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Walt Disney: An American Original (Disney Editions Deluxe)





Synopsis

Walt Disney is an American hero--the creator of Mickey Mouse, and a man who changed the face of American culture. After years of research, with the full cooperation of the Disney family and access to private papers and letters, Bob Thomas produced the definitive biography of the man behind the legend--the unschooled cartoonist from Kansas City who went bankrupt on his first movie venture but became the genius who produced unmatched works of animation. Complete with a rare collection of photographs, Bob Thomas' biography is a fascinating and inspirational work that captures the spirit of Walt Disney.

Book Information

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Grade Level: 5 - 9

Customer Reviews

Injoying book. Quit interesting

Excellent biography, one of the best I read.

An incredible book full or rich history. Though it wasn't as in depth with productions as I was hoping it was still very insightful and took the occasional glean towards his home life, which was something I was wanting to learn more about. But it's definitely a great read and carries itself very well. It never seems to dull too much. I will definitely be looking into more books about the man though. Though it's well written and well chronicled I was more interested in his private life and motivations toward defining and refining an infant medium.

Wonderful read. I really enjoyed reading about the foundation of Disney. Hard to believe some of the movies are so old, but really stand the test of time.

I read this book as a biography for my English class (11th grade), and it was an amazing, inspiring book. It was the epitome of the American dream. Walt Disney grew up on a small farm in Missouri in a relatively poor family, and he had so many frustrations and hurdles to reach success. The book was always exciting and never got dull; I always wanted to keep reading. Would definitely recommend!

My wife has been a lifelong lover of Disney animation. When she was a kid she wanted to be a Disney animator. We have two kids and so she has had to put that dream on hold - but when she opened her birthday presents and saw this was among them in addition to many other Disney books, she started crying. She thinks this book is absolutely beautiful and really allows her to read more about the Walt Disney, the creator of all the things she has loved for so long. I thoroughly recommend this if you are or have a Disney lover in your life.

This was purchased for a biography report, it has a lot of information. Including Walt's time in Kansas city and when he grew a mustache! This is not for a 4th grader though. It has over 300 pages and there is a lot of reading. I bought this because a few readers said it was great for middle schoolers and for biography reports. We will work our way through this book and learn some along the way anyway...

I never knew all the things Disney had to go through to make his dream come true. To actually look everywhere and envisioned things no one ever did at that time. He's such an inspiration for me and it gives me hope to realize that there are no impossibles. You just have to look and keep doing things!!!

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