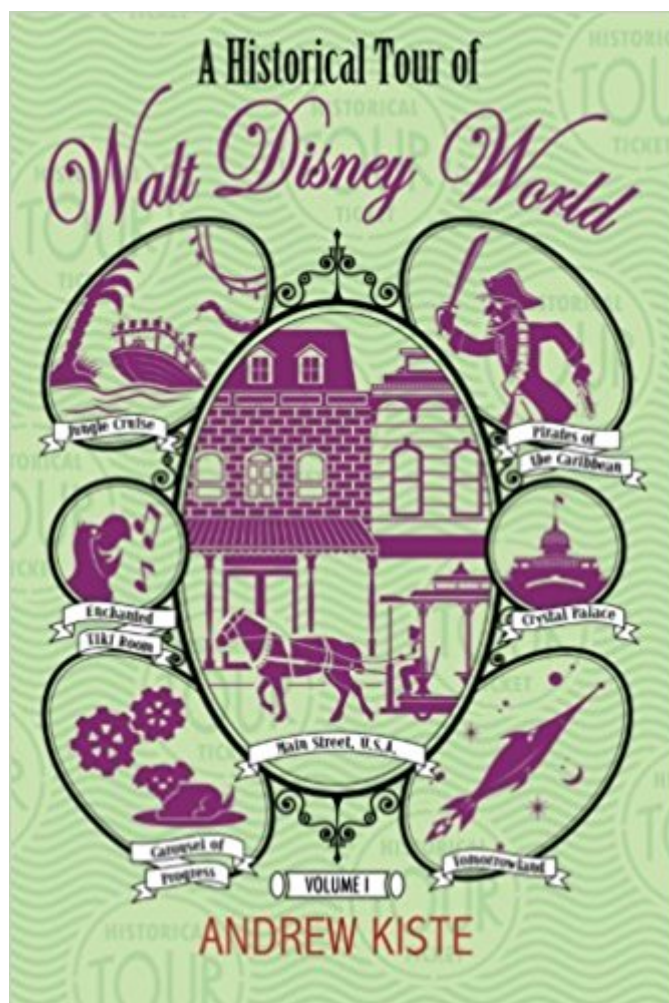


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A Historical Tour Of Walt Disney World: Volume 1



Synopsis

History Made Magical In A Historical Tour of Walt Disney World, Andrew Kiste not only pulls back the pixie dust curtain on some of the most iconic rides in the Magic Kingdom, but also pulls back the next curtain, revealing the historical and cultural influences that inspired Walt Disney and his Imagineers. Did you ever wonder why Walt wanted a Jungle Cruise? Or how closely his pirates were based on real pirates? Or why the original conception for Tomorrowland didn't work out? Or how the Crystal Palace is really the work of a forgotten Victorian architect? Learn the history BEHIND the history of such popular Magic Kingdom locations and attractions as: Main Street, U.S.A.: It's always the Fourth of July on Main Street, and everything there has a purpose that might surprise you. Jungle Cruise: Despite the skipper humor, this ride has its roots in European colonialism and the scramble for Africa. Pirates of the Caribbean: Yo ho ho, me hearties, but did the real pirates of the Caribbean act like those in Adventureland? Crystal Palace: The first two Crystal Palaces burned to the ground; how much is Disney's popular restaurant their carbon copy? Tomorrowland: Disney's original plan to faithfully represent the future fell apart when the future didn't cooperate. Find out where the Imagineers got THEIR ideas!

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Instead of the typical 20-something tour guide, speaking from a pre-approved script, imagine a tour given by a history teacher. You learn the history that is included in the ride. You see the background that was included by the imagineers. You find the facts hidden in plain sight. As with some history lectures it can be slow in a few spots. But overall it is a very interesting read.

The book was smaller than I imagined it would be. It's a good simple history, though it could benefit from some greater depth. The writing is good and the approach is fantastic, but it is sometimes lacking in depth. Nonetheless, I look forward to volume 2 (and further histories of the Disney rides and attractions).

Packed with information! Every little minute fact is included. Well researched and documented and extremely thorough. If you think you know all there is to know about the attractions discussed in this book, believe me, you'll learn a few new facts.

A well written book looking at the history behind Walt Disney World. A quick read that will help add a new decision to any trip to Disney World.

I thought I knew almost all about Disney but this book proved me wrong. Enjoyable.

Disappointed. Seemed to paraphrase other Disney books. No new information.

Amazing!! Learned so much!

Great info and fun to read. I must say, like almost all Theme Park Press books is they are mostly under 200 pages and cost too much. This title now has a volume 2 and cost \$15 each so that's \$30 for 300 pages. Not worth it.

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