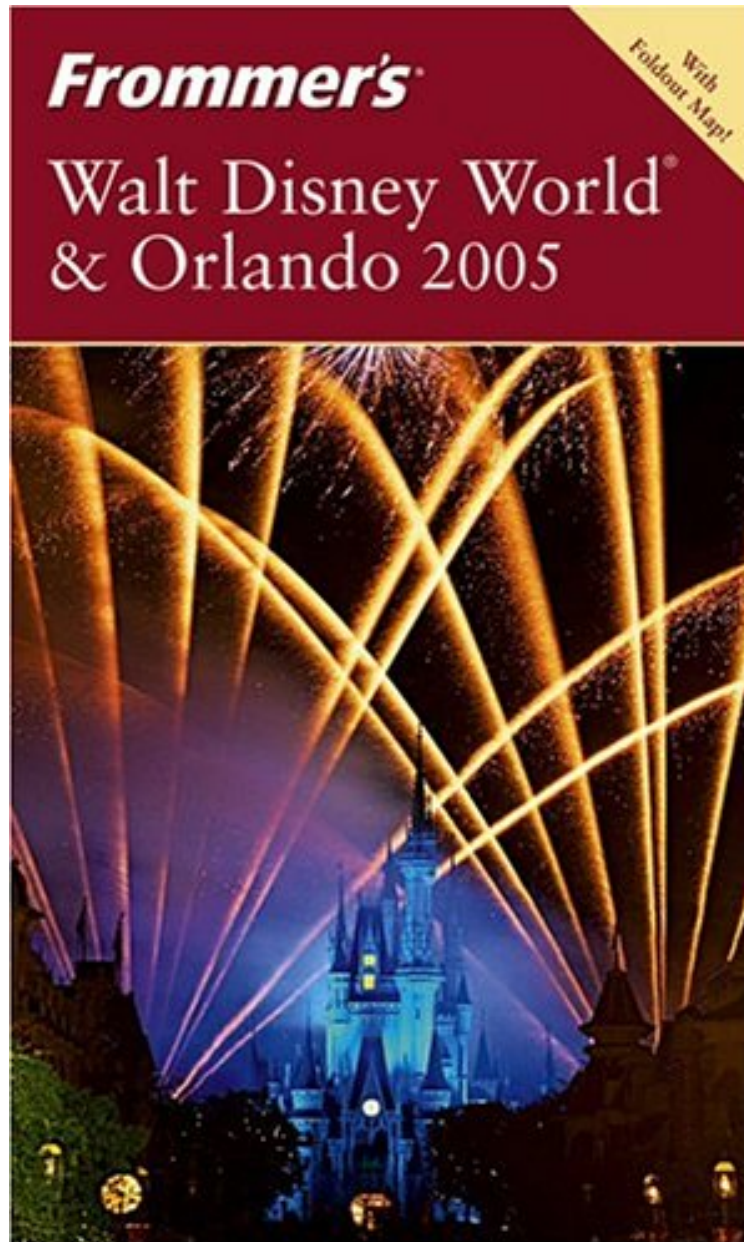


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Just the information we needed!By bookfreakThis was our fourth trip to WDW, but the first as just a couple. We found this guidebook to be very helpful, full of information for both in and out of the major parks. I had to agree with the guide re: some of the higher-end restaurants within WDW. We had tried some of them on previous visits and found the food to be *very* ordinary for what we were charged, which was considerable. On the other hand, their recommendation to try Akershus in the Norwegian pavilion at Epcot was right on the money--excellent, very fresh food; charming service and nice surroundings. I don't know as we would have dined there without the detailed description and recommendation in this book.I don't agree that this guide only gives approval to the luxury locations. Bubbalou's Bodacious BBQ was a little joint in Winter Park that was very inexpensive and delicious, and I'm sure we would never have tried it (or even known about it, for that matter) if they hadn't highlighted it as a "find." We also tried an Italian restaurant on 192 that we probably would have ignored as being one of the many "lots of so-so food + tourist hype" restaurants on that strip had Frommer's not recommended it. The food was excellent, the service very helpful and attentive, and it was a nice meal all around for a moderate (not inexpensive) cost.I appreciated the candor and detail of this guide; the lack of photos didn't concern me as I could find all the pictures I needed for almost everything on the internet.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not just Critical...downright Negative!By A CustomerI agree wholeheartedly with another reader who stated that this book was extremely negative! While it is chuck full of helpful facts (like the weather at various times of the year) and a nice big fold out map of Orlando, it is also chuck full of sarcasm and downright negative commentary. I have been to Disney World before and had a marvelous experience at many of the locations the author refers to as "overrated" or restaurants the author(s) deem uneatable! I find it very interesting that the only restaurants in Disney World receiving their rave reviews were the gourmet Victoria and Alberts (\$200 for a meal!) and other restaurants at high-end resorts. Some of us people enjoy comfort foods and meals during our vacations (at the highest in the \$15 price range). Note that the gourmet Victoria and Albert's are fabulous (they are!), but many of the other locations are great for the atmosphere. For example, the drive-in restaurant at MGM-Studios was a fabulous time for us...the food was great (think a step above Denny's for food...not gourmet, but not bad) and the atmosphere was SO wonderfully Walt Disney! Every attention to theme you could imagine. Isn't that WHY we spend our hard earned money to go enjoy the Disney theme parks? To be immersed in the themes and stories, and child-like joy! If you're looking for that, buy another book, because this book will make you want to avoid WDW all together!18 of 20 people found the following review helpful. A DisappointmentBy A CustomerI bought this book based on the great reviews here but was disappointed. While being concise about what is fun to do, see, etc., the author unfortunately feels the need to write comments in a sarcastic manner that almost put me off the entire place!I've noticed this with other Frommer's guides - watch out for the one on the Bahamas. After reading that book I asked myself why anyone would ever want to visit the place.Although it's nice to get honest opinions about a vacation destination, who wants to read something that essentially makes you feel like not going there?I recommend "The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World" instead. Although honest in their reviews, they're much more concise, complete, and positive about Disney.After all, I buy guide books because I'm already planning on visiting the place, not to make me decide not to go there!

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