



RECOMMENDED READING

Disney Destinations

What better way to prepare for a vacation with the masters of storytelling than some immersive reading?! Beyond the plethora of easy-to-find children's books based on Disney characters, there are numerous options for middle grade, young adult, and adult readers to jump-start the Disney vacation vibe...

The Kingdom Keepers series, by Ridley Pearson

Disney After Dark kicks off this seven-book series. Soon after, five Orlando teens are recruited to become hologram hosts at the Walt Disney World Resort, and they realize there's more to the job than answering guests' questions during park hours. Throughout the series, readers visit all four parks within the Walt Disney World Resort (FL), the Disneyland Resort (CA), and the Disney Dream cruise ship. Written for Middle-Grade readers, this series is also fun for Young Adult and Adult readers who enjoy a bit of Fantasy, a bit of Sci-Fi, and a whole lot of Disney behind-the-scenes!

Twisted Tale series, various authors

These Young Adult novels take the Disney stories you know and love and flips them on their heads with a "What if..." premise. *A Whole New World* by Liz Braswell was the first in the series, and explores "What if Aladdin never found the lamp?" With 16 novels (and 4 additional Australian exclusive titles), a short story anthology, and two graphic novels, readers are sure to find an intriguing story! Also recommended for Adult readers.

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Tales from the Haunted Mansion, by Amicus Arcane, John Esposito

Readers are treated to the stories of some of the Haunted Mansion's 999 resident ghosts, straight from the Mansion's resident Librarian, Amicus Arcane (as "transcribed" by author John Esposito). Full of Haunted Mansion attraction lore and Disney and Pop Culture "Easter Eggs," this is the perfect four-volume collection of short stories for any fan of Disney's Haunted Mansion.

Walt Disney: An American Original, by Bob Thomas

Considered the definitive biography on Walt Disney, starting with Walt's childhood in Missouri, moving into his late teen years as an enlisted ambulance driver in WWI, and his young adulthood in California, creating and building what would become The Walt Disney Company. Appropriate for Middle-Grade through Adult readers.

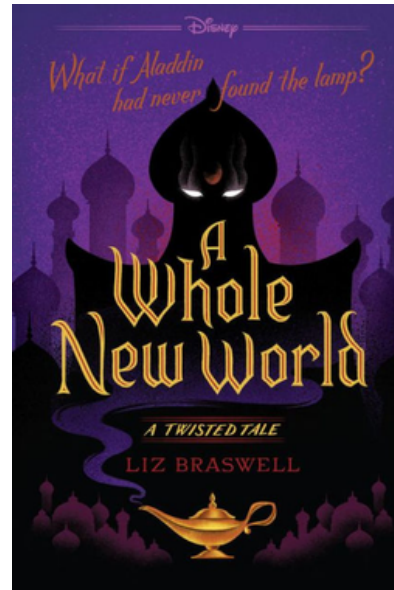
Work in Progress, by Michael Eisner and Tony Schwartz

As CEO and Chairman of The Walt Disney Company from 1984 to 2005, Michael Eisner has been credited with spearheading the Disney Renaissance, the company's revitalization period starting in 1989 with the release of *The Little Mermaid* and the opening of Disney-MGM Studios (now Disney's Hollywood Studios). Appropriate for Young Adult through Adult Readers.

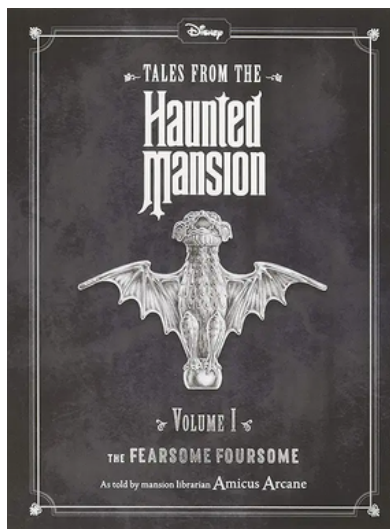
The Ride of a Lifetime, by Robert Iger

Bob Iger succeeded Michael Eisner as CEO of the Walt Disney Company from 2005 to 2021, returning at the behest of the Company Board of Directors in 2023. Iger has continued to see the Walt Disney Company thrive and expand. Appropriate for Young Adult through Adult Readers.

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