

= The Last of Us =

The Last of Us is an action @-@ adventure survival horror video game developed by Naughty Dog and published by Sony Computer Entertainment . It was released for the PlayStation 3 in June 2013 . An updated version , The Last of Us Remastered , was released for the PlayStation 4 in July 2014 . In the game , players control Joel , a man tasked with escorting a young woman named Ellie across a post @-@ apocalyptic United States .

The Last of Us is played from a third @-@ person perspective ; players use firearms and improvised weapons , and can use stealth to defend against hostile humans and cannibalistic creatures infected by a mutated strain of the Cordyceps fungus . " Listen Mode " allows players to locate enemies through a heightened sense of hearing and spatial awareness . Weapons can also be upgraded using items scavenged from the environment . In the game 's online multiplayer mode , up to eight players engage in co @-@ operative and competitive gameplay in recreations of single @-@ player settings .

Development of The Last of Us began in 2009 , soon after the release of Naughty Dog 's previous game , Uncharted 2 : Among Thieves . The relationship between Joel and Ellie was the central focus of the game , with all other elements developed around it . The team chose actors Troy Baker and Ashley Johnson to portray Joel and Ellie respectively , who provided voice and motion capture for the roles . Both assisted creative director Neil Druckmann with the development of the characters and story . The original score was composed and performed by Gustavo Santaolalla .

Following its announcement in December 2011 , The Last of Us was widely anticipated . It was acclaimed by many reviewers , with praise particularly directed at its characterization , subtext , exploration of the human condition , and depiction of female characters . The Last of Us became one of the best @-@ selling PlayStation 3 games , selling over 1 @.@ 3 million units in its first week , and over eight million units within fourteen months . Considered to be one of the greatest video games of all time , it won year @-@ end accolades , including multiple Game of the Year awards from several gaming publications , critics , and game award shows , making it one of the most awarded games in history . After the game 's release , Naughty Dog released several downloadable content additions ; The Last of Us : Left Behind added a new single @-@ player campaign , taking place both before and during the main story , featuring Ellie and her friend Riley .

= = Gameplay = =

The Last of Us is a post @-@ apocalyptic action @-@ adventure survival horror game that is viewed from a third @-@ person perspective . Players traverse post @-@ apocalyptic environments , moving through locations such as towns , buildings , and sewers to advance through the game 's story . Players use firearms , improvised weapons , and stealth to defend against hostile humans and cannibalistic creatures infected by a mutated strain of the Cordyceps fungus . For most of the game , players control Joel ? a man tasked with escorting a young girl named Ellie across the United States ; Ellie and other companions are controlled by the artificial intelligence . Players also control Ellie throughout the game 's winter segment .

In combat , players can use long @-@ ranged weapons , such as rifles , shotguns , and bows , and short @-@ barreled guns , such as pistols and revolvers ; players can scavenge limited @-@ use melee weapons , such as pipes and baseball bats . Bottles and bricks can be thrown to distract , stun , or attack enemies . The game features a crafting system , allowing players to upgrade weapons at workbenches using collected items . Equipment such as health kits and Molotov cocktails can be found or crafted using collected items . Physical abilities , such as the health meter and crafting speed , can be upgraded by collecting pills and medicinal plants . Should players take damage , their health meter can be recharged through the use of health kits .

Though players can attack enemies directly , they have the option to use stealth tactics to attack undetected or sneak by them . Stealth combat uses a gameplay mechanic called " Listen Mode " , which allows players to effectively locate enemies through a heightened sense of hearing and spatial awareness . When using Listen Mode , an outline of the enemies becomes visible to players ,

allowing them to view enemies in different locations . A dynamic cover system is present , in which players crouch behind obstacles to gain a tactical advantage during combat . The game features periods without combat , often involving conversation between the characters . Players solve simple puzzles , such as using floating pallets to move Ellie , who is unable to swim , across bodies of water , and using ladders or dumpsters to reach higher areas . Story collectibles , such as notes , maps and comics , can be scavenged and viewed in the backpack menu .

The game features an artificial intelligence system in which hostile human enemies react to any combat situation they are placed in . If enemies discover the player , they may take cover or call for assistance , and can take advantage of players when they are distracted , out of ammunition , or in the midst of a fight . Players ' companions , such as Ellie , can assist in combat by throwing objects at threats to stun them , announcing the location of unseen enemies , or using a knife and pistol to attack enemies .

The game 's online multiplayer allows up to eight players to engage in competitive gameplay in recreations of multiple single @-@ player settings . The game features three multiplayer game types : Supply Raid and Survivors are both team deathmatches , with the latter excluding the ability to respawn ; Interrogation features teams investigating the location of the enemy team 's lockbox , and the first to capture such lockbox wins . In every mode , players select a Faction ? Hunters (a group of hostile survivors) or Fireflies (a revolutionary militia group) ? and keep their clan alive by collecting supplies during matches . Each match is equal to one day ; by surviving twelve " weeks " , players have completed a journey and can re @-@ select their Faction . Killing enemies , reviving allies , and crafting items earn the player parts that can be converted to supplies ; parts can also be scavenged from enemies ' bodies . Players are able to carry more equipment by earning points as their clan 's supplies grow . Players can connect the game to their Facebook account , which alters clan members ' names and faces to match the players ' Facebook friends . Players have the ability to customize their characters with hats , helmets , masks , and emblems .

= = Plot = =

In September 2013 , an outbreak of a mutant Cordyceps fungus ravages the United States , transforming its human hosts into cannibalistic monsters known as Infected . In the suburbs of Austin , Joel (Troy Baker) flees the chaos with his brother Tommy (Jeffrey Pierce) and daughter Sarah (Hana Hayes) . As they flee , Sarah is shot by a soldier and she dies in Joel 's arms . In the twenty years that follow , most of civilization is destroyed by the infection . Survivors live in heavily policed quarantine zones , independent settlements , and nomadic groups . Joel works as a smuggler with his partner Tess (Annie Wersching) in the Boston quarantine zone . They hunt down Robert (Robin Atkin Downes) , a black market dealer , to recover a stolen weapons cache . Before Tess kills him , Robert reveals that he traded the goods to the Fireflies , a rebel group opposing the quarantine zone authorities .

The leader of the Fireflies , Marlene (Merle Dandridge) , promises to double their stolen cache in return for smuggling a teenage girl , Ellie (Ashley Johnson) , to Fireflies hiding in the Boston capitol building , outside of the quarantine . Joel , Tess , and Ellie sneak out in the night , but after an encounter with a patrol , they discover Ellie is infected . Full infection normally occurs in under two days , but Ellie claims she was infected three weeks ago and that her immunity may lead to a cure . The trio make their way to their destination through hordes of infected , but find that the Fireflies there have been killed . Tess reveals she has been bitten by an infected ; believing in Ellie 's importance , Tess sacrifices herself against pursuing soldiers so Joel and Ellie can escape . Joel decides to find Tommy , a former Firefly , in the hope that he can locate the remaining Fireflies . With the help of Bill (W. Earl Brown) , a smuggler who owes Joel a favor , they acquire a working vehicle . Driving into Pittsburgh , they are ambushed by bandits and their car is wrecked . They ally with two brothers , Henry (Brandon Scott) and Sam (Nadji Jeter) ; after they escape the city , Sam is bitten by an infected but hides it from the group . As his infection takes hold , Sam attacks Ellie , but Henry shoots him and commits suicide .

In the fall , Joel and Ellie finally find Tommy in Jackson , Wyoming , where he has assembled a

fortified settlement near a hydroelectric dam with his wife Maria (Ashley Scott) . Joel contemplates leaving Ellie with Tommy , but after she confronts him about Sarah , he decides to stay with her . Tommy directs them to a Fireflies enclave at the University of Eastern Colorado . There , they find the university abandoned , but learn that the Fireflies have moved to a hospital in Salt Lake City . As they leave , they are attacked by bandits and Joel is severely wounded . During the winter , Ellie and Joel shelter in the mountains . Joel is on the brink of death and relies on Ellie to care for him . Hunting for food , Ellie encounters David (Nolan North) and James (Reuben Langdon) , scavengers willing to trade medicine for food ; David reveals that the university bandits Ellie and Joel killed were part of his group . Ellie manages to lead David 's group away from Joel , but is eventually captured ; David intends to recruit her into his cannibal group . She escapes after killing James , but David corners her in a burning restaurant . Meanwhile , Joel recovers from his wounds and sets out to find Ellie . He reaches Ellie as she kills David ; Joel consoles her before they flee .

In the spring , Joel and Ellie arrive in Salt Lake City and are captured by a Firefly patrol . In the hospital , Marlene tells Joel that Ellie is being prepared for surgery : in hope of producing a vaccine for the infection , the Fireflies must remove the infected portion of Ellie 's brain , which will kill her . Unwilling to let Ellie die , Joel battles his way to the operating room and carries the unconscious Ellie to the parking garage , where he is confronted by Marlene , who he shoots and kills to prevent the Fireflies from pursuing them . On the drive out of the city , Joel attempts to shield Ellie from the truth of what happened ; he claims that the Fireflies had found many other people who are immune but were unable to create a cure , and that they have stopped trying . The pair arrive on the outskirts of Tommy 's settlement . Ellie reveals that she was not alone when she was infected and expresses her survivor guilt . At her request , Joel swears his story about the Fireflies is true .

= = Development = =

Naughty Dog began developing The Last of Us in 2009 , following the release of Uncharted 2 : Among Thieves . For the first time in the company 's history , Naughty Dog split into two teams ; while one team developed Uncharted 3 : Drake 's Deception (2011) , the other began work on The Last of Us . Director Bruce Straley and creative director Neil Druckmann led the team responsible for developing The Last of Us .

Druckmann views The Last of Us as a coming of age story , in which Ellie adapts to survival after spending time with Joel , as well as an exploration of how willing a father is to save his child . A major motif of the game is that " life goes on " ; this is presented in a scene in which Joel and Ellie discover a herd of giraffes , which concept artist John Sweeney explained was designed to " reignite [Ellie 's] lust for life " , after her suffering following her encounter with David . The Infected , a core concept of the game , were inspired by a segment of the BBC nature documentary Planet Earth (2006) , which featured the Cordyceps fungi . Though the fungi mainly infect insects , taking control of their motor functions and forcing it to help cultivate the fungus , the game explores the concept of the fungus evolving and infecting humans , and the direct results of an outbreak of this infection .

The relationship between Joel and Ellie was the central focus of the game ; all other elements were developed around it . Troy Baker and Ashley Johnson were cast as Joel and Ellie , respectively , and provided voice and motion capture performances . Baker and Johnson contributed to the development of the characters ; for example , Baker convinced Druckmann that Joel would care for Tess due to his loneliness , and Johnson convinced Druckmann that Ellie should be stronger and more defensive . Ellie 's physical appearance was also redesigned throughout development to make her look more similar to Johnson . The game 's other characters also underwent changes . The character Tess was originally intended to be the main antagonist of The Last of Us , but the team found it difficult to believe her motives . The sexuality of the character Bill was originally left vague in the script , but later altered to further reflect his homosexuality .

The Last of Us features an original score composed primarily by Gustavo Santaolalla , along with compositions by Andrew Buresh , Anthony Caruso , and Jonathan Mayer . Known for his minimalist compositions , Santaolalla was contacted early in development . He used various instruments to compose the score , including some that he was unfamiliar with , giving a sense of danger and

innocence . This minimalist approach was also taken with the game 's sound and art design . The sound of the Infected was one of the first tasks during development ; the team experimented with the sound in order to achieve the best work possible . To achieve the sound of the Clicker , they hired voice actress Misty Lee , who provided a sound that audio lead Phillip Kovats described as originating in the " back of the throat " . The art department took various pieces of work as inspiration , such as Robert Polidori 's photographs following Hurricane Katrina , which were used as a reference point when designing the flooded areas of Pittsburgh . The art department were forced to negotiate for things that they wished to include , due to the strong differing opinions of the team during development . Ultimately , the team settled on a balance between simplicity and detail ; while Straley and Druckmann preferred the former , the art team preferred the latter . The game 's opening credits were produced by Sony 's San Diego Studio .

The team created new engines to satisfy their needs for the game . The artificial intelligence was created to coordinate with players ; the addition of Ellie as artificial intelligence was a major contributor to the engine . The lighting engine was also re-created to incorporate soft light , in which the sunlight weeps in through spaces and reflects off surfaces . The gameplay introduced difficulty to the team , as they felt that every mechanic required thorough analysis . The game 's user interface design also underwent various iterations throughout development .

The Last of Us was officially announced on December 10 , 2011 , at the Spike Video Game Awards , alongside its debut trailer and an official press release acknowledging some of the game 's features . Journalists noted that the announcement ignited widespread anticipation within the gaming industry , which they owed to Naughty Dog 's reputation . The game missed its original projected release date of May 7 , 2013 , and was pushed back to June 14 , 2013 to allow for further polishing . To spur pre-order game sales , Naughty Dog collaborated with several retail outlets to provide special edition versions of the game , with extra features and content .

== Additional content ==

Downloadable content (DLC) for the game was released following its launch . The game 's Season Pass includes access to all DLC , as well as some additional abilities , and the documentary Grounded : Making The Last of Us ; the documentary was released online in February 2014 . Two DLC packs were included with some of the game 's special editions and were available upon release . The Sights and Sounds Pack included the soundtrack , a dynamic theme for the PlayStation 3 home screen , and two avatars . The Survival Pack featured bonus skins for the player following the completion of the campaign , and in-game money , as well as bonus experience points and early access to customizable items for the game 's multiplayer . Abandoned Territories Map Pack , released on October 15 , 2013 , added four new multiplayer maps , based on locations in the game 's story . Nightmare Bundle , released on November 5 , 2013 , added a collection of ten head items , nine of which are available to purchase separately .

The Last of Us : Left Behind added a new single-player campaign which serves as a prequel to the main storyline , featuring Ellie and her friend Riley ; it was released on February 14 , 2014 as DLC and on May 12 , 2015 as a standalone expansion pack . A third bundle was released on May 6 , 2014 , featuring five separate DLC : Grounded added a new difficulty to the main game and Left Behind ; Reclaimed Territories Map Pack added new multiplayer maps ; Professional Survival Skills Bundle and Situational Survival Skills Bundle added eight new multiplayer skills ; and Survivalist Weapon Bundle added four new weapons . The Grit and Gear Bundle , which added new headgear items , masks and gestures , was released on August 5 , 2014 . A Game of the Year Edition containing all downloadable content was released in Europe on November 11 , 2014 .

== The Last of Us Remastered ==

On April 9 , 2014 , Sony announced The Last of Us Remastered , an enhanced version of the game for the PlayStation 4 . It was released on July 29 , 2014 in North America . Remastered features improved graphics and rendering upgrades , including increased draw distance , an upgraded

combat mechanic , and higher frame rate . Other enhancements include advanced audio options , an audio commentary , and a Photo Mode . It includes the previously released downloadable content , including Left Behind and some multiplayer maps . The development team aimed at creating a " true " remaster , maintaining the " same core experience " and not changing any large story or gameplay elements .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

The Last of Us received critical acclaim . Metacritic calculated an average score of 95 out of 100 , indicating " universal acclaim " , based on 98 reviews . It is the fifth @-@ highest rated PlayStation 3 game on Metacritic . Reviewers praised the character development , story and subtext , visual and sound design , and depiction of female and LGBT characters . The game is considered one of the most significant titles of the seventh generation of video games , and has been included among the greatest video games of all time . Colin Moriarty of IGN called The Last of Us " a masterpiece " and " PlayStation 3 's best exclusive " , and Edge considered it " the most riveting , emotionally resonant story @-@ driven epic " of the console generation . Oli Welsh of Eurogamer wrote that it is " a beacon of hope " for the survival horror genre ; Andy Kelly of Computer and Video Games declared it " Naughty Dog 's finest moment " .

Kelly of Computer and Video Games found the story memorable , and IGN 's Moriarty named it one of the game 's standout features . PlayStation Official Magazine 's David Meikleham wrote that the pacing contributed to the improvement of the story , stating that there is " a real sense of time elapsed and journey traveled along every step of the way " , and Destructoid 's Jim Sterling lauded the game 's suspenseful moments . Richard Mitchell of Joystiq found that the narrative improved the character relationships .

The characters ? particularly the relationship between Joel and Ellie ? received acclaim . Matt Helgeson of Game Informer wrote that the relationship felt identifiable , naming it " poignant " and " well @-@ drawn " . Eurogamer 's Welsh wrote that the characters were developed with " real patience and skill " , appreciating their emotional value , and Joystiq 's Mitchell found the relationship " genuine " and emotional . PlayStation Official Magazine 's Meikleham named Joel and Ellie the best characters of any PlayStation 3 game , while IGN 's Moriarty identified it as a highlight of the game . Kelly of Computer and Video Games named the characters " richly painted " , feeling invested in their stories . Philip Kollar of Polygon felt that Ellie was believable , making it easier to develop a connection to her , and that the relationship between the characters was assisted by the game 's optional conversations . The character performances also received praise , with Edge and Eurogamer 's Welsh noting that the script improved as a result .

Many reviewers found the game 's combat a refreshing difference from other games . Game Informer 's Helgeson appreciated the vulnerability during fights , while Kelly of Computer and Video Games enjoyed the variety in approaching the combat . IGN 's Moriarty felt that the crafting system assisted the combat , and that the latter contributed to the narrative 's emotional value , adding that enemies feel " human " . Joystiq 's Mitchell reiterated similar comments , stating that the combat " piles death upon death on Joel 's hands " . Welsh of Eurogamer found the suspenseful and threatening encounters added positively to the gameplay . Tom Mc Shea of GameSpot wrote that the artificial intelligence negatively affected the combat , with enemies often ignoring players ' companions . Polygon 's Kollar felt that the combat was unfair , especially when fighting the Infected .

The game 's visual features were commended by many reviewers . The art design was lauded as " outstanding " by Computer and Video Games ' Kelly , and " jaw @-@ dropping " by Eurogamer 's Welsh . Mc Shea of GameSpot identified the visual representation of the post @-@ apocalyptic world as " mundane " , having been portrayed various times previously . The game 's graphics have been frequently named by critics as the best for a PlayStation 3 game , with Helgeson of

Game Informer naming them " unmatched in console gaming " and Moriarty of IGN stating that they contribute to the realism . Destructoid 's Sterling wrote that game was visually impressive but that technical issues , such as some " muddy and basic " textures found early in the game , left a negative impact on the visuals .

The world and environments of the game drew acclaim from many reviewers . Kelly of Computer and Video Games stated that the environments are " large , detailed , and littered with secrets " , adding that The Last of Us " masks " its linearity successfully . Edge repeated similar remarks , writing that the level design serves the story appropriately . Helgeson of Game Informer wrote that the world " effectively and gorgeously [conveys] the loneliness " of the story . IGN 's Moriarty appreciated the added design elements placed around the game world , such as the hidden notes and letters .

Reviewers praised the use of sound in The Last of Us . Eurogamer 's Welsh felt that the sound design was significantly better than in other games , while Game Informer 's Helgeson dubbed it " amazing " . Mc Shea of GameSpot stated that the audio added to the effect of the gameplay , particularly when hiding from enemies . Kelly of Computer and Video Games found that the environmental audio positively impacted gameplay , and that Gustavo Santaolalla 's score was " sparse and delicate " . Both Game Informer 's Helgeson and Destructoid 's Sterling called the score " haunting " , with the latter finding that it complements the gameplay .

The graphic depiction of violence in The Last of Us generated substantial commentary from critics . Engadget writer Ben Gilbert found the game 's persistent focus on combat was " a necessary evil to lead the game 's fragile protagonist duo to safety " , as opposed to being used as a method to achieve objectives . Kotaku 's Kirk Hamilton wrote that the violence was " heavy , consequential and necessary " , as opposed to gratuitous . USGamer 's Anthony John Agnello wrote that the game consistently reinforces the negativity associated with violence , intentionally making players feel uncomfortable while in violent combat . He stated that the deaths within the game were not unnecessary or unjustified , making the story more powerful . Kelly of Computer and Video Games stated that , despite the " incredibly brutal " combat , the violence never felt gratuitous . Eurogamer 's Welsh echoed similar remarks , stating that the violence is not " desensitized or mindless " . Matt Helgeson of Game Informer observed that the game 's violence leads to players questioning the morality of their choices . Joystiq 's Mitchell wrote that the violence is " designed to be uncomfortable " , stating that it contributes to Joel 's character . Prior to the release of the game , Keith Stuart of The Guardian wrote that the acceptability of the violence would depend on its context within the game .

Many critics discussed the game 's depiction of female characters . Jason Killingsworth of Edge praised its lack of sexualized female characters , writing that it " offers a refreshing antidote to the sexism and regressive gender attitudes of most blockbuster videogames " . Eurogamer 's Ellie Gibson praised Ellie as " sometimes strong , sometimes vulnerable , but never a cliché " . She felt that Ellie is initially established as a " damsel in distress " , but that this concept is subverted . GameSpot 's Carolyn Petit praised the female characters as morally conflicted and sympathetic , but wrote that gender in video games should be evaluated " based on their actual merits , not in relation to other games " . Chris Suellentrop of The New York Times acknowledged that Ellie was a likable and " sometimes powerful " character , but argued that The Last of Us is " actually the story of Joel " , stating that it 's " another video game by men , for men and about men " . The Last of Us was also praised for its depiction of LGBT characters . Sam Einhorn of GayGamer.net felt that the revelation of Bill 's sexuality " added to his character ... without really tokenizing him " . American organization GLAAD named Bill one of the " most intriguing new LGBT characters of 2013 " , calling him " deeply flawed but wholly unique " . A kiss between two female characters in Left Behind was met with positive reactions .

= = = Sales = = =

Within seven days of its release , The Last of Us sold over 1 @.@ 3 million units , becoming the biggest video game launch of 2013 at the time . Three weeks after its release , the game sold over 3

@.@ 4 million units , and was deemed the biggest launch of an original game since 2011 's L.A. Noire and the fastest @.@ selling PlayStation 3 game of 2013 at the time . The game became the best @.@ selling digital release on PlayStation Store for PlayStation 3 , though numerical sales figures were not disclosed ; this record was later beaten by Grand Theft Auto V. The Last of Us ultimately became the tenth best @.@ selling game of 2013 . By August 2014 , the game had sold eight million copies : seven million on PlayStation 3 and one million on PlayStation 4 . It is the third best @.@ selling PlayStation 3 game of all time . In the United Kingdom , the game remained atop the charts for six consecutive weeks , matching records set by multi @.@ platform titles . Within 48 hours of its release , The Last of Us generated more than the £ 3 million earned by Man of Steel in the same period . The game also topped the charts in the United States , France , Ireland , Italy , the Netherlands , Sweden , Finland , Norway , Denmark , Spain , and Japan .

= = = Awards = = =

The Last of Us is one of the most awarded games of all time , winning over 240 Game of the Year awards . Prior to its release , it received numerous awards for its previews at E3 . It was review aggregators Metacritic and GameRankings ' second @.@ highest rated for the year 2013 , behind Grand Theft Auto V. The game appeared on several year @.@ end lists of the best games of 2013 , receiving wins from the 41st Annie Awards , The A.V. Club , the British Academy Video Games Awards , Canada.com , Daily Mirror , The Daily Telegraph , Destructoid , the 17th Annual DICE Awards , The Escapist , GamesRadar , GameTrailers , the 14th Annual Developers Choice Awards , Game Revolution , Giant Bomb , Good Game , Hardcore Gamer , IGN , IGN Australia , International Business Times , Kotaku , VG247 , and VideoGamer.com. It was also named the Best PlayStation Game by GameSpot , GameTrailers , Hardcore Gamer , and IGN . Naughty Dog won Studio of the Year and Best Developer from The Daily Telegraph , Edge , the Golden Joystick Awards , Hardcore Gamer , and the 2013 Spike VGX .

Baker and Johnson received multiple nominations for their performances as Joel and Ellie , respectively ; Baker won awards from Hardcore Gamer and the 2013 Spike VGX , while Johnson won awards at the British Academy Video Games Awards , DICE Awards , VGX 2013 , and from The Daily Telegraph . The game 's story also received awards at the British Academy Video Games Awards , the DICE Awards , the Game Developers Choice Awards , the Golden Joystick Awards , and the Writers Guild of America Awards , and from GameTrailers , Giant Bomb , Hardcore Gamer , and IGN . The sound design and music received awards at the DICE Awards , the Inside Gaming Awards , and from IGN . The game 's graphical and artistic design also won awards from Destructoid , the DICE Awards , the Golden Joystick Awards , and IGN .

The Last of Us was awarded Outstanding Innovation in Gaming at the DICE Awards , and Best Third Person Shooter from GameTrailers . The game received Best New IP from Hardcore Gamer , Best Newcomer at the Golden Joystick Awards , and Best Debut from Giant Bomb . It received Best Overall Sound , Best PlayStation 3 Multiplayer , and Best Action @.@ Adventure Game on PlayStation 3 , and overall at IGN 's Best of 2013 Awards . It also won Best Action @.@ Adventure Game at the British Academy Video Games Awards , and The Escapist , as well as Best Action Game from Hardcore Gamer and Adventure Game of the Year at the DICE Awards .

= = Adaptations and possible sequel = =

A four @.@ issue comic book miniseries , titled The Last of Us : American Dreams , was published by Dark Horse Comics from April to July 2013 . Written by Druckmann and illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks , the comics serve as a prequel to the game , chronicling the journey of a younger Ellie and Riley . On March 6 , 2014 , Sony announced that Screen Gems will distribute a film adaptation of The Last of Us , written by Druckmann and produced by Sam Raimi . By January 2015 , Druckmann had written the script 's second draft , and performed a read @.@ through with some actors . Very little work occurred following this , as Druckmann stated in April 2016 that the film had entered development hell . On July 28 , 2014 , the cast of the game performed a live reading of selected

scenes in Santa Monica , California , with live music by Santaolalla . The performance was hosted and directed by Druckmann , with graphics by Alex Hobbs .

In February 2014 , Druckmann said the possibility of a sequel was " about 50 / 50 " , and the team needed to find a story " really worth telling , and that 's not repeating itself " . In July 2014 , community strategist Arne Meyer said that not considering a sequel " would be a disservice " to the studio and the fans . In June 2015 , discussing his future with Naughty Dog on a Q & A panel , actor Nolan North mentioned : " I know they 're doing a Last of Us 2 " ; Druckmann later responded to these comments , stating that a small team at Naughty Dog had explored ideas and begun building prototypes relating to a sequel , but were interrupted when the team shifted development to Uncharted 4 : A Thief 's End , which was eventually released on May 10 , 2016 .