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A graphic for the Star Wars: Return of the Jedi Death Star Battle. It features a large, bright orange explosion in the center, with numerous yellow and orange streaks radiating outwards, resembling laser fire or debris. In the upper right corner, a portion of the Earth is visible, showing blue oceans and green landmasses. The background is a dark space filled with many small, distant stars.

STAR WARS
RETURN OF THE JEDI
— DEATH STAR BATTLE —

A space adventure based on the exciting science fiction film.

At the end of this issue, 17 computer games are included, including The Snowman.



Welcome to your 3rd issue of Softline

Dear Member,

We've been really busy at the SOFTLINE office preparing your third issue of the Official Sinclair Spectrum Software Club magazine. Well, here it is. Welcome!

As Editor, it's my job to make sure that you are given a great selection of high quality cassettes and books all of which represent excellent value for money. Indeed, many of the cassettes and books in this issue have become Sinclair Spectrum legends in their own lifetimes!

The selected software cassette is Star Wars Return of the Jedi - Death Star Battle. It's an explosive adventure game that had me for one, right at the edge of the keyboard!

In addition to the main offer, you'll discover lots of other great member discounts - including some on education packages. Don't forget to turn to the book section where you can pick up some great titles to add to your collection.

However many cassettes or books you choose, you can be sure that you'll be receiving the very best as a member of a very special club.

Yours faithfully,

Roger Heywood

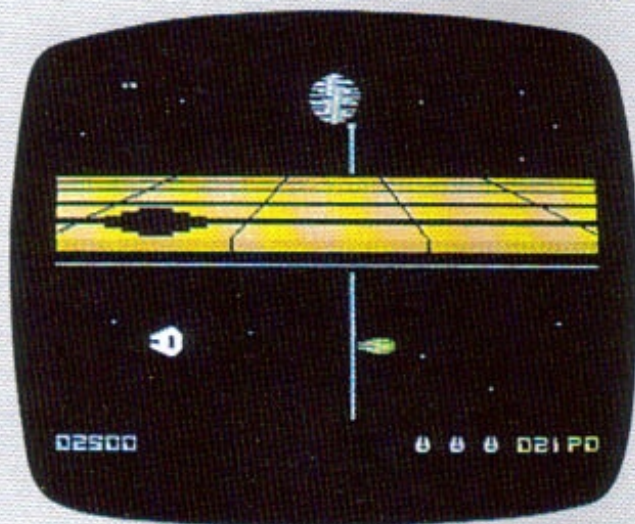
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Our Selected

The Empire must be destroyed. The Death Star is preparing to control the universe. The only hope left is you, your space craft, the Millennium Falcon and your Spectrum.

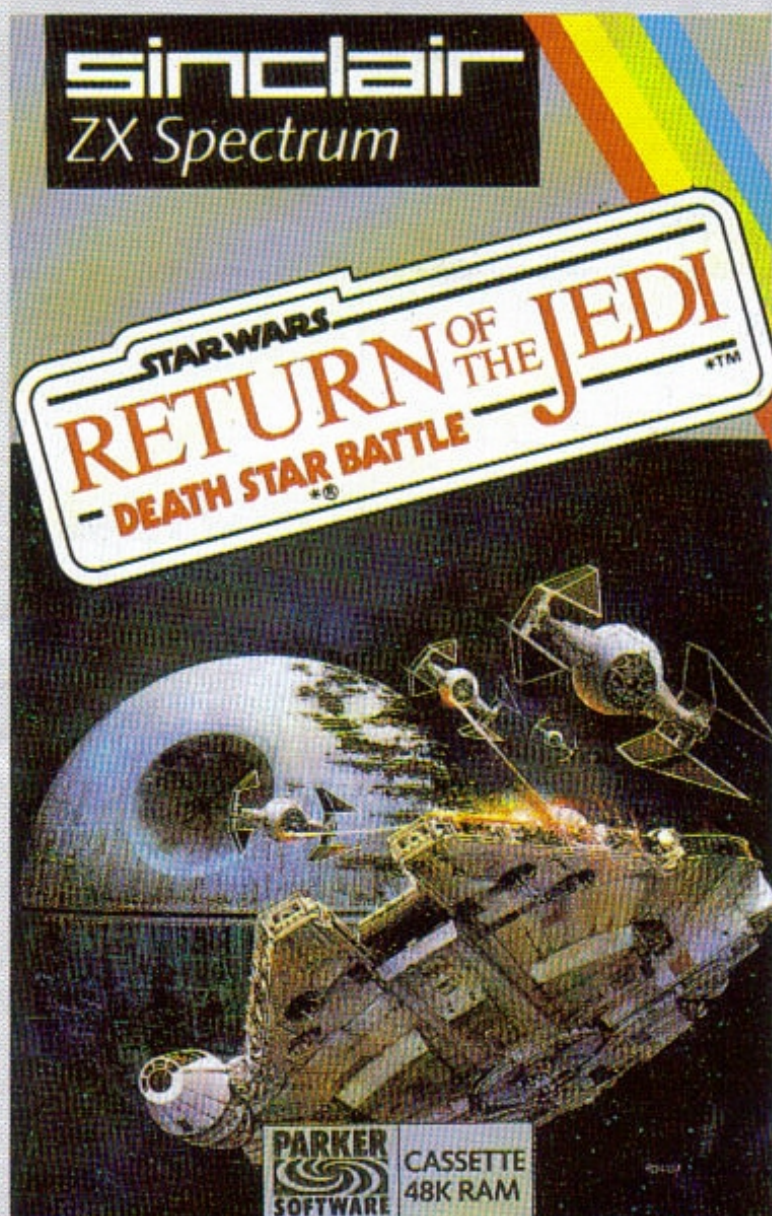
May the force be with you, for you will need all the help you can get to destroy the evil Death Star. Your voyage through space will not be easy. Darth Vader has sent a fleet of terrifying Tie Interceptors to destroy your space craft - the Millennium Falcon. Their attacks are relentless. You'll need to keep your wits about you to dodge their deadly rays.

When you reach the Death Star, you must anticipate the random way in which portals in its energy field open up. Tie Interceptors use these passages to return to base. The openings provide the Millennium Falcon



Software Cassette of the issue: _____

Star Wars Return of the Jedi Death Star Battle

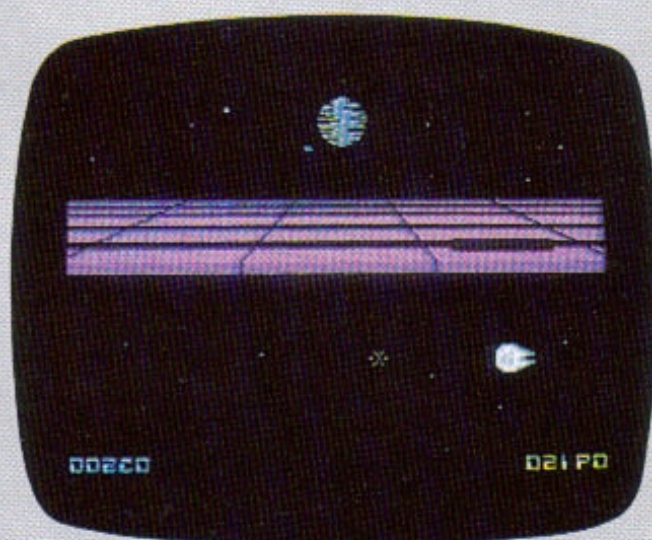


with a chance to penetrate the Death Star's defences. Handle your controls like a star fighter and you'll make it through!

The final chapter of your Star Wars mission then begins. Watch out for the heat seeking

Death Ray and have your finger ready to fire lasers at the Death Star, blasting a clear route for yourself to the energy core. Destroy that and the Death Star will be engulfed in a fearsome explosion sending hundreds of blazing fireballs hurtling into space!

This dynamic software cassette will be sent to you automatically in approximately two months time, unless you indicate otherwise on the order form.



Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Parker Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £4.95.

Club Price £3.95.

Code 4039.

Exciting New Arcade Game

The Snowman

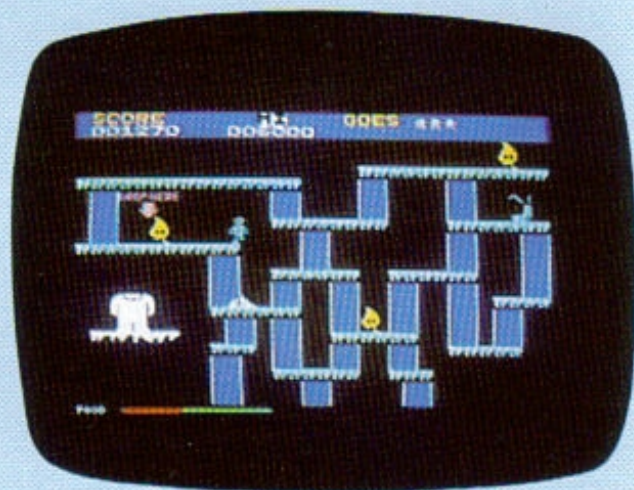


This game will delight all the family. Based on Raymond Briggs's book, *The Snowman*, it captures all the innocence of the original work.

You must help a boy build a snowman by first collecting piles of snow, second giving the snowman features, third dressing him up, and finally preserving the snowman by collecting ice cubes and freezing run away gas flames with lolly pops. Don't let the boy go hungry – there's lots of Christmas puddings and turkey to feed him with which are essential if he is to complete his task.

You can gain extra points by collecting a variety of presents but you must keep an eye open for rampant gas flames ready to melt the poor snowman. If one of the clean monster captures

silently back to bed to dream up another exciting adventure about his cotton white friend.



Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Quicksilver for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Recommended Retail Price £6.95

Something for everyone

Tiny Touch 'N' Go



If it takes you hours to type the simplest program on your Spectrum because you are all fingers and thumbs with a keyboard, you'll find that Tiny Touch 'N' Go is just what you need.

With this fantastic program you should master the standard QWERTY keyboard in just 24 hours! You could achieve typing speeds of 40 words per minute and an alphabetic accuracy of 95%.

Tiny Touch 'N' Go helps you learn skills which could prove to be vital in later life.

Written by Goldstar in conjunction with Caxton Software Ltd for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £14.95. **Club Price £11.95.** Code 4608.

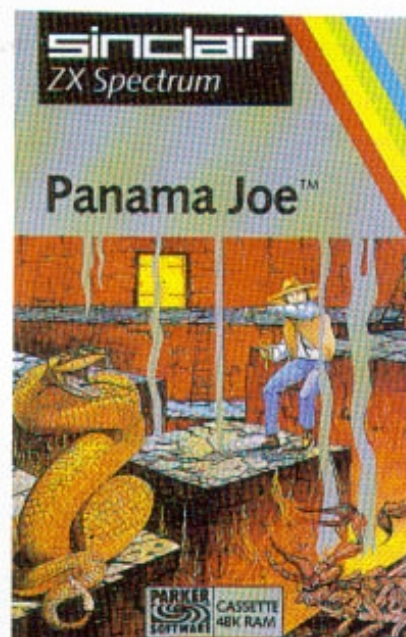
Panama Joe

Goly Joe, it's the Panama kid! He's got big money on his mind because he's out to find the lost treasure of the Pharaoh Montezuma! Joe's quite an athlete, and he needs to be! Make him jump over the snake pit and climb ropes that may lead to the gold. On his route Joe collects keys which open secret doors leading to who knows? A maze? Or perhaps another passage closer to the gold?!!

Your hero has five lives, best of all he has you to make sure that his adventure is a success!

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Parker Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £4.95. **Club Price £3.95.** Code 4038.



Sherlock

Get ready to play Sherlock, the fact crunching detective game that recaptures all the excitement of the famous Baker Street detective. You have to solve the mystery of a double murder and it won't be easy. You'll cross examine witnesses in everyday English but the questions must be calculated because your time is forever running short.

Luckily Dr Watson is at your side to help collate information such as the state of your finances, or help gather clues.

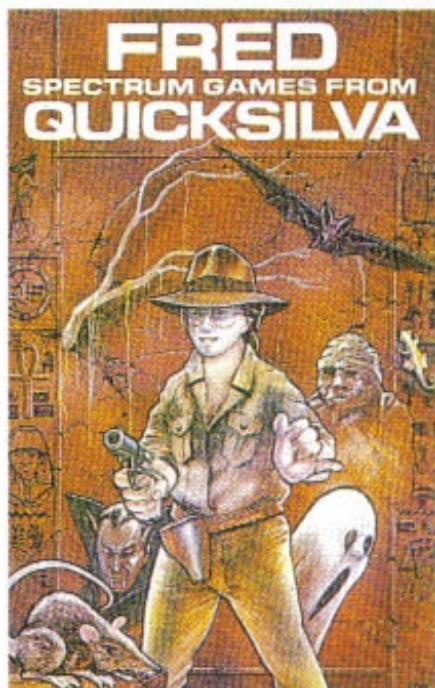
Keep a close eye on your suspects, and the clock—as well as a tight hold of your magnifying glass—and you just might arrive at the elementary answer.

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Philip Mitchell and others for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Program includes a 20 page booklet.

Recommended Retail Price £14.95. **Club Price £11.95.**



Arcade Games



Fred

Covered by the shifting whispering sands of the desert is a pyramid that hasn't seen a human soul for near on 2,000 years. Now Fred, the heroic Archeologist prepares to set foot where others have never dared to tread. He has to contend with ghosts, mummies, rats, vampires and even acid rain. All this to find the treasure of Tootiecarmoon. Fred's only got 6 bullets in his pistol, more can be found along his route. Our hero starts each expedition (there are six) with 15 units of energy, but everytime he is attacked by a ghastly ghou, he loses some of his strength. Keep Fred's courage up by giving him a tot of Nefertiti—a magical elixir—and you could reach the pharaoh's valuable secret.

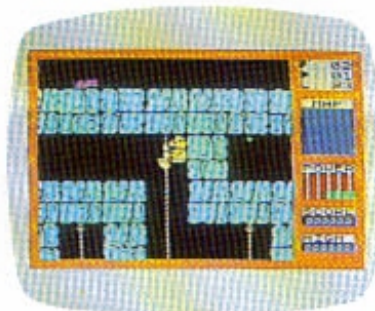
Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Quicksilva for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £6.95. **Club Price £5.55.** Code 5412.

"Makes 'Raiders of The Lost Arc' look like a family Picnic." **P.C. Games**

"A fascinating and addictive game." **Home Computing Weekly**

"The game is one of the best I have come across." **What Micro**



Bugaboo

Imagine being a flea, trapped in the bowels of a planet's dark caverns. Well that's the sorry predicament that poor Bugaboo has found himself in. Luckily you can guide the little fellow back up towards the surface. Bugaboo leaps and bounds from one cavern to the next, dodging weird mushrooms, bushes and trees. And just when you think that you are a hop away from the surface...the giant yellow dragon appears with a ravenous appetite for fleas. If Bugaboo is eaten, it's back to the deepest cavern.

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Quicksilva for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £6.95. **Club Price £5.55.** Code 5411.



'Bugaboo is still one of my favourite games on the market.'
CRASH Magazine

'The speed, colour and animation of this program is superb and I thoroughly recommend it to anyone.' **Games Computing**

Arcade Game

Xadom



You have been sent on a deadly mission by the empire to re-capture the Artifact (a secret ultra device) from the aliens. It's up to you, oh brave one, to search through a 3-D maze of rooms for your prize. Behind some doors are strength draining nasties, behind others are gruesome insects ready to pick your bones clean. The battle/quest takes place in 'realtime' so you can't stay too long in one spot or your strength will be sapped. Worst still, you may get a nasty poisonous nip in the neck by a snake. Hurry up and get the serum or you're dead. Your trusty laser gun may get you out of some tight situations but don't take it for granted. If you are zapped and die you return to once again face the challenge of finding the empire's Artifact.

Full-Colour high-resolution colour graphics. Written by Quicksilva for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £6.95. **Club Price £5.55.**
Code 5410.



Hellfire

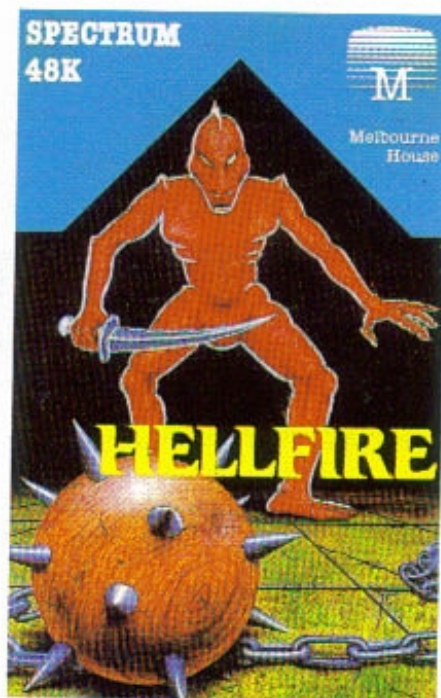
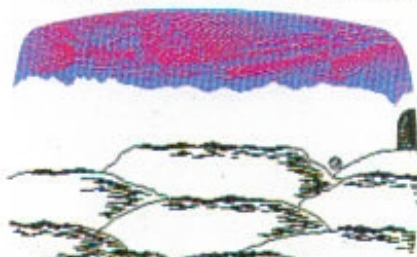
Gorgons, fireball throwers, even minotaurs await you in Hellfire, a super three in one game.

You are a Greek hero ready to do battle with almost anything. Your first task is to climb Mount Olympus. Sounds easy? Well it's not! Huge rock boulders are hurtled down upon you and if that's not enough, you have to outwit a Gorgon whose stare can turn men into stone. Make it to the summit and you can negotiate the next task. Here you have to find your way around an ancient palace which is guarded by terrible minotaurs. Jump from one level of the palace to the next without getting speared and you're into the third and final game which is a 3-D

maze. Here your warrior skills are put to the test as you battle against a reptilian assassin and a fireball

thrower. Complete all the tasks and you are truly a hero. Fail and you're at Mount Olympus to start your three tasks again.

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by M. Hall.



Arcade Games



Ant Attack 3-D

Does the thought of having ants in your pants make you quiver all over? Does the idea of ants crawling all over your V.D.U. screen make you shiver? Do you think you've got what it takes to save the man/woman of your dreams from the clutches of evil? If the answer to any of these questions is 'Yes', then prepare to play Ant Attack 3-D. In this amazing game you can view your position at any time from no less than four different angles! The state-of-the-art graphics are simply quite magnificent.

You are the hero/ine (choose your own sex) whose aim is to rescue a prisoner from the city of the awesome ants. Climb the city walls, search the streets for your captive and make a dash for it! You have some hand grenades to use against the giant insects but don't waste them and remember to keep on moving or you'll be eaten alive by the ants (urgh!).



Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Quicksilva for a 48K RAM Spectrum. *Brilliant. Exciting!* **Soft**
Recommended Retail Price £6.95. **Club Price £5.55.** Code 5409.
'The best ever 3-D graphics for the Spectrum.' **Crash Micro** 'Amazing,

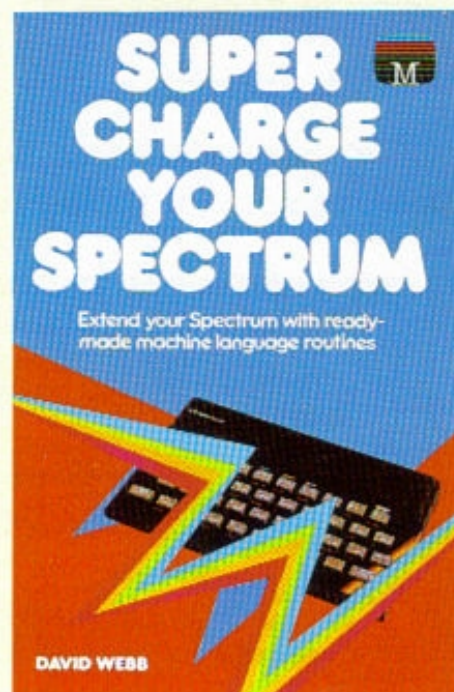
Books and Bargains

Super-Charge Your Spectrum

Now, with 'Super-Charge Your Spectrum' you can overcome the limitations of BASIC. This book will help you to develop programs of professional quality. No knowledge of machine language is required as all the routines have been fully written and can be directly entered into your Spectrum.

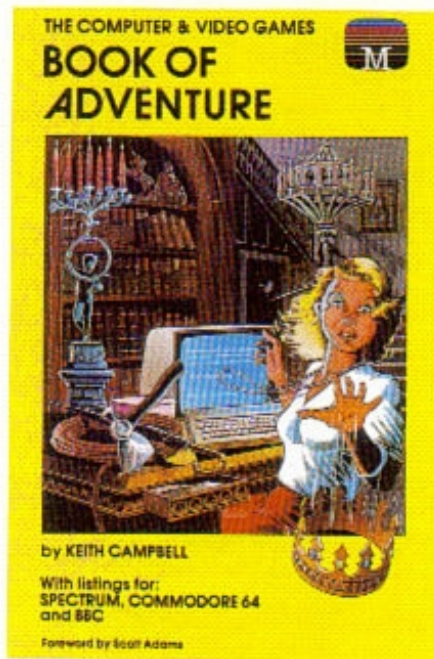
Whether you are a beginner Spectrum user or an experienced programmer, Super-Charge Your Spectrum is a book you cannot be without.

Written by David Webb. Recommended Retail Price £5.95.
Club Price £4.75. Code 5414



Books and Bargains

Bargain of the issue—
all three for just £10.05—
a club saving of £6.80!



The Computer and Video Games Book of Adventure

Everything you've ever wanted to know about adventure games on your Spectrum! You'll learn about the history of adventure games, how to play them and most important of all, how to program games for yourself. The book is clearly written and opens up a whole new world of fun with your Spectrum!

Written by Keith Campbell. Published by Melbourne House.

'Essential for the serious Adventure Programmer.'
ZX Computing.

Classic Adventure

Take one step too far north or one too far south and you'll be trapped in a world where adventures are born. This really is true adventure in its most classic form. The aim of the game is to find fabulous hidden treasures in the Colossal Caves and bring them safely back to your hideout. This is not as straightforward as it seems, for magic is said to work in the caves...they are often guarded, and some very unfriendly characters lurk in the darkness ready to make things really unpleasant for you.

THIS GAME IS ONLY SUITABLE FOR SPECTRUM OWNERS WITH A GENUINE SENSE OF TRUE ADVENTURE!

Written by Melbourne House for 48K RAM Spectrum.

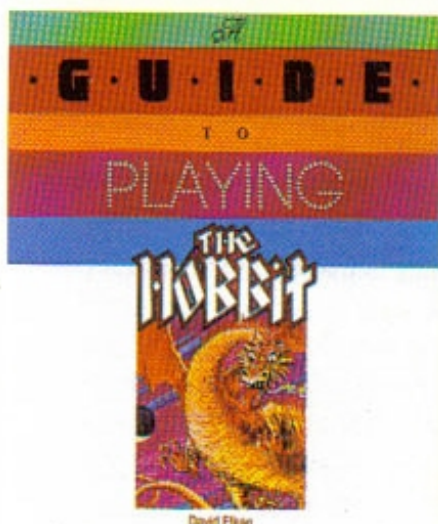
'It's superb!' **Home Computing Weekly.** *'Your collection will not be complete without it.'* **Adventure Helpline.**

A Guide to Playing the Hobbit

At last, a guide to playing one of the most thrilling and challenging adventure games today—The Hobbit. This book offers assistance in three stages. The first provides a general introduction to playing the Hobbit. The second expands on the hints already contained in The Hobbit program and the final section of the book gives a more detailed solution to each location. As no Hobbit adventure is the same, the book doesn't offer a definitive answer to the program's riddle—after all—that would be giving the game away!

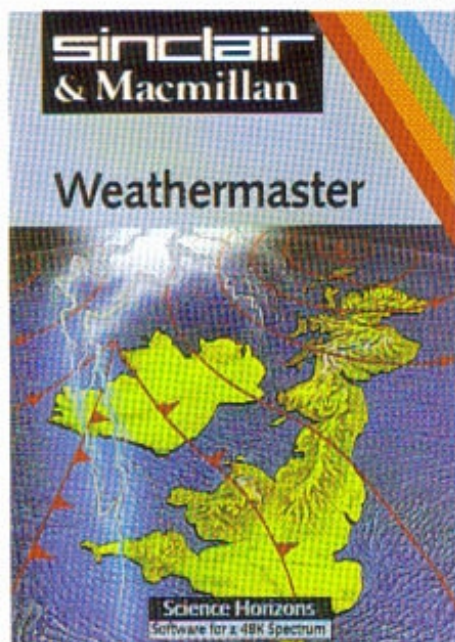
Written by David Elkan. Published by Melbourne House.

'A perfect companion to the game, should belong on the bookshelves of all Hobbit players.' **Computer & Video Games.**



Education

A series of educational software cassettes which have been specially designed for children as teaching aids which make learning fun!



Weathermaster

Red sky in the morning – Spectrum warning! Here's a great chance to learn about the fascinating world of the weather. This unique program uses genuine meteorological data to simulate the real Atlantic chart. Highs, lows and fronts are shown moving across the British Isles, creating our characteristic weather patterns.

Although designed for 8 year olds and over, this educational program will be enjoyed by all the family!

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. This program is suitable to transfer to ZX Microdrive Cartridges. Written by Five Ways Software for a 48K RAM.

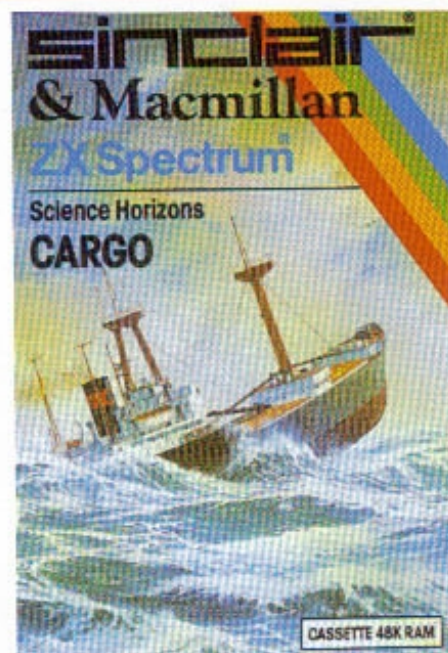
Recommended Retail Price £7.95. **Club Price £6.35.**
Code 4325

Cargo

Take the helm of a cargo ship with this exciting game. As the Captain you must select your destination – for example, New York to Tokyo – and begin preparations for your long voyage. Before you even set sail you have to load your cargo safely on-board. Poor loading could mean capsizing the whole ship! Once you are on route to Tokyo you'll have to brave terrible storms before you eventually set foot onto land again.

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Five Ways Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £7.95. **Club Price £6.35.**
Code 4314.



Glider

Here's an exciting way to learn about thermals and navigation. You become a glider pilot, courtesy of Sinclair. This program is a must for discovering all about wind velocity and thermal currents. After selecting the time for take off and weather conditions, your glider is towed up to 300 metres and released. All your skills will be needed to catch just the right thermals whilst keeping a close check on your direction. As you fly you can see the position on a large scale map of the ground below. The weather could take a turn for the worst, so an emergency landing may be called for. Keep your wits about you and you'll be home and dry.

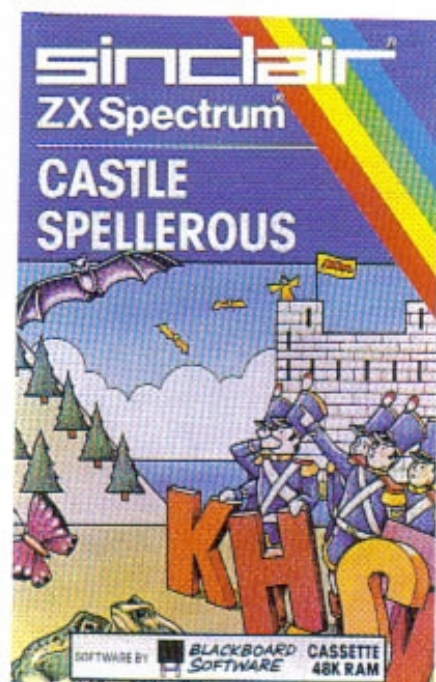
Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Five Ways Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £7.95. **Club Price £6.35.**

Education

Castle Spellerous

Children learn to spell faster when they're having fun. And that's what Castle Spellerous is all about! Your child has to rescue the trapped Princess from a magician's castle. This is achieved by spelling out words. There are 400 words for your child to learn already in memory, and once mastered these words can easily be changed for others. The words already in memory are displayed via ten different levels of difficulty. Each level deals with a particular type of word, such as words with 'ing' endings or containing 'qu.' Once a word has been correctly spelt, one of ten soldiers start to build a tower to rescue the princess. Get a word wrong twice and the soldier is zapped or captured by a vampire. If your child manages to build the tower, he/she will be treated to an



animated rescue of the Princess. Fail and the wicked wizard appears.

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Blackboard Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £4.95. Club Price £3.95. Code 4322. 'Makes spelling practice fun.' Spelling Computer World

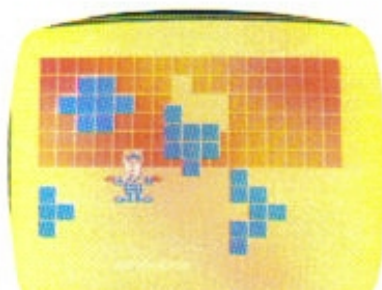
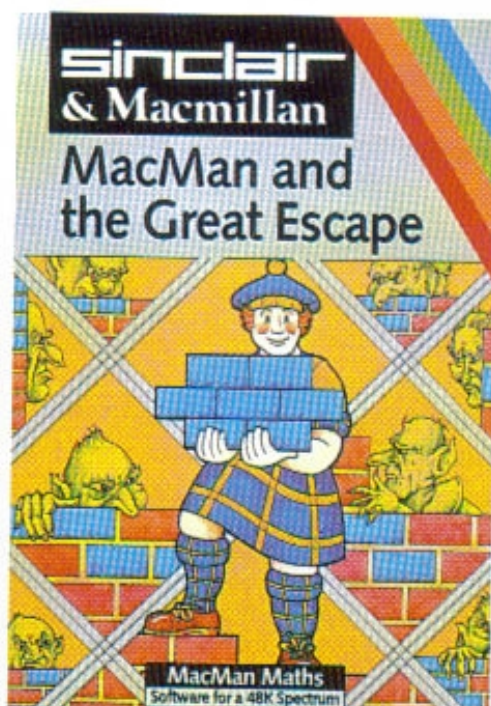


MacMan and the Great Escape

He's back! The children's favourite educational superstar...MacMan!!! This time your children have to help MacMan stop his prisoners escaping by matching shapes to areas and fitting them into their appropriate holes. If they are too slow the prisoners escape—which means big problems for lovable MacMan!!

This marvellous program teaches children about shapes and areas as well as the effects of rotation and reflection. It features some really superb graphics, six difficulty levels and it's been tried and tested in schools and homes, with some fantastic results.

Full-Colour high-resolution graphics, this program is suitable to transfer to ZX Microdrive cartridges. Written by Intelligent Software



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Thrilling Adventure

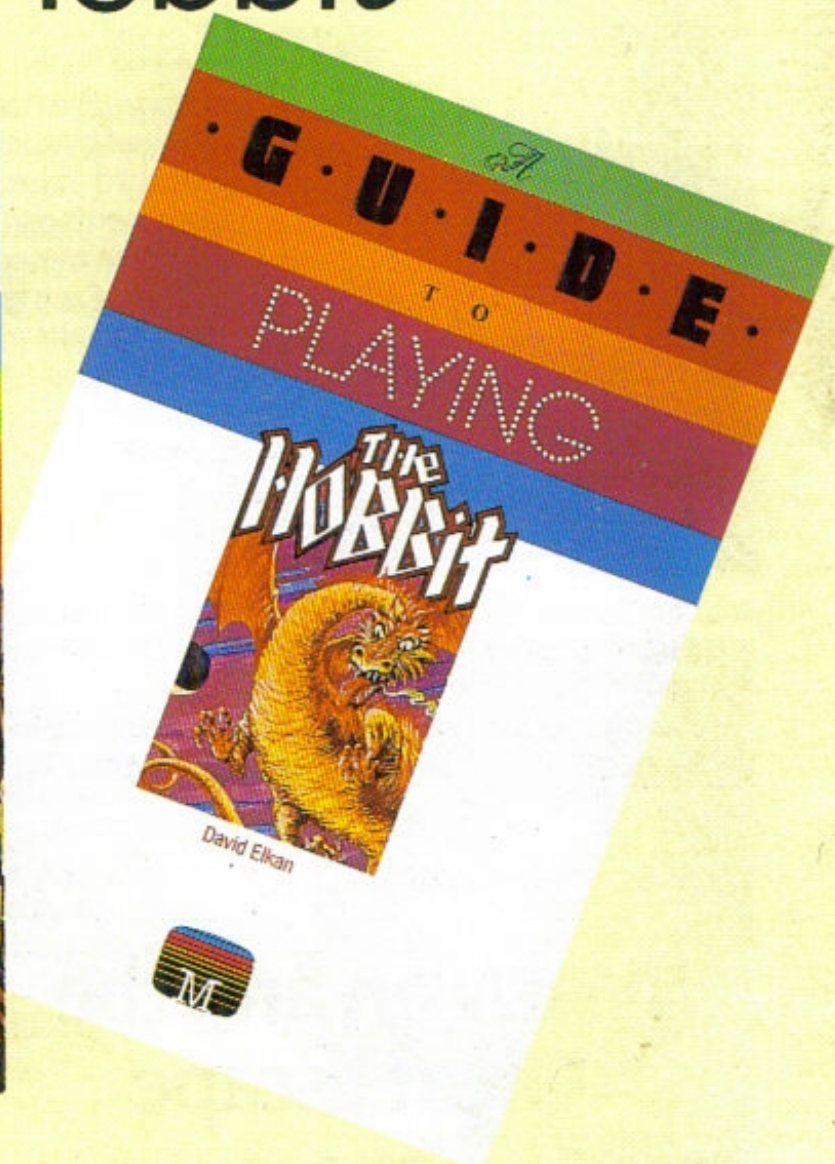
The Hobbit



You may have read the story, now play the enchanting game—The Hobbit. You are Bilbo Baggins, a mild natured, unassuming Hobbit about to embark on a wild adventure that will take you beyond the brightest spark of your imagination. You'll travel deep into a world full of elves, goblins, giant spiders and Dwarfs. You can ask the characters questions or give commands, but be warned, they have a mind of their own so may not always agree with what you say! Be tactful use your skills well and you'll discover the yellow dragon's lair where a treasure trove of jewels awaits.

This program really brings Tolkien's classic tale to life. The book itself, which is included with the software, will give vital clues to lead you to the treasure and, more importantly, back again!

Written in English, the program is simple to follow and features some very impressive



is one of the most popular games ever written for your 48K Spectrum.

Written by Melbourne House for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price £14.95.

Club Price £11.95. Code 4018.

'Stands head and shoulders above the rest.' **What Micro**

