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Your guide to Disney's hidden treasures--including Fantasyland and Storybook Circus secrets!

Whether this is your first or fiftieth visit, you'd be surprised at how much you miss during your trip to Walt Disney World. From where to find hidden Imagineer signatures to the secrets behind the carriage numbers in the Casey Jr. Splash 'N' Soak play area, learn all about the hidden magic that permeates these fabulous resorts in this tell-all handbook. You will also get the insider's take on:

The Disney family coat of arms standing guard at the entrance to Cinderella Castle  
The surprise song that plays in the Seven Dwarfs Mine Train queue area  
The mysterious concentric circles in the Temple of Heaven in Epcot's China pavilion  
The lipstick stain on the champagne glass sitting on the table in the Tower of Terror  
Complete with a whole new section on the Fantasyland and Storybook Circus expansion, *The Hidden Magic of Walt Disney World, 2nd Edition* will inspire you to relive the magic year after year!

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## **From Reader Review The Hidden Magic of Walt Disney World: Over 600 Secrets of the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom for online ebook**

### **Jennifer Girard says**

Reread : This book is my favorite book about Walt Disney World. I love to know the hidden gems and things no one take the time to look at when they go to the parks. I'll go there again in July so I wanted to refresh my mind with these facts! A great read for anyone going to Walt Disney World!

The first edition of this book was (and still is) my favourite book about Walt Disney World. The second edition is just as good. I love the little details and the secrets in Walt Disney World and this book is sharing them with us. It's a must read for anyone wanting to visit the park, disney fans and even for the know-it-all kind of person! I always want to know more about the parks and this book do just that.

La première édition était (et est toujours) mon livre préféré sur Walt Disney World. La deuxième édition est aussi bonne. J'aime les petits détails et les secrets à Walt Disney World et ce livre les partage avec nous. C'est un livre à lire absolument pour les gens qui veulent visiter les parks, les fans de disney ou même pour les gens qui sont du type à tout connaître! Je veux toujours en savoir davantage sur les parks et ce livre fait exactement ça !

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### **Marissa says**

Fun to read. Made me want to go on vacation there. Sadly, there is outdated info (obviously not the fault of the author) because theme parks have to constantly change to stay relevant and exciting.

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### **Sarah Lee says**

Loved this book. Really interesting. Not so much a guide book, but one that explains lots of little secrets within the 4 main parks at Disney. Very enjoyable.

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### **Chris says**

Although the book Walt Disney World Hidden History: Remnants of Former Attractions and Other Tributes provoked me into buying this book(I wish I could have given this book more than just the 5 most stars-and more close to 10 stars instead), this was an excellent book to read. I liked this book more than the former book. Although some points were explained better than the former book(which crossed over in SOME places), this book was a bit more fleshed-out as well as several additional points added. If it was up to me again, I'd reread this again-and again-and again....It's was a spectacular read! I'm glad I read this book!

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## Andrea says

The book describes itself as a guide to hidden Walt Disney World treasures, no matter if you're just going to the parks for your first time or if you're a well-seasoned WDW fan like me.

If you're a first time visitor to Walt Disney World, then it's a good guide to inform of all the extra things that Disney does to help make their parks so magical.

Unfortunately, I was more than a little disappointed by this book. Many of the hidden secrets in the book are things that you don't really have to go out of your way to notice – nor are they meant to be secrets at all. For example, when you're in the Upsidedown Open House scene in Journey to Imagination, the book tells you to look at the paint pots – they're Figment Pigments. This isn't really something that is secretive or hidden.

I also felt that the author didn't put in much effort in researching the book, as there are a fair number of errors. The book mentions that in the Vins de France shop in the France Pavilion there is a little rat character tucked away. The book incorrectly names this character as Ratatouille. The rat is actually named Remy, from the film Ratatouille. In another section the book mentions that there is a hidden suite in Cinderella Castle that is only being used for storage. The book was published in 2009, but Disney officially announced that this space would be refurbished into an actual suite for guests in 2006. It was then offered up as a prize in the Year of a Million Dreams contest in 2007.

The book also contains a lot of the author's own commentary, which normally would be alright, with one exception. When the author speaks about Off Kilter, a Celtic rock band inspired from Canada's own musical traditions, she insinuates that this is a stretch on Canadian culture and that it's not appropriate for the pavilion. As a Canadian this was a slap in the face. Celtic roots play a huge part in Canadian heritage, making up a good portion of Canadian folk music – particularly on the East coast. It's to the point that it influences much of our popular music. The most well known of which are Spirit of the West, the Rankin Family, or Great Big Sea. And while I can't fault the author for not being an expert in Canadian culture, I think if I were writing a book I might do a bit more research before making remarks like that.

A fair amount of the book is dedicated to the history of the parks. Had I known that, I probably would not have gotten this book.

The book might be suitable for first timers to the parks, who wouldn't necessarily realise that if they slowed down for a few minutes and took the time to look around they would discover a whole realm of detail.

My final rating of this book is 1/5 stars, because personally I didn't like it. But if you're a first timer to WDW you might enjoy it.

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## Amariah Dixon says

It's like a scavenger hunt map for hidden mysteries at Disney World!!! Totally awesome!!!

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## Ashley P. says

I am a sucker for any book that has the words "Disney World" in the title so when I saw this book on sale at Barnes & Noble I snatched it up.

Unfortunately, I don't know if it's just my copy or all of the Barnes & Noble version, but I was missing pages 19-50 and it was part of the Magic Kingdom section (my favorite) so it really knocked my excitement down a peg.

That aside, this book is really interesting and if I ever get to go back to Disney World I am definitely taking it with me. There was a lot of neat secrets that people of any age would enjoy. I also liked the behind the scenes tidbits the author included.

The only things I really didn't like about the book were the year by year history lessons at the end of each park's chapter and also the way the author sometimes inserted her own opinion into the secrets. But it's still a solid four star rating and it might have even been a five if there wasn't a large chunk missing.

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### **Santiago says**

Hermoso, lo que es una lastima es que muchas de las cosas de las que habla este libro ya no existan. Igual es una lectura super interesante para los fans de los parques.

Amé que al final de cada capítulo te haga un resumen de la historia del parque.

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### **Alexandra says**

The Hidden Magic of Walt Disney World was full of fun facts, a lot of which I had no idea about! The author definitely took her time researching this one. Everything in the book that she talks about she has seen firsthand and can verify it. For example, when describing particularly interesting "talking" water fountains, Susan writes: *Now, standing on the pathway between Fountain of Nations and Mouse Gear, with the fountain to your right and the shop to your left, you will see two drinking fountains ahead of you...* Can't get more descriptive than that! So you can actually tell she's been to the World tons of times and is writing from her own personal experience.

There are also interesting quotes from Imagineers in here, and Timelines of all the parks. When they opened and what attractions were there at the time and what changed or got redone and what's new. Really cool stuff.

I learned a lot of interesting tidbits and now when I go on my trip, I will be sure to ask a Cast Member at the Haunted Mansion about Madame Leota's ring, and a Cast Member at the Jungle Cruise about the tarantula. Kind of scared to see what will happen...

This is a great book to add to your Disney collection. No matter how many times you've been to Disney World, there is still so much to see and do and learn. And this book is definitely worth reading:)

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### **Alisa H. (worldswithinpages) says**

You think you know everything about the parks after 4 visits... but trust me, you don't!

This book was published in 2006, so many of the tips and information is outdated, but of the things that are still around, this book provides some really cool insight. Can't wait to look around for the hidden gems I learned while reading during our next trip!

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### **Redfox5 says**

I can't believe how much stuff I missed at Disney! I'm so excited to be going again now. I can't wait to start hunting for stuff, especially for the Hidden Mickey's. I'm going to keep an eye out for the feral cats that are the parks rat catchers, I certainly didn't notice any of them last time I was there. Also a bit gutted about all the rides, parades and attractions that have now closed down that I'll never get to experience. Like the 'Who wants to be a millionaire-play it!' where you got the chance to win a Disney Cruise. But it was great having that extra bit of history on the parks. The great thing about this book is on most pages I was reading about a secret and thinking 'I never saw that location'. I'm going to have so much more to explore on my next visit. I might be too busy looking for secrets I'll forget all about the rides. Thank you Susan for this wonderful book :)

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### **Sheri says**

History, fun facts, and details about Walt Disney World. There truly is a lot of hidden magic that the average visitor does not realize or appreciate. Some parts are now out of date, but still an interesting and informative read for Disney World fanatics.

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### **QuargaPie says**

I wasn't a big fan of the writing style and some of the secrets seemed to be just thrown together. Also she only sourced 2 books which is questionable...

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### **Jennifer says**

Usually, this is the type of book I would really enjoy. Unfortunately, I was ultimately disappointed when I finally finished the book and also questioning the validity of what I had read. My first issue with the title is that I found errors, whether it be Disney-related or under the category of general knowledge. Needless to say, this colored my reading of the rest of the book as it made me skeptical of the book's accuracy. I also found parts of this book highly repetitive because some items would be mentioned at the beginning of a section and then again in the middle of the same section. Finally - and I realize this is personal preference - I found some of the word choice odd and/or repetitive, such as the author's frequent use of "tie-up."

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### **Becky Ginther says**

If you are into Disney World, this may be a very interesting book for you. However, it's definitely for a certain type of fan. I think that someone who maybe has an annual pass and goes all of the time and already knows every minute little detail will already know some of what's in here. On the other hand, even if you go every few years and consider yourself a fan, I do think there is a lot here that will be new and interesting.

The idea behind this book is really good, but it unfortunately drags in places. It's fascinating to learn facts that you may not have realized about what is around you, such as the fountain in Epcot containing water

from rivers all over the world. Unfortunately, there are a few too many sections that go on and on about items hidden in queue lines or around the parks. I don't really want to read about something I could actually see (even if a lot of people tend to miss it). I'd prefer to hear about behind the scenes information that I have no other way of knowing.

In addition, it only covers the main four parks: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom. I'm sure there's tons of hidden magic in other places, such as the resorts, water parks, and downtown Disney, but they get no mention in this book.

It's definitely an interesting read at least once, especially for Disney fans. And the time line for each park is interesting to read to learn how it has progressed through the years. But some sections are better off skipping or just glancing over.

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