

= Star Wars Episode I : Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures =

Star Wars Episode I : Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures is a video game that chronicles the events of the film Star Wars : Episode I ? The Phantom Menace from the character Obi @-@ Wan Kenobi 's perspective . It is the result of an agreement made in 2000 between the two video game publishers LucasArts and THQ . The agreement allows THQ to turn LucasArts licenses into games for the hand held console Game Boy Color , the first being Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures . THQ published the game and HotGen developed it . It was released on November 27 , 2000 .

The story of Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures is set in the middle of a conflict in the Galactic Republic ; the antagonistic Trade Federation and the evil Sith Lord are planning to take control of the galaxy . In the game , the player operates the character Obi @-@ Wan Kenobi as he fights the forces of the Trade Federation which culminates in a battle against Darth Maul . His weapons include a lightsaber , a blaster , and use of the Force . Since its release , Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures has received mixed reviews . The game has been criticized for its visuals and controls , but praised for its sound design and creative levels .

= = Gameplay = =

Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures is an isometric action @-@ adventure video game with side @-@ scrolling sections . Set in the fictional Star Wars galaxy , the game takes place in a time when the fictional Galactic Republic is in imbalance as a result of the antagonistic Trade Federation and the evil Sith Lord 's plans to take over . In the game , the player controls the Star Wars character Obi @-@ Wan Kenobi , a young Jedi apprentice , during the events of the film Star Wars Episode I : The Phantom Menace .

There are a total of nine levels in Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures that can be played with different difficult @-@ settings . Obi @-@ Wan is attacked by the Trade Federation 's droids , bounty hunters , and other evil critters during his travels , and the player is able to control his lightsaber and blaster to defeat them . Both close- and long @-@ range combat are available in the battles with the Federation 's forces . The player can also take advantage of Obi @-@ Wan 's connection to the Force as a weapon . In order to do this , the player hits the " A " key to zoom in on the target and then hits " A " again to blow the enemy away . The power of the Force is limited and eventually runs out . To power up , the player accumulates Force pellets that can be obtained on the different levels . The Force is not only used as weapon , but also to get through the levels by moving objects that are in the way .

= = Plot = =

The game begins with the Trade Federation 's blockage of the planet Naboo . Jedi Master Qui @-@ Gon Jinn and his Jedi apprentice Obi @-@ Wan are sent there by the Jedi Council as part of a mission to officiate the dispute and reach a settlement with the Federation leaders . When they reach the Federation 's ship on Naboo , however , they find out that the Federation is not interested in negotiations and has allied with the Sith Lord , who plans to invade Naboo and take control of the galaxy by killing all Jedi . Obi @-@ Wan and Qui @-@ Gon are attacked by Federation droids , but manage to escape . They head to Theed , the capital of Naboo , to warn the inhabitants of Naboo about the imminent attack .

During their journey to the city , the two Jedi cross the Naboo swamps and are assaulted by more troops sent by the Federation . After delivering the warning , they travel to the planet Coruscant to talk with the Jedi Council . They are attacked by more Federation troops after arriving , but the two Jedi are able to defeat them . Jedi Master Yoda instructs Obi @-@ Wan and Qui @-@ Gon to return to Naboo and help Queen Amidala and the Naboo inhabitants defeat the Federation . Upon reaching Theed , the Jedi set out to liberate the city , now overrun by the Federation . They are able to infiltrate the city by going through a secret entrance to the ancient catacombs , but are once again forced to battle enemy droids on their way .

Obi @-@ Wan and Qui @-@ Gon discover that the Queen has fallen into the hands of the Federation . Before heading to the Queen 's palace to initiate an attack , they free captured citizens on the streets of Theed . The Jedi infiltrate the palace and manage to free the Queen . Meanwhile , Obi @-@ Wan 's young friend Anakin Skywalker commandeers a vacant starfighter and is able to destroy the Federation droid control ship in space , causing the entire droid army to deactivate . Obi @-@ Wan and Qui @-@ Gon , meanwhile , encounter the Sith Lord 's apprentice , Darth Maul . Qui @-@ Gon is mortally wounded in the battle , but Obi @-@ Wan manages to kill the Sith apprentice . As a result , Obi @-@ Wan 's quest to become a Jedi Knight is completed .

= = Development = =

In 2000 , the two video game publishers LucasArts and THQ announced an agreement that would allow THQ to turn LucasArts licenses into games for the hand held console Game Boy Color . THQ had previously published the Game Boy Color game Star Wars : Yoda Stories , and began work on their second Star Wars @-@ licensed product , Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures , thereafter as part of the agreement with LucasArts . It was a port of the then upcoming game Star Wars : Obi @-@ Wan , which was planned to be released for personal computers (PC) but was later canceled . Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures was first announced to the public in September 2000 .

THQ hired the third @-@ party Game Boy developer HotGen to develop the game , which they described as " the most authentic Star Wars adventure on the Game Boy Color system . " Mark Fisher , director of product development at HotGen , commented on the game : " THQ has a solid hold on the Game Boy Color market , and we look forward to collaborating with them on Star Wars : Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures . Millions of Star Wars fans will have the opportunity to interact with their favorite characters in a brand new Star Wars adventure just in time for the holidays . " Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures was released in stores on November 27 , 2000 . It received an " Everyone " rating from the Entertainment Software Rating Board .

= = Reception = =

The game has received mixed reviews from critics , with an aggregate score of 62 @. @ 33 % on GameRankings . Marc Nix of IGN gave it a 5 / 10 rating and commented that " murky visuals and slothful control destroy any hope of greatness in this game . " The visuals were also criticized by an editor of 1UP.com , who stated that " you couldn 't even see what the hell you were doing half the time in the game . " Matt Paddock of Game Vortex commented that Obi Wan 's Adventures " will be a must @-@ buy for Star Wars freaks (and there 's more than a few) , but flawed control and lack of depth make for a generally average experience . "

Kevin Cheung of The Sydney Morning Herald said the game " loses out badly in the graphics department " , commenting that on the " tiny LCD screen the characters look like a garbled confusion of black pixels . It takes a healthy imagination to see the lasers bouncing off one 's lightsabre . What 's worse is that it 's not always obvious where the exit passage is , which is frustrating after a slog through a tough level . " In addition , Tim Wapshott of The Times said that " despite some rather good storyline screens , the graphics generally lack colour and the music is repetitive and tedious . "

Nix praised the game 's sound design , describing it as " far and away above what would be expected on the Game Boy Color . " He noted , for example , that " there are individual sounds of the lightsaber swinging back and forth ? cutting left will sound differently than the backswing or upswing of the third stroke against an enemy . " Samantha Craggs of The Electric Playground praised Obi @-@ Wan 's Adventures for its interesting gameplay and the use of the lightsaber . She commented : " There are quite a few things to like about this game . For one thing , you can 't underestimate the feeling of moving across the floor wielding a deadly lightsaber . Also , the levels are interesting . [...] In [one level] , Obi @-@ Wan is actually in a boat , going through the Naboo swamp , while battle droids shoot at him from the banks . While you 're essentially fighting the same enemies in the same manner , there are enough twists in the level designs to interest you in

continuing . "