

Count Dracula is back! After the pasting the Dark One received in the original Castlevania, he's spent many years souping up his satanic powers, determined to destroy the person who dared stand up to him - Christopher Belmont. In order to carry out this foul deed, Dracula has summoned all his evil powers of possession available to him, and in a fit of diabolical evil has turned Belmont's son, Soyeyiu, into a massive rampaging demon!

Christopher is more than a tad annoyed at this development and sets out towards the new Drac HQ with revenge on his mind. When he gets there, he finds that once again, his skills and reflexes are tested to the max in a four-way scrolling platform-based environment. Armed only with a whip and substantial cunning, Christopher is pitted against the true horrific terrors of seven levels, each packed to the brim with possessed meanies and flesh-eating denizens of the undead!



COMMENT



I thought the original Castlevania was good, but this is even better! There are loads of things to uncover, including secret screens, and it's a non-stop battle all the way to beat Drac! If you're a platform addict, put this at the top of your shopping list immediately.

JULIAN



THE POWERS OF GOOD

Plenty of items are found around the evil domain. Collect these to boost your chances of doing over Count Dracula.



COIN: Increases your stash of points.



SMALL HEART: Gives you one more use of your special weapon.



LARGE HEART: Enables you to use your special weapon five more times.



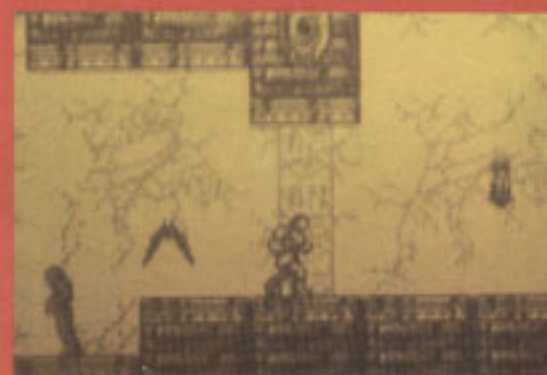
CRYSTAL BALL: Boosts the power of your whip. The first power-up extends it and the second enables you to shoot deadly fireballs with it too!



BATTLE AXE: Belmont throws these in an arc, annihilating enemy sprites.



HOLY WATER: Burn those undead beings with the essence of good!



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RATINGS

PRESENTATION	90%
GRAPHICS	88%
SOUND	84%
PLAYABILITY	92%
LASTABILITY	90%
OVERALL	91%



COMMENT



What a brilliant platform game this is! Plenty of levels packed with cunning traps and undead-related excitement make this a game you'll be playing time and time again. Go for it!

RICH