

Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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Gameboys

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In my recent post on [toy fatigue](#), I spoke of my failure to be fully immersed in digital media. I suspect the perfect vehicle for this kind of immersion is video games. I was an Atari kid, but haven't kept up with it. The closest I get is by looking at pictures:



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For more pictures, check out [Richard Hines](#), [Alex Harris](#), [Magnum Photos](#) and my buddy [Todd Deutsch](#) (be sure to also read Joerg Colberg's recent interview with Todd [here](#)).

6 Comments

1. Phil Toledano did some of my favorite videogamer "portraits":

http://mrtoledano.com/frame_videogamers.php

Comment by [Robert](#) — November 28, 2006 @ [11:57 pm](#)

2. Robbie Cooper's 'Alter Ego – Avatars and their Creators' is published by Chris Boot May 2007. You can see some of the portraits [here](#) and [here](#).

"Alter Ego is a cool concept book, presenting the phenomenon of the contemporary avatar—the virtual characters gamers choose and design to engage in 3D worlds online. Portraits of gamers from the United States, Europe, China, and Japan (including leading figures of the gaming world) are paired with digital images of their alter egos, graphically dramatizing the gap between fantasy and reality."

Comment by [rob](#) — November 29, 2006 @ [2:59 am](#)

3. One of the great things about the internet is seeing people's work develop over time. I've watched Todd's work for about 6 years – seeing him focus down and zero in on his subject has been a rare treat. If you are a collector, buy his prints...

Comment by [Julian](#) — November 29, 2006 @ [8:21 am](#)

4. One cartridge turned the GameBoy into a moody, grainy monochrome camera. Shots could be printed on a thermal printer. A gallery and tutorial: <http://www.tapir.org/gbc/>

more: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Game_Boy_Camera

Comment by [robert e](#) — November 29, 2006 @ [1:09 pm](#)

5. Enlarge that last image at your own risk. Sexy Beast has nuthin on that guy.

Comment by [Patrick](#) — November 29, 2006 @ [3:44 pm](#)

6. "At 50, Miyamoto is one of the most successful artists of the past century. Who? Read the story [here](#)

Comment by [Alec Soth](#) — November 29, 2006 @ [3:51 pm](#)