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The Hidden Magic Of Walt Disney World: Over 600 Secrets Of The Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, And Animal Kingdom



Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom

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Synopsis

Sure, it's the Happiest Place on Earth, but how much do the 45 million-plus people who visit the Disney World theme parks annually really know about it? From where to find all the hidden Mickeys to the truth behind Madame Leota's ring at the Haunted Mansion, learn all about the hidden magic that permeates these fabulous resorts in this tell-all handbook. Readers also get the insider's take on:The smell of home-baked cookies on Main Street in the Magic KingdomThe Fountain of World Friendship in Epcot that contains water from rivers and oceans around the globeWalt Disney's opening day speech tapped out in Morse Code in FrontierlandThe eco-friendly benches (recycled milk jugs) in the Animal KingdomTwo versions of The Great Movie Ride at Disney's Hollywood Studios Complete with secret tips from Disney's Imagineers, this book is the perfect in-park companion for Disney World fans.

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Customer Reviews

Great book for the Disney fan. A little on the dated end of things. Some attractions don't exist in the park anymore. Hoollywood town and things like that are a little off now. Noone of the newer stuff past the tower of Terror. Nothing about Everest, the Mine Car 7 Dwarfs and a few other things. Still

a good read laid out well, with a lot of cool info. You can easily skip past the parts that have been removed from the park.

Lot of great information, however it is a bit dated. Some of the things changed or ended. The book needs to be updated.

I love the information that the book had to say about each of the Disney World parks. It gave you some facts, history, and OMG'S along the way. This is a must have for all.

I have a child with high functioning autism, and we are planning a Disney vacation next year. I purchased this for him due to the many unknown facts, behind the scenes, and history he will be able to see when he goes. He loves learning thing like this. To him this is like a treasure map.

I'm going to take this on my next visit to WDW. It is full of wonderful information and helps you see things you might otherwise overlook.

I love Disney World. Completely LOVE it. My family and I even just got back from a trip there in November. Before the trip I wanted a new spin on Disney World and all it $\tilde{A}f\hat{A}\phi\tilde{A}$ $\hat{a} \neg \tilde{A}$ $\hat{a}_{,,\phi}cs$ secrets so I bought this book thinking it would be wonderful to have. However, as I went through the book I knew most of what was in it already. Granted $|\tilde{A}f\hat{A}\phi\tilde{A} \hat{a} \neg \tilde{A} \hat{a}_{,,\phi}cve$ been there multiple times and $|\tilde{A}f\hat{A}\phi\tilde{A} \hat{a} \neg \tilde{A} \hat{a}_{,,\phi}cve$ seen multiple books about the Disney secrets. For those who are new to Disney World this book would be wonderful. To the experienced Disney goer, not so much.

First, I am going to say my three star review is based on the fact that I have spent time, not professionally, but as a hobby, learning about WDW. I listen to quite a few podcasts, subscribe to magazines about WDW, read books on WDW, etc... Having said that, I would actually give it two stars. If you have never been to, or have only gone to WDW to ride the rides, I would say that it is a four star book. Average is 3. This book has alot of information tucked away in its pages. Most is factual, but not all. The author takes liberties sometimes, tries to put the pieces of the puzzles the Imagineers left behind and makes assumptions, usually incorrectly, instead of inquiring WDW castmembers or any other source available(internet, other books, Imagineers, podcasters, other books, etc....). There is alot of information out there and most the time all you simply need to do is ask a cast member.I would recommend this book to first timers, people who dont really want to go to

WDW but are going with their family, mabye teens who think WDW is not cool, or people who have gone quite a few times to WDW and are looking to get a little more. You take the book with you and find a small percent of the "hidden magic" at WDW, and maybe spark an intrest is learning more. If you have done any research into WDW, read other books on "secrets" of WDW, listen to podcasts about WDW, etc.... than this book is NOT for you. You will immediatly find errors and the "hidden magic" the author presents is pretty basic information. Mind, it is information most WDW visitors most likely will not know, its most likely information you already have learned from other sources. You will probably get a laugh from the errors and assumptions the author makes. As WDW is a constantly changing place, some of the content of the book is dated, such as Mickey's Toon Town Fair, which no longer exists (was removed to create room for the current contruction phase of the Fantasyland Expansion). And that is not the fault of the author.

Love this book!!!! Such great information!! Well writen as if you are walking through the parks. Although it is several years old so of course a little out of date considering how often that change things up.

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