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Amazon to Adapt Video Game Explicitly About Beating the Crap Out of Some Nazis

‘Wolfenstein’ marks the second Bethesda video game adaptation coming to Prime Video after ‘Fallout.’

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In what’s quickly become an [arms race among streamers](#), Amazon MGM Studios announced it’s developing a TV series for *Wolfenstein* to add to its growing catalogue of video game adaptations.

The announcement came from [Variety](#), which reports that Patrick Sommerville of *Maniac* fame will serve as its creator, writer, and showrunner. Alongside Sommerville, James Altman and Jerk Gustafsson of Keyframe Films and game developer MachineGames, respectively, will also serve as executive producers. While Variety goes on to state that plot details are being kept hush-hush, the publication did note that *Wolfenstein*’s “incredible” official logline summarizes its premise succinctly, writing, “The story of killing Nazis is evergreen.” Luckily, we have a reasonably detailed history from its source material to glean more about the series beyond its prescient premise.

Wolfenstein is a first-person shooter legend dating back to the 1980s, primarily depicting the exploits of a soldier named William “B.J.” Blazkowitz as he infiltrates Nazi bases and riddles their grunts, mechanical automatons, and more with a righteous hail of bullets. The series began with 1981’s *Castle Wolfenstein* and originally largely dealt with Nazi experiments into the occult but was rebooted in 2014 by Machine Games, part of [Fallout](#) and [Indiana Jones and the Great Circle](#) publisher Bethesda Softworks, with *The New Order*. While Blazkowitz remains the series’ protagonist, the revived *Wolfenstein* follows an alternate history where Nazi Germany won World War II through the use of advanced scientific technology, going on to invade the world. Its most recent title, [Wolfenstein: Youngblood](#), was released in 2019.

As mentioned earlier, should the *Wolfenstein* series materialize, it’ll see Prime Video and producer Kilter Films double-dipping into Bethesda’s catalog. The last of which is the [Walton Goggins](#) and [Ella Purnell](#)-led [Fallout](#) series. *Fallout* season two is slated to premiere in December, and it’s already been [renewed for a third season](#). Outside of the Bethesda universe, Prime Video has three other gaming adaptations in development. These series include adaptations of BioWare’s sci-fi series [Mass Effect](#), Santa Monica Studio’s [God of War](#), and from the tabletop side of gaming, Games Workshop’s [Warhammer 40,000](#), starring [former Superman](#) and [Witcher](#) actor Henry Cavill.

In the context of Prime Video’s slate of video game adaptations and in comparison to Netflix’s upcoming projects, including [Splinter Cell](#) and [Assassin’s Creed](#), the trend of video game adaptations appears to be showing no signs of slowing. Our only hope is that Prime Video takes a page out of [Netflix’s playbook](#) with its casting, choosing Alan Ritchson of *Reacher* fame as BJ. If you have a large man on retainer, it’s only right to give him the role of one of gaming’s leading men.

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