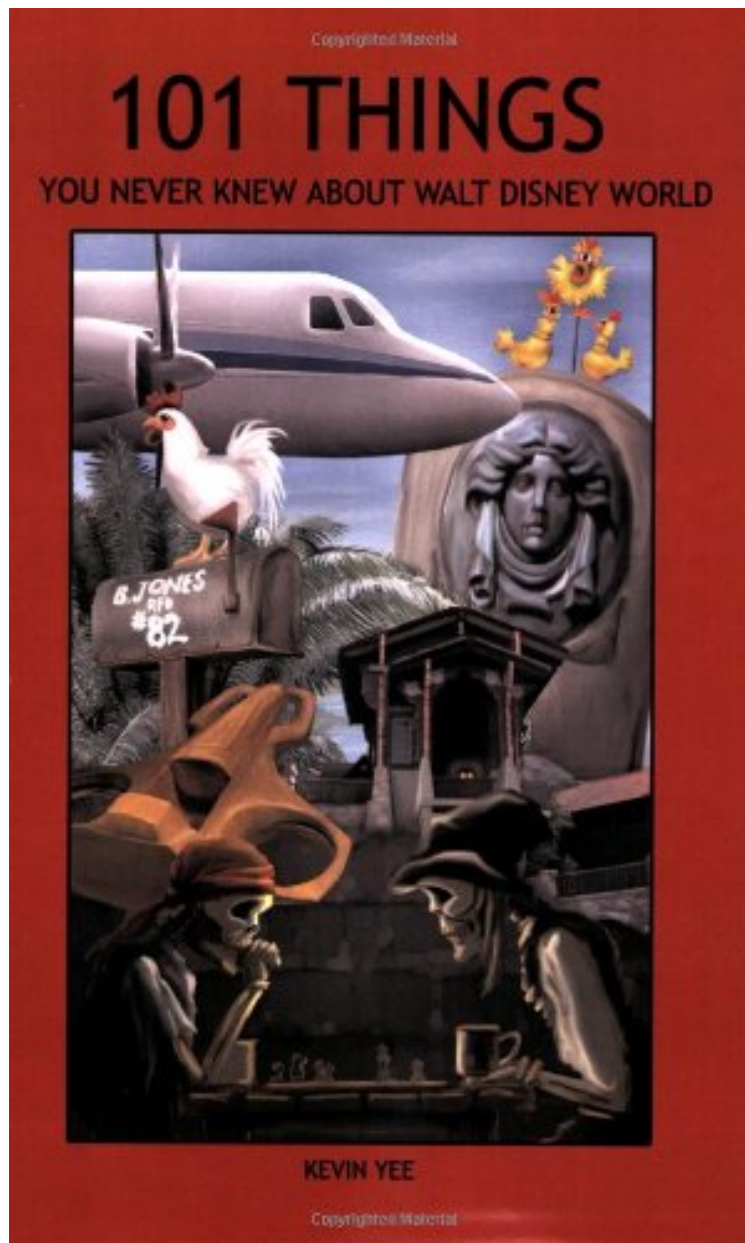


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The reading was okay, but there wasn't much meat to it. Each page has a paragraph or maybe two that tells a story. Only a handful are interesting as many explain boring stuff like where pictures of old executives are located. One of the most interesting pages told about how Disney bought up all of the FL property using fictitious companies. For the price, I was disappointed as most of it is not notable. If you're a Disney buff, get this from the library and save the \$\$\$ - you can read it in a 1/2 hr sitting.
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By Disney World Fan
If you know nothing about Disney World, this might be somewhat interesting, but if you're looking for significant insights, this isn't the book for you. As many other reviewers have stated, there is no real substance to the information. You're given little tidbits of information, but none of it is expanded upon. So many of the 101 facts are really basic. If you've read any book about Disney World, you probably know these things already. It's almost as though this book is a compilation of facts from other books on the subject. While it wasn't a total waste of money, it's not something I'll keep to page through again. "Mousejunkies" is a far better publication and costs about the same.
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By Christina Castillo
great info about the parks if you have been there alot.

Think you know Walt Disney World? Do you know the backstory of Dinoland U.S.A. that unifies the entire land? Do you know how the former attraction named Dreamflight is commemorated in today's Magic Kingdom? Do you know how Ellen's Energy Adventure mentions the ride which preceded it? Do you know where the references to Horizons and World of Motion are? Do you know how Disney's Animal Kingdom pays tribute to the land it planned but never created? Do you know where the Hidden Kermit is located? Do you know how the four theme parks honor the years in which they opened? You have probably heard a few "interesting facts" about Walt Disney World over the years. Perhaps you've heard that the windows on the second story of the buildings on Main Street honor individuals of note in WDW history? Or that the company plane Walt used to survey the eventual WDW property from the air now lives at the studios park? It's all true... but these are only two of the interesting facts pointed out in "101 Things You Never Knew About Walt Disney World." And those are only two of the best-known examples. Many of these stories deal with much more obscure, yet equally interesting, pieces of history of the theme parks. You haven't heard all these stories before!

From the Author
There are lots of Disney guide books in the world, but where are the books detailing interesting stories behind odd theming choices, hidden tributes, or the weird references to names or numbers scattered around that probably mean something specific but aren't explained? This book fills that void and was created to be accessible for every level of Disney fan. Newcomers to Disneyana will be bowled over by the volume of detail, the rich layers of self-reference, and the abundance of insider tributes. Readers accustomed to such stories about Walt Disney World will find a useful resource that not only catalogs such occurrences in one spot, but goes far beyond the usual, and brings a wealth of new stories and anecdotes to the table. The individual 101 Things referenced by the title are all items you can actually point to at the parks, so that the book provides a kind of walking tour of the parks (in guided tour format, rather than "question-and-answer" format) that yields a glimpse of the deeper history percolating below the surface. Moreover, each of the 101 "interesting facts" comes with an explanation as well as an embellishment that goes in related, but different, directions. These embellishments are practically interesting new facts all by themselves, so what you get is closer to 202 Things You Never Knew About Walt Disney World.
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#35: The staging of animal encounters on Big Thunder Mountain Railroad pays tribute to the ride which was its creative ancestor. When Big Thunder Mountain Railroad first premiered at Disneyland, it replaced Mine Train thru Nature's Wonderland, a slow-moving train ride through desert scenes and tableaux of robotic animals interacting with their surroundings in various ways. Some of those interactions are recreated at the Magic Kingdom's version of Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, such as the bobcat taking refuge from three attacking boars atop a cactus or a face-off between a roadrunner and a snake, both of which take place in the town of Tumbleweed, and are best viewed from the

passing Walt Disney World railroad.