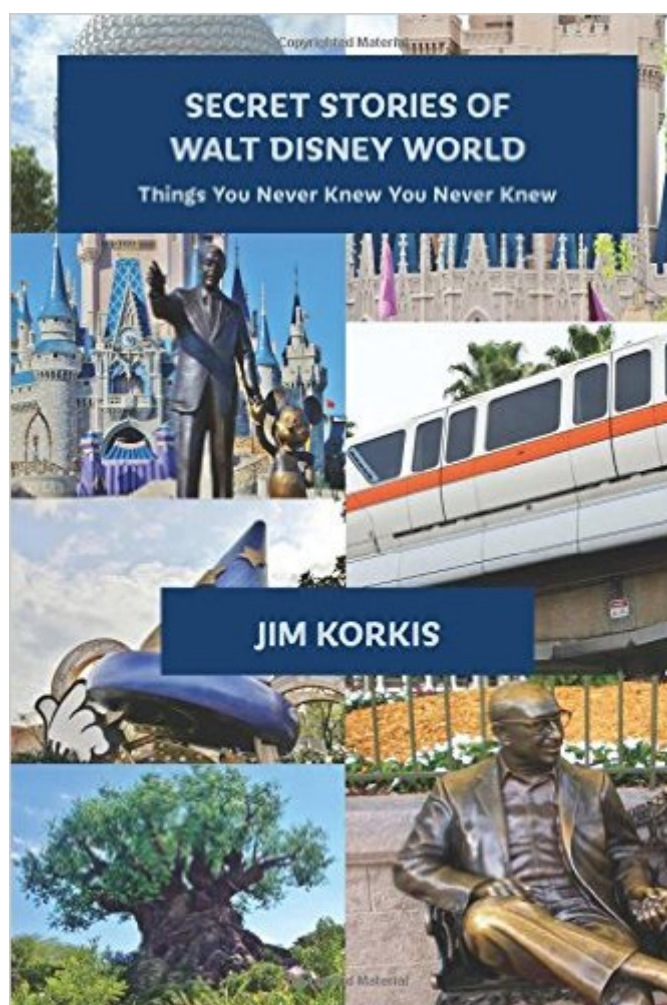


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Synopsis

The Rosetta Stone of Disney MagicWarning! There be secrets ahead. Disney secrets. Mickey doesn't want you to know how the magic is made, but Jim Korkis knows, and if you read Jim's book, you'll know, too. Put the kids to bed. Pull those curtains. Power down that iPhone. Let's keep this just between us...If you've come expecting more of the same Disney trivia, you're in for a surprise. This is not a Disney trivia book. It's a book of Disney secrets, each exactly two pages long, and each brimming with backstage lore. Jim Korkis gathered these secrets when he worked at Walt Disney World as an instructor at Disney University. They're all true. They're all cool. And they include:How the popularity of Typhoon Lagoon and Blizzard Beach meant the doom of an important piece of Disney historyUnited Arab Emirates, Equatorial Africa, Costa Rica, and other planned Epcot pavilions that never wereDisney's original plans for Figment, how corporate politics turned him purple, and why the Dreamfinder shrunkWilderness Junction, the Alpine Resort, the Enchanted Snow Palace Ride, and other abandoned attractionsBeacon Joe, the character you've never heard of, even though he appears numerous times throughout Disney WorldPSST! WANNA HEAR A (DISNEY) SECRET?

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Customer Reviews

My copy just arrived and, flipping through it, ended up reading the two page section of The Great Movie Ride which consists of twelve short paragraphs. Though I consider myself to be rather knowledgeable about WDW, each of the twelve paragraphs taught me something new. I was 0 for

12! I look forward to reading the other 176 pages.

I continually check for any new book listing by Jim Korkis. I consider him the consummate professional DISNEY HISTORIAN. I know from reading his books over the years that his facts on all things Disney are REAL FACTS, not rumors and outright lies that are SWORN TO BE TRUE by other "so called" experts. I've been waiting several years for this Walt Disney World book, since there is SO MUCH misinformation out there on Walt Disney World. I especially welcome this book because I know very little about WDW, compared to Disneyland - since I'm a Disney fan who has lived on the West Coast most of my life. Although I've visited Disneyland numerous times, I've only been to WDW's Magic Kingdom and EPCOT once each - both on the July 4th weekend in 1988. I've read as many books as I could find on Walt Disney World over the years, but so many of the books seemed to be clones of each other - often repeating incorrect information that even I knew was not true. I'm THRILLED that I can finally read a book about WDW that I can trust and know that the facts within the book are REALLY TRUE FACTS!! As usual, Jim Korkis brings his clear writing style to inform and entertain anyone interested in the subject of his Disney book. This time, I know many WDW fans will love being informed and entertained by the special contents of this book!! Thanks for this book, Jim - but NOW I WANT A VOLUME TWO & THREE & FOUR, etc. There is just so much info on WDW that I want you to continue to share!!

The Right (and Write) Stuff!. There are scads of rumors about the Disney Parks, but Jim Korkis knows the facts, and is happy to tell them to us in this entertaining and educational (if you love Disney trivia) book. Some rumors are even spread by Cast Members- I remember one CM telling me that the "two finger point" was due to the fact the Walt was a heavy smoker(he was, but he never smoked in front of his public, the two finger point is due to the fact that pointing with one finger is either rude or bad luck in some cultures).Anyway, for fans of Disney Trivia and History, here is a nice compilation of FACTS about Walt Disney World. Many things are covered such as Cinderella Castle, Inside Spaceship Earth, the railway garden at the German Pavilion, Remembering Body Wars (Did you know that Leonard Nimoy directed the film?), the many bits of pieces of stuff from The Rocketeer (one of my fave films!) scattered around, and many, many more. One cool addition is several chapters on "Things that Never Were" such as some of the World Showcase Pavilions that didn't get built- Russia, Spain, Israel, etc. Very readable, and a must- get for any lover of Disney Trivia or History.

Very interesting historical account of WDW, from the planning stages, to the land purchase and development, to the park's openings. Also, contains the history of the later parks, Animal Kingdom, Epcot and HS.

Over the decades we have been visiting WDW, we have heard versions of some of these stories from various people, mostly cast members. We always wondered if they were accurate. Thanks to the author, we now know the truth. I found this book to be interesting. Any true fan of Disney lore should find it interesting as well.

I'm not a Disney fanatic by any means. Before reading this book, I didn't know anything about Disney history or trivia. I only picked up this book because I'm planning a family trip to Walt Disney World, and I tend to go all in with my research. So, to me, this book was full of mostly new facts. I didn't have the same issues cited by other reviewers about the lack of new material. It was all new to me â " and interesting, too. Jim Korkis has really firm grasp on the history and minutia of all things related to Walt Disney World. It's amazing. However, what Korkis does not have is a decent copyeditor. For a person like me, it's distracting to see simple grammar and punctuation mistakes appear every few pages. It detracts from the final product. And that's why I had to take away a star or two in my final rating. Your mileage may vary of course. If you're cool with typos, then this is certainly a four- or five-star effort.

This was a great ride! There were great stories that I can't wait to share with friends. Anyone going to Walt Disney World should take this book with them. What you should do is go around to different parts of the park that Jim writes about, find a bench and read the secret story. It's a great way to give you a new experience of the parks at Walt Disney World. For example, if you are reading the secret story about the fountain at Epcot, find a seat at the Electric Umbrella, grab a snack and read away!

Jim Korkis is a font of Disney trivia. The smallest tidbit of minutiae is no challenge to Jim. And for me, the best thing is that he is a fan of Walt, as am I-my hero, Jim always includes details involving Walt. And not just conjecture; Jim has plenty of material to back it up.

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