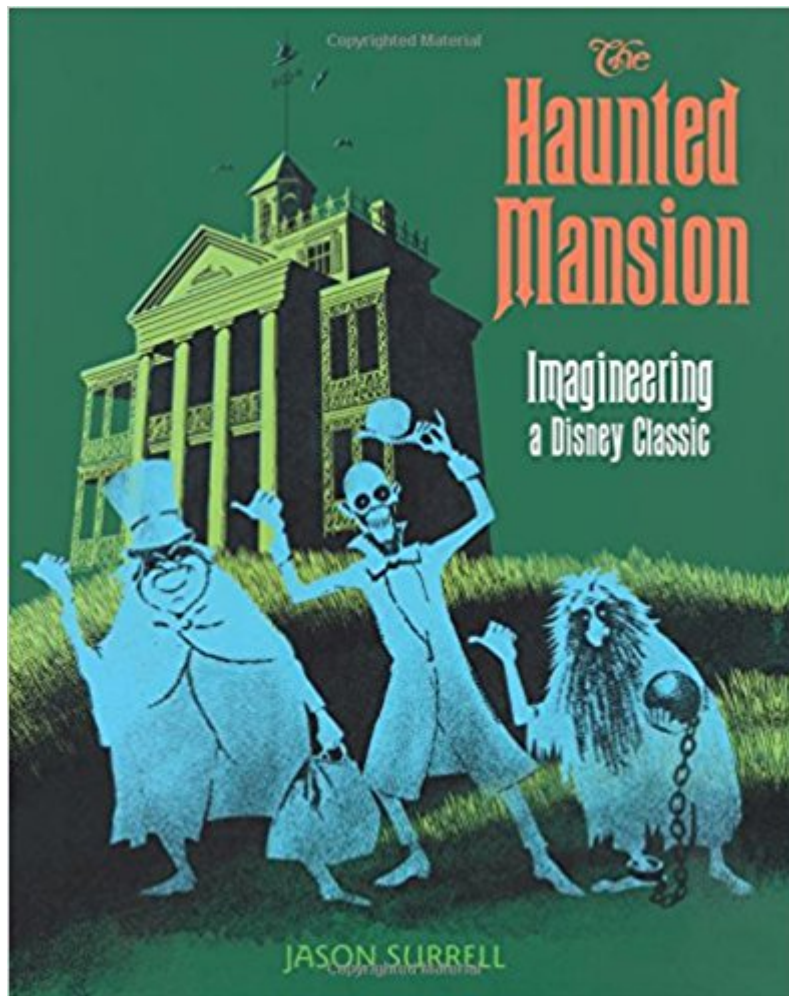




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The Haunted Mansion: Imagineering A Disney Classic (From The Magic Kingdom)



Synopsis

The Haunted Mansion is one of the most popular and beloved attractions in Disney theme park history, and can be found in each Magic Kingdom Park around the globe. This newly updated book brings the Mansion's inhabitants to an afterlife like never before. Magic Kingdom's Haunted Mansion illustrates how the Mansion's 999 "grim grinning ghosts" moved from sketches to reality, evolving from earliest story concepts through adaptations and changes as it moved into each of the parks, to the very latest ideas for show enhancements. This book also confirms and dispels the various myths and rumors that have surrounded the mysterious Mansion since its opening. And now new history has been added as the attraction continues to evolve. In this third edition, there are even more details and artwork depicting the Imagineering of the attractions in California and Florida, as well as the corresponding Haunted Mansion attractions in Tokyo, Paris, and Hong Kong.

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Customer Reviews

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Animal Kingdom. Jason is currently a Creative Director at Universal Creative.

This is basically a reprint of 2003's "The Haunted Mansion: From the Magic Kingdom to the Movies", completely scrubbed of any references to the underwhelming Eddie Murphy film, and with a new chapter on Hong Kong Disneyland's Mystic Manor (informative with lots of illustrations and photos) and a few new spreads on recent additions to the Anaheim and Orlando attractions (the attic bride and hatbox ghost for Disneyland, the new elaborate queue and gift shop at WDW). Even though the film was a letdown, it's a shame to completely omit it from this new version--it is part of the attraction's history and produced some interesting design work that is worthy of inclusion. Also, too bad they didn't include a section on Mansion collectibles--a glaring omission from the first edition that they could have corrected here. That said, this is still the top book for Haunted Mansion fans and there's enough new material here to warrant a repurchase.

I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the history behind this magical ride. I especially enjoyed learning about all of the ways the ride differs at the different parks around the world. Having never been to The Haunted Mansion anywhere other than Magic Kingdom in Orlando it was nice to learn more about the other rides! I cannot wait to visit all the other Haunted Mansion's around the world now!

The latest version of this staple in my library includes long-anticipated information about the Mansion's latest iteration, Mystic Manor, but sacrifices the chapters relating to the regrettable 2003 film interpretation of The Haunted Mansion. This book is absolutely essential reading for fans of the venerable Disney Parks attraction and theme park aficionados, full of history, concept art, and photographs, much of which has never been seen before. Highly recommended.

We are Disney World fans and this book was right up our alley! I heard the author on a podcast talking about writing this edition of the book --ordered it and was very pleased with it. I gave it as a gift and the recipient loved it - the cover even glows in the dark! Very informative with great pictures.

I have enjoyed reading this book. Be ready, though, it is about all of the haunted houses throughout the Disney properties...and they differ. I enjoyed reading about the development of them, and the differences between the international parks. I originally purchased it to read up on the Disney World attraction, so was not happy with all the insertions of the other parks---I would have

preferred that they separate the discussion by park rather than intermingling it. I did not know that the Haunted Mansion in Disney World told a story, in spite of having ridden it many, many times. For example, the bride has been married five times, and if you look quickly when you get to the attic, you will see two brides on the left side---first marriage, she wears one strand of pearls---second, two strands---up to five (three brides on the left side on the doom buggy). The wedding gifts are staged to be more elaborate with each wedding, The grooms' heads disappear signifying their deaths....on to the next wedding!

Boy this book really instills my love for the haunted mansion!! This book is the reason why I get caught in the immersive story that is refreshed over and over again. The book is a "plussed" re visit to the "Haunted mansion: from the magic kingdom to the movies" series Jason Surrell published over 10 years ago. Sure the movie tidbits were fun to read and gloss over the concept art of the film. But I believe the reasoning to eliminate the material is relevance to the entire story of the haunted mansion brand. It is 2015 and people want to hear fresh material. This is what the readers are getting with this book (meanwhile the book layout is the same as the previous books before it). There is new development on mystic point, the interactive queue at the magic kingdom in Walt Disney World Haunted mansion, and of course a more detailed walk through of the Haunted Mansion Holiday overlay seen at Disneyland in Anaheim and Tokyo Disneyland. I think the main thing you should look for when buying the book is that Hong Kong Disneyland is still new to guests and there could many U.S. guests yet to visit the park. Be amazed and have an open mind when reading the material on mystic manor!!

It's one of my favorite rides and this book is full of interesting things about every single version of the haunted mansion there is currently. It's also a nice little bonus that the book glows in the dark :)

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