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Rituals mark significant moments in our lives perhaps none more significant than moments of lightheartedness, joy, and play. The rituals that bond humanity create our most transcendent experiences and meaningful memories. Rituals of play are among the most sacred of any of the rites in which humanity may engage. Although we may fail to recognize rituals of play, they are always present in culture, providing a kind of psychological release for their participants, child and adult alike. Ritual is central to storytelling. Story and practice are symbiotic. Their relationship reflects the vitality of the soul. Disneyland is an example of the kind of container necessary for the construction of rituals of play. This work explores the original Disney theme park in Anaheim as a temple cult. It challenges the disciplines of mythological studies, religious studies, film studies, and depth psychology to broaden traditional definitions of the kind of cultural apparatus that constitute temple culture and ritual. It does so by suggesting that Hollywood's entertainment industry has developed a platform for mythic ritual. After setting the ritualized "stage", this book turns to the practices in Disneyland proper, analyzing the patrons traditions within the framework of the park and beyond. It explores Disneyland's spectacles, through selected shows and parades, and concludes with an exploration of the parks participation in ritual renewal.

Alan Bryman has expanded on his internationally well-known work on Disney theme parks and Disneyization to create a fascinating and highly readable book. It should prove of interest to beginning students in a number of different courses and fields, as well as to scholars interested in culture and consumption. There is no question that the model created by Disney, and emulated in whole or in part by many organizations and in many settings, will continue to influence social structure and culture well into the future. This is an important book about a significant social process. And, it manages to be a fun read, as well!' - George Ritzer, author of McDonaldization and Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland
Bryman's analysis of contemporary consumption is full of detail and provides a host of examples ranging from restaurants and hotels, to theme parks, zoos and sports stadia. Without doubt students will find it an accessible text, one that should allow them to think about consumption, familiar consumer products, settings and activities, sociologically' - Barry Smart, Professor of Sociology, University of Portsmouth
Bryman's dissection of Disneyization is a timely and significant contribution to the growing literature on Disney. In fact, his excellent analysis of the extension of Disneyization throughout society explains why we should care about the Disney phenomenon at all. This is not only an important book for Disney scholars, but for any one interested in the future of modern society' - Janet Wasko Professor of Communication Studies, University of Oregon
This is an agenda-setting new work in the sociology of culture and modern society. It argues that the contemporary world is increasingly converging towards the characteristics of the Disney theme parks. This process of convergence is revealed in: the growing influence of themed environments in settings like restaurants, shops, hotels, tourism and zoos; the growing trend towards social environments that are driven by combinations of forms of consumption: shopping, eating out, gambling, visiting the cinema, watching sports; the growth in cachet awarded to brands based on licensed merchandise; and the increased prominence of work that is a performance in which the employees have to display certain emotions and generally convey impressions as though working in a theatrical event. This insightful book demonstrates the importance of control and surveillance in consumer culture. Of interest to a wide variety of students studying in business, sociology, cultural studies, media studies and leisure studies courses this will also be of interest to anybody interested in

understanding the intricacies of modern society.

Columbo was arguably the most popular and most unique television mystery series ever -even though, within two minutes of the titles, the audience already knew the murderer's identity. The show captivated tens of millions of viewers for 69 adventures produced over 35 years. Yet if star Peter Falk had gotten his way, it would have run far longer. Columbo was never formally canceled, just subtly killed off. Twice. Who was to blame? The temperamental lead who would rather work in movies? The budget-conscious studio, exhausted with the star's demands? Or was it the meddling television studios, searching for a younger, hipper replacement? Discover the solution in "Shooting Columbo: The Lives and Deaths of TV's Rumbled Detective." Author David Koenig takes you behind the scenes to witness the creation and making of every case, from the pilot "Prescription: Murder" (and its earlier incarnations on "The Chevy Mystery Show" and on stage) to the final special, "Columbo Likes the Nightlife." You'll discover the origins of the Lieutenant's unseen wife, the lethargic Dog, the wrinkled raincoat, the wheezing 1959 Peugeot, and "Just one more thing...." The narrative draws on scores of exclusive interviews with the show's writers, producers, directors and other creative personnel, as well as previously unpublished studio records, including scripts, memos, production reports, casting sheets, and business diaries. They will transport you to the harried story conferences, the heated confrontations, and take... after take... after take... of filming. The "shooting" of Columbo was filled with backstage intrigue and larger-than-life personalities who, through it all, created unforgettable classic television.

A revealing glimpse backstage at Disneyland examines its development operations while revealing stories of mischievous employees and devious guests

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.

The recently discovered memoirs of William O. Taylor about Custer's defeat in the battle against the Sioux on the Little Bighorn. Taylor, who served in all of General George A. Custer's western campaigns from 1873 to 1876, writes with vigor & poetic clarity about how the U.S. Army was levied its worst defeat ever at the hands of the Sioux warrior Crazy Horse. Fully annotated for the modern reader, his account is richly illustrated with duotone photos -- many of them never before seen -- & facsimiles of Taylor's handwritten manuscript. Reading it is like actually serving with Custer before his death at the battle of the Little Bighorn.

This book examines Donald Trump's longstanding connections to professional wrestling in relation to how he uses and exploits language, and the ways in which he has weaponized going public never before seen in previous administrations. Trump utilizes the language of wrestling to make rhetorical appeals and draws upon its theatrical tactics to redefine expectations of spaces to fundamentally change the nature of political expectations and expression. Wrestling is almost always about stories within a confined space, and Donald Trump inculcated many of its techniques to command an audience with rhetoric. The emotional performance supersedes truth or accuracy; factual exactness matters less than your presentation of the material. As Donald Trump blends performance and public service, social confusion over boundaries has occurred. Theatrical norms, when applied to daily life, generate vastly different reactions than within the artificial confines of an arena. It is not simply a muddling of public and private, but rather a jumbling of theatrical and generalized social standards. This book examines these aspects and explores how Donald Trump has also utilized well-established presidential tools in completely new ways in an attempt to build the strongest executive branch in American history.

Mouse - the mysterious man with the unassuming moniker (and the mentor of teen sner Kid sensation) - finally has his story told. Brilliant and gifted, Mouse is a mental whiz who fails utterly in his initial attempts to join a super hero team. With his dream ostensibly out of reach, he eventually ends up working at an

electronics repair shop, toiling in relative obscurity but seemingly content and at peace with the hand fate has dealt him. However, a surprise visit from the Alpha League - the worlds premier team of superheroes - changes all of that in a heartbeat. --cover

Since the 1930s, the Walt Disney Company has produced characters, images, and stories that have captivated audiences around the world. How can we understand the appeal of Disney products? What is it about the Disney phenomenon that attracts so many children, as well as adults? In this updated second edition, with new examples provided throughout, Janet Wasko examines the processes by which the Disney company – one of the largest media and entertainment corporations in the world – continues to manufacture the fantasies that enthrall millions. She analyses the historical expansion of the Disney empire into the twenty-first century, examines the content of Disney's classic and more recent films, cartoons and TV programs and discusses how they are produced, considering how some of the same techniques have been applied to the Disney theme parks. She also discusses the reception (and sometimes, reinterpretation) of Disney products by different kinds of audiences. By looking at the Disney phenomenon from a variety of perspectives, she provides an updated and comprehensive overview of one of the most significant media and cultural institutions of our time. This important book by a leading scholar of the entertainment industries will be of great interest to students in media and cultural studies, as well as a broader readership of Disney fans.

Presents the text of Alice Walker's story "Everyday Use"; contains background essays that provide insight into the story; and features a selection of critical response. Includes a chronology and an interview with the author.

A lone sniper. Eight million targets. An entire city on edge... A mysterious sniper is killing random New York City citizens at the same time every day. Detective Joe Bannon and his partner Hannah Trimble follow the trail of clues down repeated blind alleys. With citizens fearing to venture outside, the streets of Manhattan have become nearly deserted. When the sniper begins escalating the profile of his targets, higher level government agencies are pulled in. But the shooter always seems to be one step ahead of the law and slips away whenever the authorities get close. As copycat killings begin spreading to other cities across the U.S., the President hatches a dangerous plan to trap the killer. Can Joe and Hannah catch the assassin before he executes the most closely guarded man in history? Catch the excitement - read the reader reviews: "The best thriller I've read in the last 12 months." "Gripping page turner." "Nonstop scary thrill ride." "Couldn't put it down." "The best of the best." "McLeay: A star is born." "A remarkable work." "You need to read this one." Get your pulse pounding today with this unputdownable thriller!

Spanning the entire history of the park, from its founding more than 50 years ago to the present, this fascinating book explores 500 attractions, restaurants, stores, events, and significant people from Disneyland. Each of the main encyclopedia

entries illuminates the history of a Disneyland landmark, revealing the initial planning strategies for the park's iconic attractions and detailing how they evolved over the decades. Enriching this unique A-to-Z chronicle are profiles of the personalities who imagined and engineered the kingdom known as "The Happiest Place on Earth." Discover unbuilt concepts, including Liberty Street, Rock Candy Mountain, and Chinatown, and delight in fascinating trivia about long-lost Disneyland features, from the real rifles in the shooting gallery that used to be located on Main Street to the jet-packed Rocket Man who flew above Tomorrowland. Overflowing with meticulously researched details and written in a spirited, accessible style, *The Disneyland Encyclopedia* is a comprehensive and entertaining exploration of the most-influential, most-renovated, and most-loved theme park in the world!

Offers a chronologically arranged look at the thirty animated Disney films, as well as the development and growth of the Disney industry and theme parks

Walking through Disneyland, you'll spot cast members dressed up as cowboys in Frontierland, jungle explorers in Adventureland, and small-town shopkeepers on Main Street. But, back when the park first opened in 1955, the employees weren't pretending. These were true-to-life characters, hand-picked for their amazing backgrounds. Now for the first time you can get to know these fascinating personalities in "The 55ers: The Pioneers Who Settled Disneyland" by David Koenig. You'll meet close to 700 Year One cast members from every department in the park, including: ¿ Disneyland's notorious first general manager C.V. Wood and his "Texas mafia" ¿ Vesey Walker, the bristly conductor of the Disneyland Band and the 16 often-crazy musicians who followed him, ¿ The always-too-serious Marshal Lucky and his never-serious-enough nemesis, the villainous Black Bart, ¿ The adorable sweeper Trinidad, ¿ K7 the Kaiser Spaceman, ¿ The original Jungle Cruise skippers, ¿ The Merlin's Magic Shop magicians, ¿ The Puffin's bakers, ¿ The Hobbyland model airplane flyers ¿ The Golden Horseshoe can-can dancers, ¿ Plus the very first nurses, security officers, firemen, wranglers, ticket sellers, newsboys, switchboard operators, ride operators, and many, many more. The book features hundreds of never-before-published images, most of them provided by the original Disneylanders themselves. The candid photos provide peeks inside a number of long-vanished areas of the park, including the Sunny-View Jams & Jellies shop, the Plantation House chicken restaurant, and the Adventureland Bazaar.

Providing a comprehensive collection of classic and current papers on popular culture, this volume includes key works from Adorno to Williams, as well as a wide range of international perspectives that engage with the dynamic changes that combine to generate popular culture today.

Concentrating on the classic animated feature films produced under Walt Disney's personal supervision, Robin Allan examines the European influences on some of the most beloved Disney classics from *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* to *The Jungle Book*. This lavishly illustrated volume is based on archival research and extensive

interviews with those who worked closely with Walt Disney.

The "Happiest Place on Earth" opened in 1955 during a trying time in American life—the Cold War. Disneyland was envisioned as a utopian resort where families could play together and escape the tension of the "real world." Since its construction, the park has continually been updated to reflect changing American culture. The park's themed features are based on familiar Disney stories and American history and folklore. They reflect the hopes of a society trying to understand itself in the wake of World War II. This book takes a fresh look at the park, analyzing its cultural narrative by looking beyond consumerism and corporate marketing to how Disney helped America cope during the Cold War and beyond.

In this second volume of the best-selling Vault of Walt series, Disney historian Jim Korkis reveals even more forgotten tales of Walt Disney and the Disney Company to entertain and enlighten Disney fans.

Abel's place in his familiar, mouse world has always been secure; he had an allowance from his mother, a comfortable home, and a lovely wife, Amanda. But one stormy August day, furious flood water carry him off and dump him on an uninhabited island. Despite his determination and stubborn resourcefulness--he tried crossing the river with boats and ropes and even on stepping-stones--Abel can't find a way to get back home. Days, then weeks and months, pass. Slowly, his soft habits disappear as he forages for food, fashions a warm nest in a hollow log, models clay statues of his family for company, and continues to brood on the problem of how to get across the river--and home. Abel's time on the island brings him a new understanding of the world he's separated from. Faced with the daily adventure of survival in his solitary, somewhat hostile domain, he is moved to reexamine the easy way of life he had always accepted and discovers skills and talents in himself that hold promise of a more meaningful life, if and when he should finally return to Mossville and his dear Amanda again. Abel's Island is a 1976 New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of the Year and Outstanding Book of the Year, and a 1977 Newbery Honor Book.

"The Disney Middle Ages: A Fairy-Tale and Fantasy Past examines the intersection between the products of the Walt Disney Company and popular culture's fascination with the Middle Ages. The Disney Middle Ages have come, for many, to figure as the Middle Ages, forming the earliest visions of the medieval past for much of the contemporary western (and increasingly eastern) imaginary. The Disney Middle Ages explores Disney's accounts of the Middle Ages and their political and cultural ramifications, analyzing how these re-creations of a fairy-tale history function in modern society"--

This book offers a systematic approach not only to understanding workplace change, but alternative models and practical steps that can be taken to create change. It demonstrates how the sociological perspective helps to understand the rise of Net-Works as a new organizational form in the global economy and a way to envision new alternative work arrangements.

Read one Cast Member's stories of backstage areas, fights, fires, private parties, orientation, cast events, cast romance, pranks, stupid guest tricks, mishaps, accidents, helping to create the Haunted Mansion Holiday, and working on September 11, 2001. But this is no mere listing of things that go wrong at Disneyland. For the first time, readers can experience what it's like to really work at Disneyland, from the mundane to

the extravagant. The book is aimed primarily at current and former Cast Members, who will recognize so much of their experience captured in these pages. Readers who have worked at the park will be entranced all over again by the magic of working in Walt Disney's park. It's not an experience one soon forgets, and readers will find themselves inevitably drawn in as well.

The bestselling coming-of-age classic, acclaimed by critics, beloved by readers of all ages, taught in schools and universities alike, and translated around the world—from the winner of the 2019 PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature. *The House on Mango Street* is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero, a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Told in a series of vignettes—sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous—Sandra Cisneros' masterpiece is a classic story of childhood and self-discovery. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.

An unauthorized look backstage at the world's first and most famous theme park, fully updated and greatly expanded to commemorate Disneyland's fiftieth anniversary, also includes a 60-minute audio CD, "A Walk in the Park: A Guided Tour of Disneyland in 1955."

A revealing glimpse backstage at Disneyland, its development, and its operations Academy Award-winning actress, director, producer, and activist Natalie Portman retells three classic fables and imbues them with wit and wisdom. From realizing that there is no "right" way to live to respecting our planet and learning what really makes someone a winner, the messages at the heart of Natalie Portman's *Fables* are modern takes on timeless life lessons. Told with a playful, kid-friendly voice and perfectly paired with Janna Mattia's charming artwork, Portman's insightful retellings of *The Tortoise and the Hare*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *Country Mouse and City Mouse* are ideal for reading aloud and are sure to become beloved additions to family libraries. An instant New York Times bestseller!

This enthusiastic investigation of Disneyland's hidden treasures leads both first-time visitors and aficionados through the legendary theme park while pointing out tiny surprises around each turn. Helpfully organized as a reading tour, this guidebook features the whereabouts of many of Disneyland's secrets, including the locations of several "Hidden Mickeys," and original movie props that appear around the park. Also included are original illustrations, trivia, and an exploration of Disneyland's history, which notes the subtle tributes Walt Disney placed throughout the grounds honoring the people who made the park possible. Also included are fascinating facts about Disneyland and American history that will interest teachers and tour guides as well as the 13.9 million guests who visit Disneyland every year.

Tells a story about the strange relationship of two migrant workers who are able to realize their dreams of an easy life until one of them succumbs to his weakness for soft, helpless creatures and strangles a farmer's wife.

A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together in Kate DiCamillo's Newbery Medal-winning tale. Welcome to the

story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: Reader, it is your destiny to find out. With black-and-white illustrations and a refreshed cover by Timothy Basil Ering.

Media depictions of community are enormously influential on wider popular opinion about how people would like to live. In this study, Rowley examines depictions of ideal communities in Hollywood films and television and explores the implications of attempts to build real-world counterparts to such imagined places.

A little mouse who dreams of the moon, travels to the Smithsonian Museum where he learns about the history of mouse aviation and begins preparing for his own journey into outer space.

Offers a look at the creation and operation of the world's most popular vacation destination, revealing how Walt Disney's City of Tomorrow evolved into a sprawling resort where, despite extraordinary efforts, everything doesn't always go according to plan.

This is a classic animal tale about growing up and learning the value of family and friends. It is a page-turner for young readers who love adventure and suspense mingled with romance and devotion.

A timeless tale of courage, resistance and friendship, *The Umbrella Mouse* is a heart-stopping adventure drawing on the true stories of animals caught in the conflict of WWII, winner of the 2019 Sainsbury's Book Prize for Fiction and selected for Waterstones Book of the Month. 1944, and London is under attack. Young mouse Pip Hanway's safe and quiet world is turned upside down when her home, umbrella shop James Smith & Sons, is destroyed by a bomb. Orphaned and alone, she must begin a perilous quest to find a new home. But the only way to get there is by joining Noah's Ark, a secret gang of animals fighting with the resistance in France, operating beneath the feet of the human soldiers. Danger is everywhere and as the enemy closes in, Pip must risk everything to save her new friends. Beautifully illustrated by Sam Usher, Anna Fargher's debut novel takes you on an incredible journey through a war that reaches even the smallest of creatures. 'An ambitious and wonderfully well-achieved first novel' Michael Morpurgo, author of *War Horse*. 'A spellbinding tale of bravery and hope, where courage is found in the smallest of heroes' Gill Lewis, author of *Sky Hawk*.

Alice in Wonderland (also known as *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*), from 1865, is the peculiar and imaginative tale of a girl who falls down a rabbit-hole into a bizarre world of eccentric and unusual creatures. Lewis Carroll's prominent example of the genre of "literary nonsense" has endured in popularity with its clever way of playing with logic and a narrative structure that has influence generations of fiction writing.

A propulsive and "entertaining" (*The Wall Street Journal*) history chronicling the conception and creation of the iconic Disneyland theme park, as told like never before by popular historian Richard Snow. One day in the early 1950s, Walt Disney stood looking over 240 acres of farmland in Anaheim, California, and imagined building a park where people "could live among Mickey Mouse and Snow White in a world still powered by steam and fire for a day or a week or (if the visitor is slightly mad) forever." Despite his wealth and fame, exactly no one wanted

Disney to build such a park. Not his brother Roy, who ran the company's finances; not the bankers; and not his wife, Lillian. Amusement parks at that time, such as Coney Island, were a generally despised business, sagging and sordid remnants of bygone days. Disney was told that he would only be heading toward financial ruin. But Walt persevered, initially financing the park against his own life insurance policy and later with sponsorship from ABC and the sale of thousands and thousands of Davy Crockett coonskin caps. Disney assembled a talented team of engineers, architects, artists, animators, landscapers, and even a retired admiral to transform his ideas into a soaring yet soothing wonderland of a park. The catch was that they had only a year and a day in which to build it. On July 17, 1955, Disneyland opened its gates...and the first day was a disaster. Disney was nearly suicidal with grief that he had failed on a grand scale. But the curious masses kept coming, and the rest is entertainment history. Eight hundred million visitors have flocked to the park since then. In Disney's Land, "Snow brings a historian's eye and a child's delight, not to mention superb writing, to the telling of this fascinating narrative" (Ken Burns) that "will entertain Disneyphiles and readers of popular American history" (Publishers Weekly).

Young Geraldine longs to have adventures as thrilling as those in the Book of Tales, the book her papa reads to her and her brother Button at night. More than that, she wants to be brave--a seemingly impossible task in a world where ravens throw black shadows over the earth and wolves prowl barren lands in search of their prey. But Geraldine is a mouse. The weakest of ground things. Why was she, who wants so much to be brave, created by God to be small and quivering? The book's ten stories follow the Woolkins family--Papa, Mama, Geraldine, and Button--from October to December, as they face their rather human trials and tribulations and Geraldine struggles to understand Very Very Big Hands, the creator of all, including ravens and wolves. Suitable for readers of most ages. Parents will want to read the book to younger children, preferably after making them a cup of cocoa.

The Disneyland Book of Lists offers a new way to explore six decades of Disneyland® history. Hundreds of fascinating lists cover the past and present and feature everything from the park's famous attractions, shops, restaurants, parades, and live shows to the creative artists, designers, characters, and performers who have made Disneyland® the world's most beloved theme park. Inside the pages of this fun- and fact-filled book you will find:

- 13 of Walt Disney's Disneyland® Favorites
- 32 Signs and Structures Reminding of Disneyland's® Past
- A Dozen Scary Moments on Disneyland® Attractions
- 47 Disneyland® Parades
- 18 Secrets in the Haunted Mansion
- 30 Jokes from the Jungle Cruise
- 25 Special Events You May Not Have Heard Of
- 15 Urban Legends
- 123 Celebrity Guests
- 26 Attractions and Exhibits with the Longest Names
- 11 Movies Based on Disneyland® Attractions
- A Dozen World Records Set at Disneyland®

In addition to lists created by author Chris Strodder (The Disneyland® Encyclopedia), the book will include lists from celebrities, Disneyland® experts and historians, Disneyland® Imagineers and designers, and other current and former Disneyland® employees. People have been making lists since Biblical times (think Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, compiled 2,100 years ago), and to this day various top tens, hit parades, and bucket lists chronicle every aspect of our lives. But until now, no book has used lists to categorize all the diverse elements in Disneyland®. Fun, fascinating, factual, and sixty years in the making, The Disneyland® Book of Lists is the only Disneyland® book of its kind. What is it like to be the eyes and ears of the institution known as "The Happiest Place on Earth?" How does it really feel to work day in and day out leading part of the world famous Disneyland Custodial Team? Just how do they keep such a busy place so clean? Find the answers to these questions and more as secrets are revealed in this unauthorized, honest, and affectionate memoir from insiders who struggled to keep guest happy, tame wild new cast members, and keep the original Disneyland clean through a time of tremendous change, growth, and controversy for the Resort. You'll discover that cleaning up is just a part of the job

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