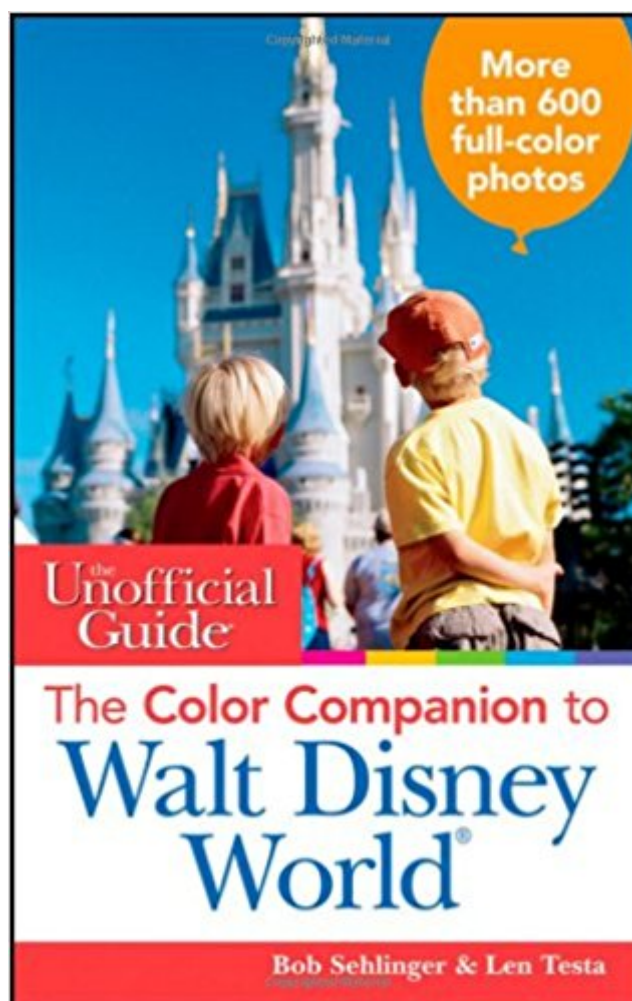


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# The Unofficial Guide: The Color Companion To Walt Disney World (Unofficial Guides)



## Synopsis

A picture is worth 1,000 words! The Color Companion is perfect for pairing with The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World ("the big book") or it can stand alone to provide you with what you need to know in a flash when you're visiting the park. While the Unofficial Guide gives you more than 800 pages of highly detailed information on planning, staying, and surviving your visit to Walt Disney World, The Color Companion also takes the "Unofficial" approach, but SHOWS you where you'll be staying and what you'll be doing?all in a trim little book that's perfect for tucking into a backpack or totebag. Following in the bestselling tradition of the Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World, the Unofficial Guide: The Color Companion to Walt Disney World shows you how to get the inside track on visiting Disney World and make the most of your time in the park.Â Complete with hundreds of full color photographs the Color Companion is a visual guide for your Disney vacation showing you the best that Walt Disney World has to offer.Â The Unofficial Guides series is the only one that offers evaluations based on reader surveys and critiques, compiled by a team of unbiased inspectors: Hotels, attractions, and restaurants in all price categories Extensive information on shopping, nightlife, and sports Friendly and easy-to-use interiorÂ design Hundreds ofÂ color photos and tips bring the park to life and illustrate the Unofficial Guide advantage - showing you the best times to get there and best places to eat and stay in the park

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"Indispensable" â "The New York Times More than 600 full-color images prove that a picture is

worth 1,000 words. A unique visual guide that lets you see how wet you'll get on Splash Mountain, what the crowd conditions are at different times of day in Fantasyland, and how the parks are decked out for various holidays. Pictures of all the attractions, making the book a perfect keepsake. Reviews of all the Walt Disney World resorts, including pictures of the guest rooms, swimming pools, and resort themes. Attractions and resorts rated based on surveys of thousands of Walt Disney World guests. Proven, firsthand advice on how to plan and save money on your Walt Disney World vacation. The Unofficial series is completely independent. If a restaurant serves lackluster food or an attraction is not worth the wait, we'll tell you. Check out The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World, the bestselling independent guide to Walt Disney World and the perfect companion to this full-color guide. Find news, deals, apps, expert advice, and travel forums at [Frommers.com](http://Frommers.com)

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We got this as a present for an 8 year old boy so he could see the rides and things we planned to do on an upcoming visit to Disney. He put check marks by all the things we did on our vacation. He also used the front and back blank sheets for character autographs. (It would be nice if they had a couple more blank sheets for notes or autographs) This does NOT replace the regular Unofficial Guide to Disney World which we also bought. This should be used as a supplement

Don't get me wrong. I think the (Big Book) *The Unofficial Guide Walt Disney World 2012* (Unofficial Guides) is the best Disney planning book from start to finish, but this photo version left me a little disappointed. The layout was not as good as it could have been, and some of the pictures did not quite tell the story they could have. If you want a better alternative with just about as many photographs (probably more if you take into account all the photos that were of bogus attractions and menu items--all done for comedy which I thought was very cute, but might be confusing to a first time WDW visitor), then you might try *The Complete Walt Disney World 2011* which, in my humble opinion is laid out a lot better and has one of the best actual attraction overviews that I've ever seen.

Great book for anyone that is planning a trip to Walt Disney World. A lot of info inside to tell you

about everything there is do and alot of pictures.

If you are planning a trip to Walt Disney World (WDW to its devotees, of whom I am one), the premier guide to WDW's wonders and delights is THE UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO WALT DISNEY WORLD, an 800+ page behemoth that will give you the straight dope on everything--good, bad, and indifferent. As much as I love and revere that 800+ page fount of information, one thing I have always wished for is color photos. Half the fun of reading the tour guides looking over the color pictures and planning, or remembering, the good times to come. The UNOFFICIAL GUIDE: THE COLOR COMPANION TO WALT DISNEY WORLD aims to rectify that deficiency, in a volume that is more manageable in size. And for the most part, they succeed. In order to keep the book to a smaller size and include a mess o' pictures, much information had to be left out. This book lacks the detailed information that the UNOFFICIAL GUIDE provides. But that's to be expected, after all the reader has to expect to trade out some things for color photos and portability. There's still plenty of good information in this book. What I didn't care for was the quality of the photos. They just weren't as "alive" as the photos in Birnbaum's (which does the Official Guide for WDW). Also I didn't so much care for the joke pages, which could confuse some people with no prior WDW experience. If you are going to WDW and want to buy a few guide books, here are my top favorites (in order): 1) THE UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO WALT DISNEY WORLD (for a no-holds barred view) 2) BIRNBAUM'S WALT DISNEY WORLD (for the photos) 3) PASSPORTER'S WALT DISNEY WORLD (for your memories) Have a magical visit!

We bought this guide, the full guide, and the kids guide. The full guide is all you really need. The color companion was nice so that our 3 & 5 year old daughters could flip through the pages and see color pictures of the various rides...but the color companion provided very little value to the adults after reading through the full guide first.

I love the Unofficial Guide books and own the traditional large book because of all the information. That being said, there are no pictures in the huge book so that is where this book takes over. It's filled with beautiful pictures of all things Disney! It still has reviews of everything (just not as in depth) as the traditional book but instead of explaining what a room might look like at a specific resort it shows it instead is wonderful color pictures. I love going through it over and over just to see them. It brings back wonderful memories after our trips.

This book gives a lot of info on it's own even though it's meant to be a companion book. Loved the photos.

I absolutely love all things Disney, and The Unofficial Guide Walt Disney World 2011 (Unofficial Guides) is my favorite trip planning resource. The Unofficial Guides have few (if any) pictures, so I was very excited when this book came out. Sadly, this book is not nearly as helpful or informative as I had expected, and definitely does not live up to the other Unofficial Guide books. It has far too many failed attempts at humor, wasting so much space in the book. There are pictures of hotels and foods that don't even exist. Someone who knows about Disney would know these things aren't real, but someone just learning about the hotels & parks could easily be misled. (After all, is there anything Disney can't do?!) The pictures aren't anything special. You can find these pictures anywhere. I had hoped there would be more detailed pictures of the hotels, parks & rides, and restaurants. Hopefully they'll publish a second edition of this book that will live up to the other Unofficial Guides. My recommendation: Buy the other Unofficial Guides - They're fabulous. If you want pictures, search the internet. This book isn't worth buying.

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