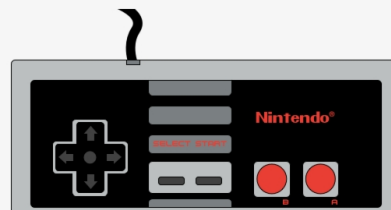
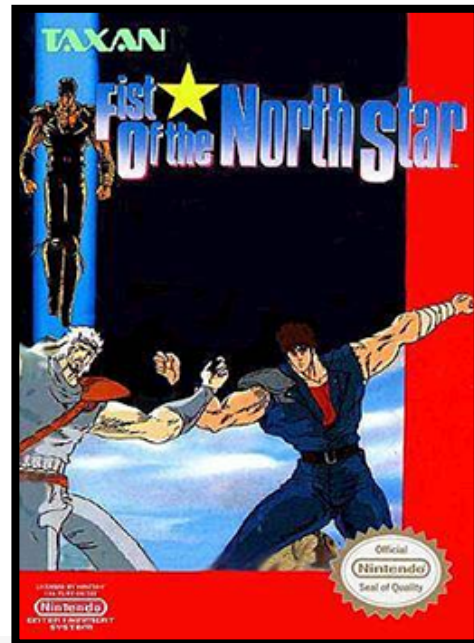


Fist of the North Star

Fist of the North Star is a single-plane beat-'em-up in which the player (as Kenshiro) proceeds through the game by walking from left to right, using his martial arts of Hokuto Shinken to defeat enemies. Similarly to Kung-Fu Master, jumping is performed by pressing the d-pad upwards instead of having a dedicated button, leaving the A and B buttons solely for attacks. To enter a door, the player must press the d-pad UP while holding A and B simultaneously, which is a requirement to proceed through certain stages. In addition to the regular enemies, the player must also defeat sub-bosses and bosses to proceed in the game. Each boss in the game has a weak point that will result in massive damage if the player strikes it with the proper attack before hitting any other part of the body, along with a greater bonus after the stage is cleared.



Development

The U.S. version was shown at the 1988 Summer Consumer Electronic Show under the title *Ken the Great Bear Fist*, which is the localized title used by Toei's international sales department. The title was changed to *Fist of the North Star* for its release in order to tie in with Viz's English adaptation of the manga.

D-Pad	Left/Right, Jump/Crouch
A Button	Punch
B Button	Kick
Start Button	Start/Pause the game
Select Button	Select 1P or VS

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