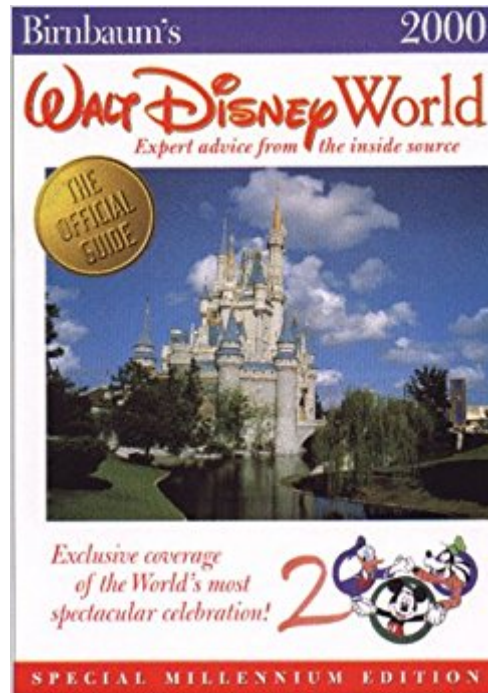




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Synopsis

This commemorative Millennium edition comes complete with sample schedules to help you get the most out of a visit to the park, a colorful two-page chart offering the best selections for the perfect Walt Disney World Resort, as well as all the information you have come to expect from the world's leading travel guide, including prices, insider tips, coupons, and much, much more. And if that isn't enough, find out about the extravagant shows and events themed to the Millennium, and the latest additions to Disney's Animal Kingdom, including the opening of Asia.

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Customer Reviews

Cinderella's Castle, Epcot Center, Mickey Mouse, Splash Mountain, Space Mountain, and lines, lines, lines. A vacation at Walt Disney World shouldn't be spent waiting to enjoy the attractions you traveled so far and spent so much to visit. With that thought in mind, Birnbaum's editors have traveled, toured, and tested every attraction and worked with the folks behind the scenes to compile Birnbaum's Walt Disney World 2000 to help you get the biggest possible bang out of your vacation buck. This colorful guide, which is liberally illustrated with photographs and full-color renderings of Disney notables, begins with the logical "Getting Ready to Go" advice (hotels, transportation, when to go), moves swiftly into lengthy descriptions of each of the major theme parks--Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Disney-MGM Studios, and Animal Kingdom--and then gives the scoop on other sights and activities in the Orlando area. The most useful information is found in the "Hot Tip" boxes sprinkled throughout the text--sit on the right side of the tram when going through MGM's

Catastrophe Canyon if you want to stay dry, for example--and in the descriptions of the rides. Notes at the end of the write-ups call out height requirements or special considerations for those who are pregnant or who have heart conditions (Splash Mountain's "five-story drop into an aqueous briar patch" comes to mind). The guide predicts which attractions are busiest and when, and offers suggestions on where to go when the lines do, indeed, get too long. People who don't have the time to map out itineraries can follow the one- to six-day routes provided by the folks at Birnbaum's. Be warned, though: the plans are ambitious and assume that you will have plenty of energy to make the rounds from morning 'til close. If your true quest is not to see and do everything, but to find and photograph Pooh, Ariel, or Captain Hook, look for the colored boxes that point out the best places to find your favorite characters. Whatever your Disney fantasy, Walt Disney World 2000 is sure to have you singing "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" by the end of your trip. --Heidi Robinson

My family and I recently had a 10 day visit to Orlando and I ran out and bought "Walt Disney World with Kids 2000", "The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World 2000", and Birnbaum's. I read them all from cover to cover, made lots of calls and now consider myself to be an expert on the subject of how to cram the best stuff into the best days for your florida trip. After reading "The Unnofficial Guide", Birnbaum's book was a big dissapointment. His book did not give half of the information that "The Unofficial Guide" gave. About the only good thing I can say is it does make a nice souvineer book, but If you are like me and want as much info on every subject you can think of smashed into your brain, get "The Unofficial Guide". We are going back again next February and I won't waste my time or money on anything but.

A true Disneyphile I visit Disney World yearly and every year I plan my trip using the newest edition of the Birnbaum book. Even though much of it is repeated year to year, there are always new attractions to be seen, new restraaurants to try, and new shopping venues. No other guide book is as extensive or accurate in describing the wonders of my favorite vacation destination!

The number one guide book for Disney. I give one to all my clients who book a Disney package with me. ETX Travel

This book gets you very excited about your trip to Walt Disney World. It has many "hot tips" on when the less crowded times are, also you find out things the "uninformed" person would not know about WDW, like the "e-ticket" and the best times to visit your favorite rides. It can truly make your

vacation the most magical experience of your life! On the down side, Birnbaum's books are the "official guide books" of WDW and they tend to have a positive outlook on everything, like the hotels and food. Our family found the food overpriced and tasted the same at practically every restaurant we ate at! It over glamorized the hotels also. But I would recommend this book for first time Disney visitors, It is very helpful.

These two books give an excellent knowledge base when read together...unfortunately not as individual books. Birnbaum's is total "Gung-ho" Disney and the unofficial guide I think goes a little too far in the other direction. I think they are farthest apart on food...From Birnbaum you'd think you could eat your fill of good to excellent food at moderate (or at least value/for money) prices....from the unofficial guide it seems like you couldn't find even a decent grossly-overpriced meal...that is why the truth lies somewhere in the middle. If I had to choose one I'd probably choose the unofficial guide but I think you would be missing VALUABLE information. I had my whole trip planned before I left...reservations, plans (albeit loose ones), an idea of what was good for kids, what parks were closed for repair (yes that happens! something that wouldn't have occurred to me without this info) and what places I wanted to be sure to see and what I could do with out... It was also nice to know where all the bathrooms were! These things may not seem like much...but believe me they are major when you are with children! These books are necessary and save you from saying "if I only knew than what I know now..." now if they were only one book instead of 2...

Every year, without fail, I purchase a new Birnbaum's Walt Disney World Guide Book. Why, you might ask? Walt Disney World changes from year to year. Each year a new resort may open, or a new attraction, and some years whole entire theme parks have been added. There have been years that I have not been able to visit this smorgasborg of fun, yet I always know what's happening down there thanks to this wonderful guide. I feel completely satisfied and refreshed just leafing through its pages. Everything you need to know whether you are a first time visitor or a seasoned Disney fan can be found in this publication. I've read some of the other Disney World guide books out there and I find them filled with cynicism and sarcasm that personally, I can do without. Disney World is an enchanted place and this book can help put you in the proper frame of mind when planning your vacation to the "happiest place on earth". I highly recommend it. It truly is good to the last drop!

Are you wondering how much is admission to the parks? Do you want to know what's in store for you when you get into Disney World? How about, when is the best time to go? Where can I stay in

Disney World? Well it's all in this book. When I went on vacation last year I would constantly use it for reference. My friends and I would read up on what would be in the each of the parks. The next day we would have all our rides and places picked out to see and visit. This book should be able to answer many questions about Disney World. What especially nice about this book is that it lists some of the events going on for the new millennium. If you're looking for a book with it all (maps, rides, shops, tips, and plenty more) check this book out. Even after returning back from Disney World, the book is a great souvenir. You can always check out the pictures to say, "I've been on that," "We had a great time there," or "I remember..."

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