th century with Buck Rogers.

Yet another Sega arcade great can now be played in the comfort of your own home. This time it is Buck Rogers fighting the battle for the Planet Zoom. Breathtaking 3-D graphics bring the reality of blasting into deep space just that bit closer. With three galactic screen displays, the thrills pile up as you skim the surface of the Planet Zoom to blast the enemy space hoppers. Then its on into deep space to engage the Mother Ship. The action is fast and furious – demanding all your pilot skills.

**4787** Released at £16.95   
**CLUB PRICE £11.95**



## Up, up and away on the Blue Max's peril-packed bombing mission. 3-D flying thrills in your World War One bi-plane.

It's back to the days of the first world war with this nerve-rattling simulation. Flying over enemy territory your mission is to bomb select targets. Down below enemy tanks and guns open up with anti-aircraft barrages while enemy planes prowl the skies above and below.




You bomb and strafe but all the while precious fuel is being used up and you must find a friendly airfield to refuel and repair battle damage.

Astounding 3-D scrolling graphics show fields and rivers realistically rolling by while the shadow of your aircraft forms a useful reference point to judge critical altitude.

### Important

This issue of Program features 29 exciting items for your computer. To order, use the order form on the back of your statement. The Main Selection, The Gold Collection will be sent to you in two months' time unless another item is ordered. Remember you may order further items in addition to, or instead of the Main Selection.

### Explanation of Symbols

-  This symbol means the item on offer is a book
-  This symbol means the item on offer is a cassette
-  This symbol means the item on offer is a cassette and a book as one package



## Polish up your French the electronic way! Un Spectrum qui parle Français!

Nearly everyone needs to speak a little French. Even if it's only to make those day trips to the continent more fun. Now your computer can become a French language teaching aid. Carefully-graded lessons each cover a different subject area – for complete beginners in Level A, with Level B for students and anyone who wants to brush up on their French grammar. Key in the parameters you require, then translate the French or English words. You can learn at your own pace and the software will let you create your own individual lessons that can be saved for later use.

Don't worry about being left behind, you can pause at any time while you study a particular phrase. When you are ready to test your language ability, the computer runs a translation quiz. Learning French has never been so easy. Or so much fun!

**7051** Released at £17.90 for the two  
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THE FRENCH MISTRESS

Test lesson

RESULTS:

Total entries	42
Test entries	18
Wrong answers	2
Help key presses	11

THE FRENCH MISTRESS

L = Load lesson  
R = Run lesson  
C = Create new lesson  
S = Save lesson  
U = Verify saved lesson  
A = Add to current lesson  
D = Delete entry from lesson  
I = Insert new entry  
T = Test lesson

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"A thoughtfully  
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Richard Gidley

If you've upgraded your Spectrum with micro drives or just want to explore the full potential of the machine, these two specialist books for the advanced user will prove immensely helpful. Full chapters on networking of micro drives, files and data processing, hex to decimal conversions, useful subroutines, and character sets – among many others – will show you techniques that are normally only available to professional programmers and operators.

Making the Most of your Spectrum Microdrives: 9¼" × 6¼"  
152 pages

The Spectrum Operating System: 9¼" × 6¼" 132 pages

**7152** Published at £11.90 for the two  
**CLUB PRICE £8.90 for the two**





# Design and create your own arcade game without any programming knowledge!

How many times have you felt you could produce a better arcade game than the ones you buy? Many people have the creative ideas to write splendid games software but get put off by their lack of programming expertise. Now such a stumbling block is a thing of the past. With this splendid utility you can now design and write your own games choosing the elements using easy-to-follow menus and options. When you're finally happy with your choices, just save them to tape. The program will automatically be converted to independent machine code.

## A host of features to choose from.

Designing your game with the "Arcade Creator" couldn't be simpler. Just pick the options from the menus listing the combinations of sounds, explosions, player modes, screen colours, and characters to build



# ARCADE CREATOR



up your own scenario. You can even design a game featuring friends or family as main characters!

A comprehensive manual and on-screen tutorial guides you as you plan the various shapes and elements in your game choosing from the library of sprite shapes, background screens, and character sets.

Your finished game is not confined only to your own machine. Once it has been saved anyone with a Spectrum computer will be able to see – and play – your own work. Why not swap games with your friends. Or have a competition to see who designs the best game. And of course there is nothing to stop you from submitting your work to a magazine or software house. Who knows – perhaps you can write the next blockbuster!

5155 Released at £14.95  
**CLUB PRICE £10.95**





## A master guide to the premier systems development language.

The buzz among the boffins is over 'C' – the top language for writing systems software. If you've tired of BASIC, Boris Allan's new book is the perfect introduction. The book shows you how to program in 'C' and guides you through the techniques of code compilation.

Paperback 9 1/4" x 7"



**4655** Published at £9.95 **CLUB PRICE £6.95**

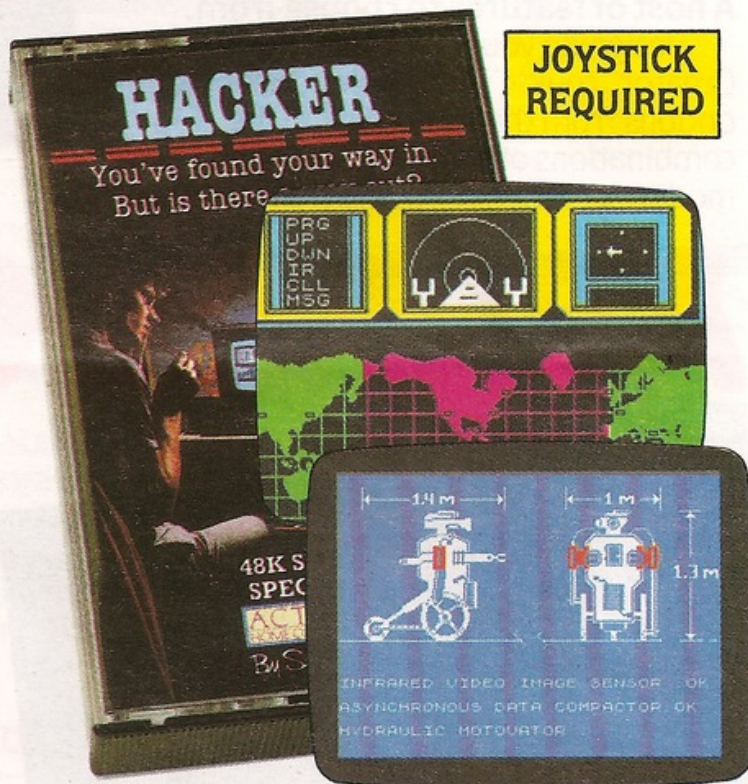
## Hack your way into a secret world of espionage and impending global disaster.

**The most brain-teasing adventure of them all!**

It's late at night and you're bleary-eyed from legally hacking into electronic bulletin boards. Somehow you've accidentally misdialled a strange computer. The message "Logon Please" flashes on the screen. Curiosity prevails and you try to crack the password that will get you into the mystery system and encounter a complex adventure that could lead to global catastrophe. You have no clues. There are no playing instructions. Like a real-life hacker you must use your ingenuity and trial-and-error to explore the adventure.

Once you've cracked the password a strange world of secret codes, spies, and sinister plots open up. There are astounding graphics and sound effects. But don't look for instructions. "Hacker" is like no other game you've played. Real-life hackers live by their wits. And so must you. But here is one tip. Keep a track of every move you make or you could be trapped in the system forever!

**"Gripping stuff full of strategy, espionage, and most important, hacking" ... Zzap!**



**4646** Released at £7.99 **CLUB PRICE £5.95**

## Essential reading for ZX Interface 1 owners

If you use the ZX Interface 1 you need this book. It provides a complete listing of the 8K ROM with special extensions of Spectrum BASIC that will let you POKE characters into memory, and speed up the microdrive file handling. A special appendix at the back of the book lists all ROM routines with their corresponding entry points.

**"Goes way beyond my original expectations and it's a darn good buy" ... Your Spectrum**

**4901** Published at £9.95

**CLUB PRICE £7.45**





## Fly back to 1940 in the legendary Spitfire.

Locate and destroy the enemy with this authentic battle simulation.



High in the skies over the south of England a Spitfire squadron seeks out the German enemy planes. Suddenly the sky is filled with planes of all colours. The dogfight is on and your Spitfire responds instantly to your commands as you loop and dive in pursuit of the enemy.

And unlike most flight simulation games, you don't have to master a handful of simultaneous flying procedures that have you flying into the ground before you've even taken off.

Choose from three levels of difficulty; the last of which requires you to take off, engage the enemy, and return to base without running out of fuel.

**"The cockpit view is a very realistic representation of a Spitfire ... extremely responsive to the controls ... it's a bargain at any price."**

*Home Computing Weekly*

**"One of the most enjoyable I have played to date ... Spitfire 40 is a graphically excellent game that allows 'normal' people the chance of a flight in a Spitfire without having to pass an exam in reading badly-written 100-page instruction booklets".**

*Computer and Video Games*

**4702**

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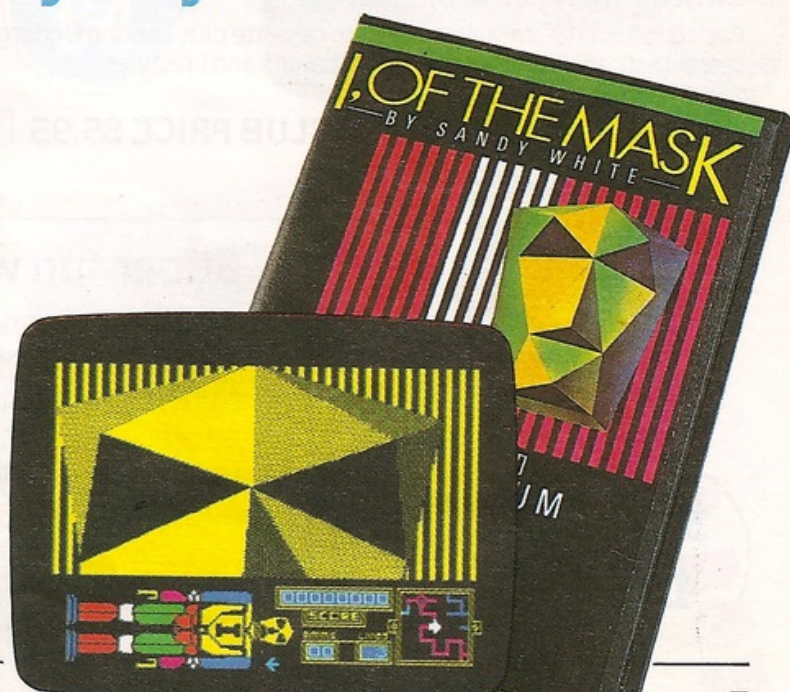
## Enter a fantasy universe where magic crystals hold the key to the mystery maze

You've never seen graphics like this before! Concentrate on the display and it is as if you were being drawn into the wondrous mask that forms a gateway into 32 universes. Using your belt-mounted laser you must shoot at the crystals guarding the entrance to each universe. Aim well and you'll be warped into a maze where you must collect robot components scattered around the maze that must be assembled into a finished robot that must escape from the maze. It sounds easy. But first you'll have to train with the special jet suits that will fly you through the mask and into the 32 universes.

**4741**

Released at £9.95

**CLUB PRICE £6.95**





## Some bestsellers you may have missed.

### See how you'd cope with life as an intellectual aged 13¾!

Sue Townsend's best-selling book, TV series, and play about the beleaguered adolescent now becomes a brilliant computer game. Using the latest type of interactive fiction computer entertainment, you are presented with a year in the life of Adrian Mole with possible courses of action. Included in the game is the 1986 Adrian Mole diary to which you can add your own notes along with Adrian's doodlings.

Pack 8½" x 6" contains game program cassette plus 1986 Adrian Mole Hardback Diary 8½" x 6"

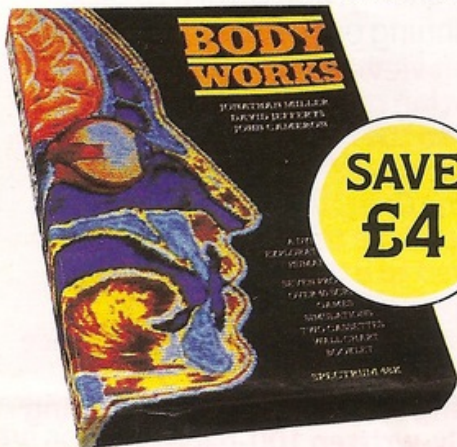
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Released at £14.95 **CLUB PRICE £10.95**



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### Now the electronic brain can simulate the living machine!



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Dr Jonathan Miller himself was involved in writing this program which can help you or your children understand the workings of the human body. Detailed graphics show how the essential functions of the body work. The program shows the effect that giving up smoking and excess alcohol can have and demonstrates the positive effects of a healthy diet and exercise. Pack 8½" x 6" contains two program cassettes plus full-size poster and accompanying 20-page booklet.

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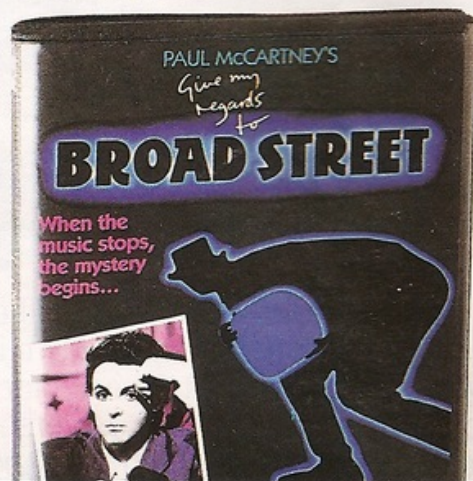
### Go beatling round London in search of a band on the run.

Just 15 hours before your new single is to be pressed you discover the master tape has been destroyed. Now you must try to track down the band and recording personnel to re-record and remix the track. Off you go around London trying to track down each character before the deadline runs out. But with more than 900 screens of the West End and Underground, it is more difficult than you thought!

Pack 8½" x 6½" contains program cassette plus London Underground poster, street map, and band personalities, haunts and lifestyles.

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Released at £7.99 **CLUB PRICE £5.95**



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### Super fun with two classic arcade favourites

Trashman and Travels with Trashman are comedy game originals. You must control the erratic hero so he scores points for every bin emptied. But accident-prone Trashman loses time if he steps on lawns and gets chased by dogs. But he can get bonus points for emptying bins from cafes, as long as he steers clear of pubs.

7040

Released at £11.90 for the two  
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# Ribald rhymes and groovy games with "The Young Ones" book and computer game.

Did Adolf Hitler have spots? Why should people with no thumbs avoid hitchhiking? If you know the answers to such searching questions then you are obviously an extremely clever person who has got better things to do than read The Young Ones Book "The Bachelor Boys" and play the fab computer game that features Neil and his lentils, Mike and his stained duvet, Rick and his dresses, and Vyvyan and his edible rats.

We know what you're thinking. "Ah ha, yet another boring old tie-in when the game has only a faint resemblance to the TV series or book." Well you're wrong. Hah hah. 'Cos the computer game was actually and truthfully produced by The Orpheus in collaboration with Young Ones. And nothing has gone in without their involvement and approval.

But despite their distinctive interference the game's quite a challenge! Rick, Vyvyan, Mike and Neil are moving out. You have to collect all their belongings. It sounds simple. But it's not. And you'll have to buy the game and enter S.P.G.'s non-tranquil abode to find out why.

Also included is the amazing best-selling hardback book and revolting poster. Hide it from the kids and any other sensitive members of the family because the Young Ones do love to talk about nasty things that go on inside and outside bodies.

So don't just sit there. Bash up your piggy bank and send off now. How else will you know about "The Joy of Shopping", "The New Kama Sutra", "20 Foolproof Excuses for Not Doing an Essay", and "Radical Flower Arranging".

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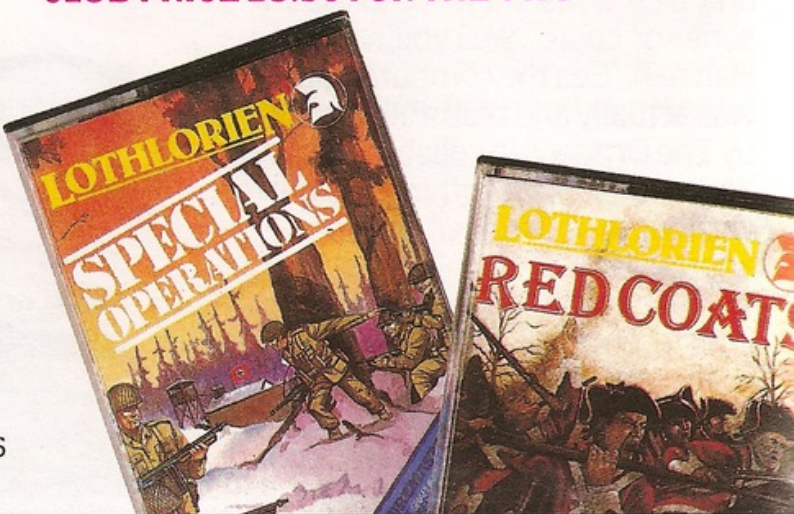
# A great pair of war strategy games from Lothlorien

## Captain the Special Operations Squad and destroy the underground germ warfare complex.

The enemy is fitting rockets in its Advanced Weapons Research Centre with a deadly virus. As leader of the Special Operations Squad you must take in a team and destroy the production area. You must select your squad of eight, each of whom has special skills. Combat with enemy patrols will take its toll and there are six different routes into the Centre. Time is of the essence. Overstay your mission time and you will miss the rendezvous for your pick-up plane. With seven levels of play this graphic adventure also utilises split screens and 18 different maps of various locations.

American colonies. "Redcoats" recreates five of the famous battles with graphic maps and grids on which you challenge the computer by guiding your own forces. The computer offers you the chance to define your own battles with options to change the maps and deployment of troops. You can save either your own or pre-defined battles to tape. Play as either the British or American army against the computer or set the game to two-player mode.

**7067** Released at £11.90 for the two  
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## Fight the pitched battles of the American war of independence

A graphic wargame with five assault scenarios.

Just over 200 years ago the British Redcoats and American forces fought each other for the

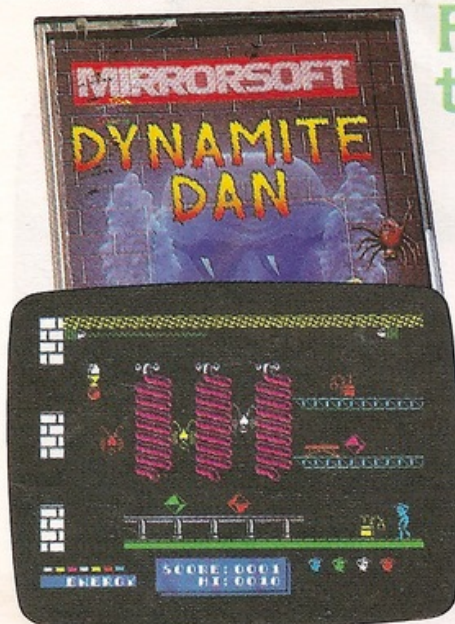
## Fun for children and adults alike with these two Mirrorsoft winners.

### Can you help Dan find the dynamite to blow the secret safe?

Evil Doctor Blitzen and his assistant Donna have built a deadly psychon mega-ray. Our hero Dynamite Dan is ready to steal the plans from the Doctor's mansion. Dan must find the dynamite to blow the safe holding the plans, then escape in his Zeppelin. Apart from excellent graphics and animation, you're sure to enjoy the tunes that accompany every action.

**"The graphics are outstanding – a joy to look at ... extremely good value entertainment" ... Crash**

**SAVE  
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£3**



## A superb adventure featuring the unique Walk-Thru Graphic System

No longer do you have to wonder what adventure locations look like. With this exciting new game you see your new location appear in lifelike perspective. Whichever way you turn any one of the 125 locations opens before you as if you are actually walking through the game. As Stephen the Blacksmith you must recover the Princess Zeraphina's five treasures that have been stolen by the evil Wizard.

**7520** Released at £12.90 for the two

**CLUB PRICE £9.60 for the two**





# Some titles you may have missed!

## Need help to make up your mind about things?

Apply your computer's impeccable logic to every decision such as whether to change jobs, take out a new mortgage, buy a new car, or move house. The program's special structure ensures you take all factors into account.

**"Excellent value for money ... a painless transition from simple to more complex aspects of decision analysis is easily accomplished"**  
... *Home Computing Weekly*

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Released at £14.95 **CLUB PRICE £10.95**



## Get the best from one of the things your computer does best!

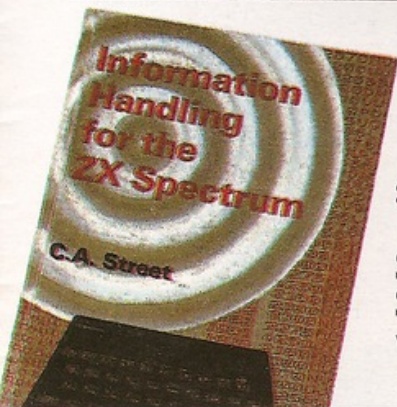
This book shows you just how to set up your information files, from a simple address book to complex business customer records.

Different sections cover Programming and Planning, Indexing and Searching, Collecting, Checking and Organising, and Comparing and Sorting. In addition, the book also contains over thirty finished programs which you can use as they are or customise to your own requirements.

Paperback 124 Pages 9" x 6"

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Published at £6.95 **CLUB PRICE £5.20**



## The best-selling real-time detective challenge.

A baffling series of mysteries from the authors of "The Hobbit". From your suite at Baker Street you set out to solve the most baffling mystery of your career.

**"In terms of sophistication, Sherlock is a long way ahead of the competition."** *Personal Computer News*

**"The most challenging and enjoyable adventure game I have ever played"** *Software Today*

1503

Released at £14.95 **CLUB PRICE £9.95**



## Two all-time favourites together for the first time!

Hen House Harry made his reputation in his first Chuckie Egg escapade. His second adventure in Chuckie Egg 2 featured more than 120 screens in a fast-moving arcade game with elements of an adventure to make the game a challenge for even the most skilled player. Now you can buy the two Chuckie games together in this fabulous dual offer!

7524

Released at £13.80 for the pair



**CLUB PRICE £9.80 for the pair**



## Open Up incredible new worlds of art and music!

Now all you have to do to write tunes or paint pictures on the screen is to move your cursor. On-screen menus help you get professional results without any specialised programming knowledge. Anything you create can be saved to tape or disk, including freehand drawing if you have a joystick.

Pack 7 1/2" x 5 1/2" contains program demonstration cassette plus 26-page instruction booklet.

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# Let 250,000 gardeners help you plan your garden!

**Super bookware pack matches the right plants to conditions in your own garden.**

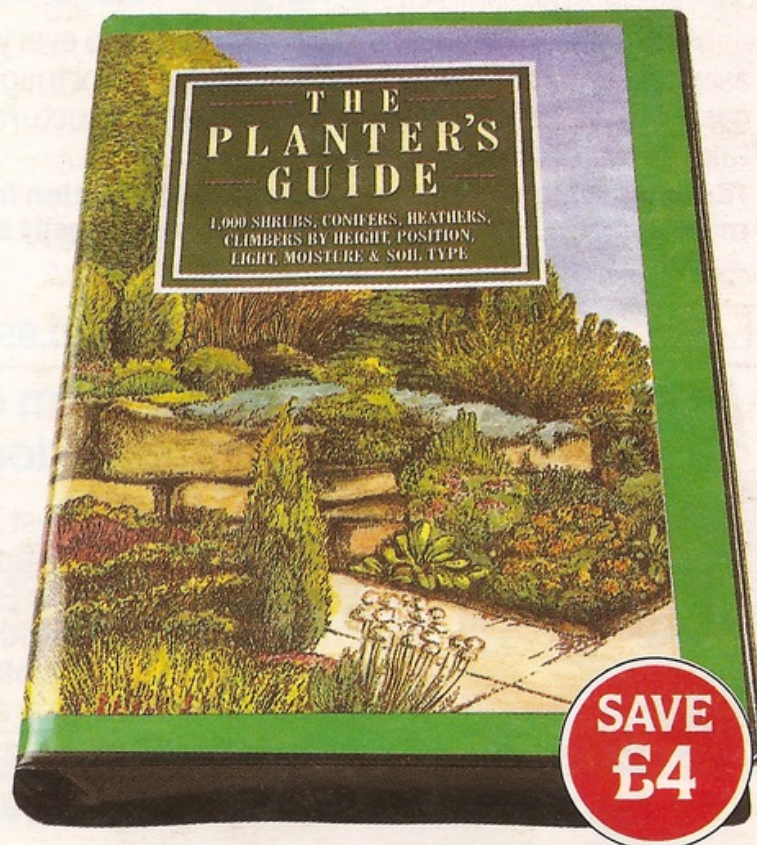
Even the most "green-fingered" people sometimes make mistakes in choosing plants for the garden. But now you can take the guesswork out of planting with this special pack. Use the computerised information of more than 1,000 plants based on the database of a top garden centre to select the right plant to match soil, colour, and height requirements. Then turn to the attractive 136-page companion book for a fuller description of the plants the computer has selected from its store of 1,000 shrubs, conifers, heathers and climbers.

The methods and choices suggested in "The Planter's Guide" have been tried and tested by more than 250,000 gardeners. Never again will you have to wonder whether or not your purchase will survive soil, sun and wind conditions in your garden. You'll even get valuable tips on preparing a planting hole as well as garden design notes to suggest a few sample plant beds.

Pack 10" x 7" Hardback 136 pages

**4970**

Released at £14.95 **CLUB PRICE £10.95**



## The Goonies and Return to Oz – The drama of two top adventure movies now on computer!

### Do you have what it takes to be a Goonie?

A Goonie must be shrewd, confident and brave to overcome the spine-tingling adventures in this superb new game based on Steven Spielberg's new film, Goonies. Unlike any adventure game you have played before, you must manipulate *two* characters who work as a team before you can win the game. "The Goonies" is the work of Datasoft, producers of blockbuster games "Zaxxon", "Pole Position", and "Bruce Lee".

**4858**

Released at £7.95 **CLUB PRICE £5.95**



### Outwit the Nome King in "Return to Oz"

You're back in the land of Oz but something is wrong. The yellow brick road is a pile of rubble and the Emerald City is in ruins. Dark forces now rule. There is the evil Princess Mombi who can change her head at will and the dreaded Nome King. With your friends Tik Tok the robot, Jack Pumpkinhead, and the Gump

you have only a few chances to overcome these fearsome opponents and restore the good Princess Osna to the throne.



**4860**

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