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A Different Kind of Guidebook for a Different Kind of Theme Park Experience

Completely Revised for 2020 — Now with the New Muppets Show and Happily Ever After

This Is NOT The WDW Guidebook For You If...

- You want to run around like a crazy person from dawn to midnight trying to accomplish the superhuman task of seeing everything in Magic Kingdom.
- You need a description of every hot dog stand and turkey leg in the park.
- You want a mathematics Ph.D. to guide you through the maze of ticket options.

Do yourself a favor. Step beyond the rush-here, do-that frenzy of most guidebooks to truly appreciate the magic behind the attractions.

Aaron Wallace avoids the ephemera of prices and menus to explore the heart of the Disney experience. He provides a lighthearted but scholarly look at the history, lore, and literature that inform the designs and storylines of every attraction in Magic Kingdom.

Far from being mere "amusements," these attractions provide a complex, multi-layered narrative that can be experienced and appreciated just like a great novel, play, or film.

This is a guide for those ready to immerse themselves in the magnificent achievement that is Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. It will fascinate Disney buffs with surprising insights into old favorites while offering newcomers a much richer introduction to the magic.

For the first time, WDW is appreciated not as a mere theme park but as what Disney's Imagineers always intended it to be — a work of art.

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