

## **AN OVERVIEW**

By definition, an adventure is a dangerous or risky undertaking; a novel, exciting, or otherwise remarkable event of experience. On your personal computer, Adventure is that and more.

Playing any of the Adventure series consists of three elements: you, the user; the games themselves; and the author, Scott Adams of Orlando, Florida.

In beginning any Adventure, you will find yourself in a specific location: a forest, on board a small spaceship, outside a fun house, in the briefing room of a nuclear plant, in a desert, etc. The top portion of your video display will tell you where you are and what you can see; the bottom section of the display is devoted to inputting commands to your robot computer and receiving messages that may arise as the result of your orders. You have to get used to looking at both the top and bottom portions in order to find out what's going on in the game but it doesn't take long for the reading to become a reflex. In fact, you will have to live in those imaginary worlds.

By using two-word commands you move from location to location (called "rooms" although some rooms represent outdoor sites such as a swamp), manipulate objects that you find in the different rooms (pick them up, put them

down, carry them, etc.), and perform actions as if you were really there.

The object of a game is to amass treasure for points or accomplish some other goal such as preventing the destruction of the automated nuclear plant in Mission Impossible. Successfully completing a game, however, is far easier to state than achieve. In many cases you will find a treasure but be unable to take it until you are carrying the right combination of objects you find in the us locations.

If you're tired of video games of bouncing balls or shooting at targets; if you're ready for an intellectual challenge that transports you to new worlds of experience; if you want to see what a skilled programmer can do with a micro, invest in one of Scott Adams' games. An early Adventure (Adventure Land or Pirate's Adventure) is a good place to start because the more Adams creates, the tougher his puzzles get.

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## THE ADVENTURES

#0 SPECIAL SAMPLER — If you've never experienced the thrill of a Scott Adams Adventure, then this is a good place to start! All of the elements of a full length Adventure are contained in this special cut-down version of our Adventure #1. Hours of enjoyment guaranteed — and at a special price too!

#1 ADVENTURELAND — Wander through an enchanted realm and try to recover the 13 lost treasures. There are wild animals and magical beings to reckon with, as well as many other perils and mysteries. Can you rescue the Blue Ox from the quicksand? You'll never know until you try ADVENTURE #1! This is the Adams Classic which started the Whole Ball of Wax! Try it, you won't be sorry. Difficulty Level: Moderate

#2 PIRATE ADVENTURE — The lost treasures of Long John Silver lie hidden somewhere — will you be able to recover them? Only by exploring this strange island will you be able to uncover the clues necessary to lead you to your elusive goal! Difficulty Level: Easy

#3 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ADVENTURE — In this exciting Adventure, time is of the essence as you race the clock to complete your mission in time — or else the world's first automated nuclear reactor is doomed! So, tread lightly and don't forget your bomb detector! If you survive this challenging mission, consider yourself a true Adventurer! Difficultry Level: Hard

#4 VOODOO CASTLE — The Count has fallen victim to a fiendish curse placed on him by his enemies. There he lies, with you his only possible hope. Will you pull off a rescue, or is he down for the Count for good? Difficulty Level: Moderate

#5 THE COUNT — It begins when you awake in a large brass bed in a castle somewhere in Transylvania. Who are you, what are you doing here and WHY did the postman deliver a bottle of blood? Who can say ... but somewhere a centuries-old evil lies in dark wait ... Difficulty Level: Moderate

#6 STRANGE ODYSSEY — At the galaxy's rim, there are rewards aplenty to be harvested from a long-dead alien civilization, including fabulous treasures and advanced technologies far beyond human ken! Will you be able to recover them and return home? Prepare yourself for the incredible! Difficulty Level: Moderate

#7 MYSTERY FUN HOUSE — This Adventure puts you into a mystery fun house and challenges you to find your way through and back out of it. Sure to baffle you for quite a while, the MYSTERY FUN HOUSE is patiently waiting for you to enter. So, step right up and get your tickets he-yah! Difficulty Level: Moderate

#8 PYRAMID OF DOOM — This is an Adventure that will transport you into a maddening dangerous land of crumbling ruins and trackless desert wastes — into the very PYRAMID OF DOOM! Jewels, gold — it's all here for the plundering — if you have the expertise to pull its recovery off! Difficulty Level: Moderate

#9 GHOST TOWN — You must explore a once thriving mining town in search of the 13 hidden treasures. With everything from rattlesnakes to runaway horses, it sure ain't going to be easy! And — they don't call them ghost toens for no pardner! Includes a special bonus scoring system too! Difficulty Level:

#10 SAVAGE ISLAND PART I — A small island in a remote ocean hold an awesome secret — will you be able to discover it? This is the beginning of a two-part Adventure, the second half concluding as SAVAGE ISLAND PART 2, ADVENTURE #11. NOTE: This one's a toughle — for experienced Adventures only! Difficulty Level: Harder