



THE HARDY BOYS HOP ABOARD THE NEW NANCY DREW PC ADVENTURE GAME, LAST TRAIN TO BLUE MOON CANYON

Game Marks the First Time Frank and Joe Appear in the Award-Winning Series as Animated Characters

Sydney, Australia – 15 Mar 2006 – Mindscape Asia Pacific launches the new Nancy Drew series of PC Games in Australia. Jammed with a cast of intriguing characters, ***Nancy Drew: Last Train to Blue Moon Canyon*** sends players on a trail of adventurous thrills on the train and through mining towns along the journey. The PC adventure game, the 13th in the award-winning Nancy Drew series from Her Interactive, is now available at retail stores nationwide.

“We are incredibly excited about *Last Train to Blue Moon Canyon*,” said Megan Gaiser, president of Her Interactive, developers of the Nancy Drew series of games. “This is the first time the game series has introduced Frank and Joe as Nancy’s animated sidekicks, really opening up the game’s audience to both boys and girls who love a fun and challenging adventure. *Last Train to Blue Moon Canyon* is simply the best game Her Interactive has brought to market. The environments and gameplay are superb.”

The game opens as the Hardy Boys accept an invitation from socialite Lori Girard to join a team of researchers and detectives to unravel a century-old secret. Frank and Joe ask their pal Nancy Drew to join them aboard Lori’s elegant private train, originally built for 19th century adventurer Jake Hurley. Long ago, Jake set out to discover the “mother lode” during the heyday of mining in the west. Trouble soon followed when Jake’s beloved wife Camille passed away. Though despondent, Jake continued his search for riches. Later, the train was found abandoned in remote Blue Moon Canyon; the engineer dead seemingly struck down by a heart attack. Jake had mysteriously vanished.

Nancy Drew: Last Train to Blue Moon Canyon players will investigate the train and all of its hidden secrets, explore old mining towns and crawl deep into mineshafts and hidden passageways. Players will also interrogate the train’s passengers and uncover clues to determine whether Lori is really interested in discovering what happened to the train’s first owner or if she’s interested in pursuing some long lost secret Jake discovered in his search for treasure. Characters such as historical novelist Charleena Purcell, police detective Tino Balducci and ghost channel host John Grey all have potentially useful information that will help Nancy, Frank and Joe unravel the mystery.

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Like all Nancy Drew games, *Last Train to Blue Moon Canyon* contains several puzzles that yield valuable clues upon being solved. The game also contains two difficulty settings for junior and senior detectives, enabling both new and experienced detectives to have fun.

Nancy Drew: Last Train to Blue Moon Canyon is priced at \$29.95 inc GST. The game is currently available at all major gaming outlets, and at www.mindscape.net.au.

About Nancy Drew

Nancy Drew debuted in 1930 and is still going strong in 2006. She is a smart, independent, gutsy and resourceful teen detective who can crack even the toughest case. Publishing in 22 languages and with more than 100 million copies in print worldwide, Nancy Drew has engaged readers and served as a role model globally for generations.

About Her Interactive

Her Interactive creates intelligent, interactive entertainment for girls of all ages. The company designs, develops and publishes award-winning games that offer role-playing, mystery, and adventure that girls and women find both challenging and fun. Her Interactive's Nancy Drew series offers exciting gameplay without violence or gender stereotypes. More information about the company and the Nancy Drew games can be found at www.herinteractive.com.

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