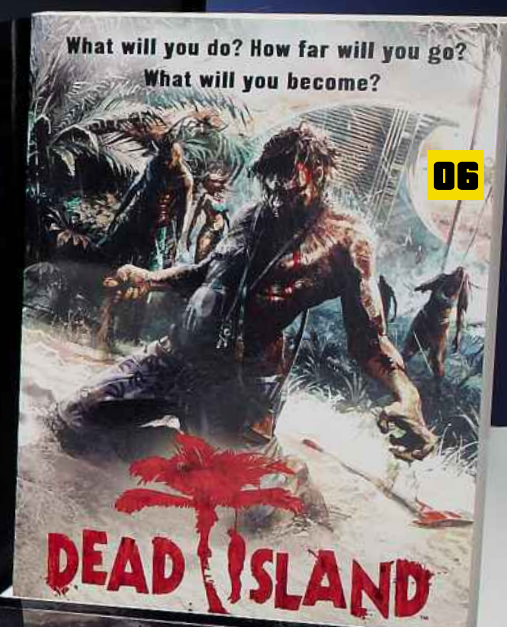


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SOLAR-POWERED KEYBOARD
LOGITECH K750

04 While gamers swear by USB connections, there's no denying the appeal of a wireless keyboard. That is, until the battery starts to die, keystrokes don't register and you realise that you have no spares and the shops are closed. It's amazing that we haven't seen a solar-powered wireless keyboard before – especially as the K750 is designed to charge its internal battery even in dim artificial light, and will last three months on a full charge in the dark. The 2.4GHz wireless connection works flawlessly, with no lag and is able to accept a mash of key presses simultaneously. The key action is solid and pleasing too. **CW**

K9 ●●●●● T-101

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Manufacturer www.logitech.com

GUITAR
FRETLIGHT FG-421

05 Rock Band is terrible for learning guitar – it's nothing like the real thing. Instead, you need a Fretlight guitar; it's a real guitar that has lights embedded into the fretboard to show you where to position your fingers. You plug in the guitar via the supplied DIN cable and play along with beginner-friendly video tutorials. While it can be tricky to see which song the fret light is highlighting, it won't be long before you can pluck some tunes from the guitar. As it's an actual guitar, you can keep using it once you're up to speed. The useful N-Tune auto-tuner and a guitar strap are sold separately, and other colours and models are available. **CW**

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DEAD ISLAND: The Book

06 Not so much tying in to Techland's zombie shooter as completely retelling the plot of the game, it's hard to identify the market at which Mark Morris' Dead Island novel is aimed. If you're a fan of the series then the book won't tell you anything new, while others will find that the book simply spoils the game. The more pressing problem is the atrocious writing, however. Stiff dialogue and laborious character histories are awkwardly shunted in at every turn and there are few surprises for the heroes, who manage to nail every headshot and decapitate every foe with ease. Unless you're truly braindead, you'll give this one a pass. **JM**

NUTSHOT ●○○○○ HEADSHOT

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