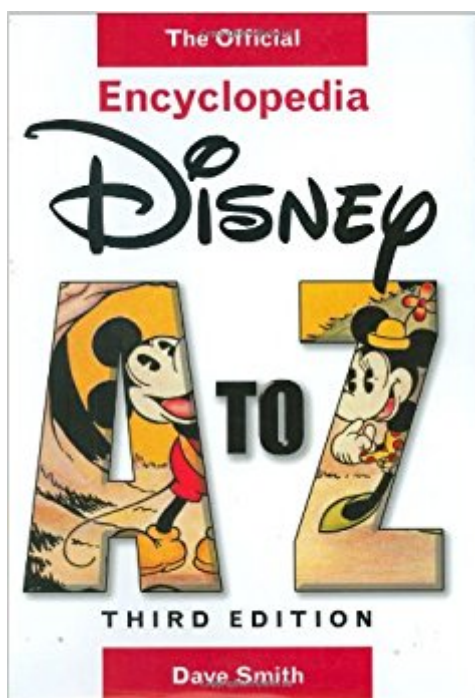


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With 6500 entries, *Disney A to Z: The Official Encyclopedia*, edited by Dave Smith, chief archivist for 25 years at the Walt Disney Archives, it hardly seems possible that anything has been left out. Each of the 128 Donald Duck cartoons is described; the voices of the cartoon characters are identified; the tale of how Mortimer came to be called Mickey is related; and a selected bibliography is included, going back to 1942 books. There are b&w photos throughout, plus an eight-page color insert. (Hyperion, \$29.95 576p ISBN Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

With the public's never-ending interest in Walt Disney the man, the company, and the phenomenon, there is no lack of published materials on the subject. This official Disney Archives publication, however, is unique in its treatment of multiple aspects of the Disney empire. Compiled to help archivists answer telephone questions, the articles are generally brief but offer significant technical information like release and opening dates for films and lists of cartoons in series. Walt Disney, Mickey Mouse, and recent company films merit longer discussions. Entries are arranged alphabetically and cover the company's TV and movie releases; key company personnel; an abundance of information on parks, resorts, and attractions; and even stores and parades.

Biographies provide titles and dates of Disney productions or dates of employment but no personal information. Smith, founder of the Disney Archives and coauthor of *The Ultimate Disney Trivia Book* (Hyperion, 1993), has crafted a trivia-seekers' treasure. For most public and academic collections in the performing arts. Kelli N. Perkins, Herrick P.L., Holland, Mich. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a wonderful resource for a one-stop look at "all things Disney." However, be forewarned that this book does have its mistakes and is not completely thorough, so don't expect something exhaustive...but this is pretty close to it. Descriptions tend to bounce back and forth between incredibly descriptive to incredibly nondescriptive. A tv show that lasted literally only a month will sometimes have a much longer description than a park attraction that had been up for years. There are other mistakes that veteran Disney lovers will also note. For example, the encyclopedia lists "Pecos Bills" eatery (Frontierland) in Disney World as serving some Mexican fare. However, that is incorrect...the Mexican fare is served at "El Pirata y El Perico" eatery (Adventureland), but this eatery is not even listed in the book at all. The two do share an outside dining area. It lists "Caribbean Plaza" (home to the Pirates of the Caribbean ride) in Disney World as "near Adventureland", when it's actually a part of Adventureland and borders Frontierland. Those are just a couple of examples of little mistakes throughout the book. That said, it is a wonderful compilation of everything Disney and is a great gift for any Disney lover!

I am a Disney fanatic. This book has been very interesting to me, because I have enjoyed reading about who provides the voices for my favorite animated films.. My favorite animated film is *The Little Mermaid*.. I dyed my hair to match Ariel's! I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the voice for Scuttle was provided by the legendary Buddy Hackett. The other thing that I love about this film is that Jodi Benson, the voice of Ariel, went to high school in my hometown..

This is a must have for Disney fans. Everything from ABC's *LOST* to the Alice Comedies and from *Steamboat Willy* to *Meet the Robinsons* is covered here. Some articles are more detailed than others but everything is covered. Makes an interesting read just on its own. Film historians and students will find a wealth of connective material here to jump start them on research and fill in the dots on hard to find questions. A beautiful display of pictures is included with this volume. If you can't actually visit the archives (and I certainly would like to) then this is the next best thing.

"Disney A to Z" is an awesome book that a true Disney fan cannot live without. It is a great book that will help you find out about old Disney movies, that you might have not seen. "Disney A to Z" encyclopedia is also an essential source for those that love to play the "Disney Seen it" board game. It gives a short description of ALL Disney movies including the short ones that came out after the World War II. I LOVE IT!!!

My daughter had borrowed this book from the library. I couldn't believe I could buy this book at such a great price. And it was in great shape. The book cover was a little beat up, but what are book covers for? To protect the book. We are so happy with our purchase. And might I say, you can't go wrong with a Disney book. She loves this book!

This book is a great resource for all Disney fans. All the characters, all the movies (unfortunately, the Mephisto movie made in collaboration with Salvador Dali is not in the book) and all the attractions, parks, properties and influential employees are mentioned. Maybe just not as exhaustive as I would like it; it is, however, a great resource.

This is the Disney BIBLE! Everything you have ever wanted to know about anything dealing with Disney. Films, stars, TV, etc. Two thumbs way up! I own the first edition and this one is even better, more up to date on all your favorites! An absolute must for any Disney enthusiast!

Great book, I just wish it would have been updated (2014)

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