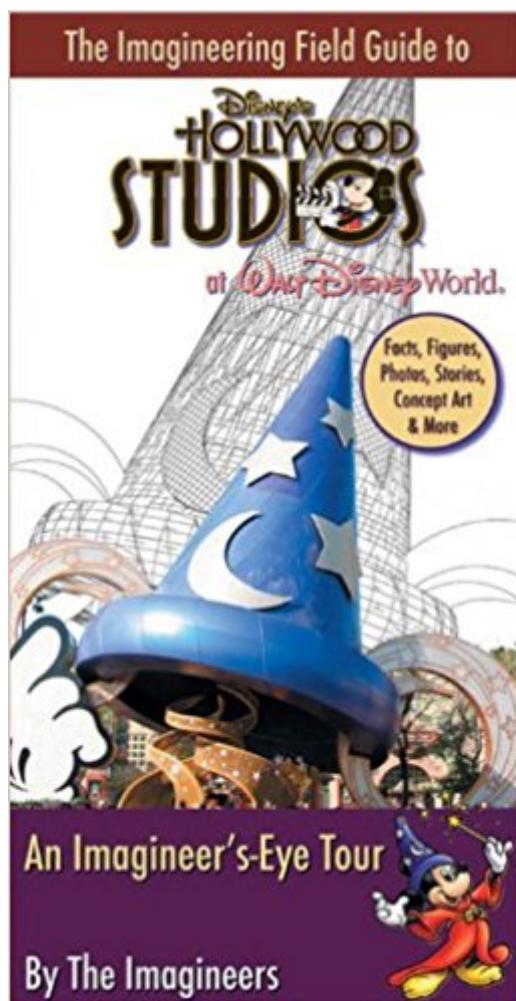


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The Imagineering Field Guide To Disney's Hollywood Studios



Synopsis

The fifth in a series of pocket-size paperbacks answers the question "What would it be like to walk through Disney's Hollywood Studios with an Imagineer by your side?" The Imagineering Field Guide to Disney's Hollywood Studios provides that experience: pointing out details and telling stories, backstories, and Imagineering insights never before heard, condensed into a portable, easily referenced park guide. You'll never spend time at the Studios the same way again. Each spread contains fascinating textual information and related images (drawings, photos, graphics) such as: Layouts, backgrounds, and origins of each park/land/miniland; Concept art to compare to the finished show; Timeline information (opening dates, previous shows in the same venue, alterations, and updates); Photography of the details and pictures being discussed; Special props, design sources, artistic inspirations, nomenclature gags

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Customer Reviews

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I have over time acquired the set. All of these Imagineering guides had been highly recommended by others in the past. They are filled with history of why things happened and were done a certain way, as well as what might have been but didn't happen, and why. If you are truly into the Disney parks like I am, these are a great addition to your Disney book collection. Get them all. Of course, with the constant change in the Disney parks, these cannot be constantly kept absolutely up to date. But the major attractions, and the history of the basis and basics of each park don't change.

After thoroughly enjoying the previous Imagineering Field Guides for Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and Magic Kingdom, I was anxiously awaiting the arrival of the guide for Hollywood Studios. Unfortunately, this book does not even come close to the quality of the other three. The details are drab. Frequently, it even seems like some of the pages are out of order. The topic will move on to another scene, then suddenly have a comment about the previous scene out of the blue and out of context. The small amount of information the book does provide is good, just presented poorly. I'm not sure I can recommend paying full price. If you enjoyed the other guides, you will definitely be disappointed in this. If you haven't read any others, then you will like learning some of the details behind the development of my favorite Disney park.

LOVE this book (and the Imagineering Field Guides to the other Disney Parks as well)! It isn't huge, but has tons of fun facts about the little-noticed details the Disney Imagineers put into the design and decoration of their rides and parks. Details even about little signs (like the "for rent" sign in one window) you will see placed in the facades of the buildings along Hollywood Avenue!

Delivered as advertised.

It's the little things, the little details, that make this series of books special. So many overlooked details are revealed here, you'll want to spend a whole day in DHS looking up, down and around. If you're not at the parks, it's a great bedtime reader to put you in the dreamstate of being there.

A must read for anyone who loves the theme parks, Just Imagine what a little Imagineering can do !
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I have always been a fan of the Disney parks in Orlando. I love reading stories and books about them - about the behind-the-scenes stuff. Previous to this book, I have been reading the Imagineering

Field Guides to the Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, and Animal Kingdom. I couldn't wait to read this Field Guide as well. Very informative and an interesting read.

Good informative book.

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