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# The Haunted Mansion: From The Magic Kingdom To The Movies



## **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. The Haunted Mansion: From the Magic Kingdom to the Movies will illustrate 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 will also confirm or dispel the various myths and rumors that surround the mysterious Mansion's story. In recent years, The Walt Disney Company has seen the demand for theme park attraction-specific merchandise explode, and the Haunted Mansion resides at the top of the list. Fans are waiting with super(natural) anticipation for the upcoming movie, and this book will also explore the latest technology developed to bring the Mansion's inhabitants to an afterlife like never before.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Don't let the age range fool you - I hesitated buying this book because I thought it was simply a children's book to introduce the movie. It has tons of information about the movie - but it is also a MUST HAVE for any Haunted Mansion fan! The drawings and photographs of all of the Haunted Mansions around the world are just fantastic. Plus...have you ever wondered what the ghost

hanging in the portrait gallery looks like up close? Well, wonder no more. Jason Surrell does a fantastic job of telling the story of the Haunted Mansion from the original idea all the way up to the soon-to-be released movie. Since Mr. Surrell is a Disney Imagineer himself, he was able to include wonderful photos and artwork from the original Imagineers who worked on the project. I find it hard to believe that anyone would be disappointed with this book...if you're looking for information about the movie, you'll find behind the scenes photos, artwork, and more. If you are interested in art/design, you'll enjoy the drawings, paintings, photographs, and models from the creative minds at Disney! And if you are a Haunted Mansion fan - you will be in absolute heaven!

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 tops book for Haunted Mansion fans and there's enough new material here to warrant a repurchase.

With 4 Haunted Mansions in existence as rides, and another existing on the silver screen, it's hard to find a book that encompasses all of these, let alone one that goes into such great detail as "The Haunted Mansion: From the Magic Kingdom to the Movies". I have been a Mansion Fan ever since the opening of the Disneyland one was broadcast on TV. I have been through the two USA Mansions, but living in Australia, have as yet to see the movie. Jason Surrell has masterfully woven facts, behind-the-scenes tales and even a little fan folklore to come up with this, the definitive Disney Attraction Book. Previous reviews have mentioned many of the delights contained within, however it's wonderful to see so much of the "Blue Sky" phase and the richly detailed imagineering models, maquettes and artwork from the rides and the movie alike. Yes, it's like being able to X-ray the goose that laid the golden eggs, but you don't have to kill the goose to do it - you come away from this book wanting to go on the rides or see the movie again just to check out more of the minutiae. At 132 pages long, you get plenty of "bang for buck" with this book, and even when you have finished it from cover to cover, it is the sort of book you can happily take up time and time

again, to re-read, and to show others. Mansion Fans - Don't miss this one. Disney Fans - A valuable addition to any Disney book collection. Anyone Else - Read this, and you will be longing to visit a Haunted Mansion near you, I guarantee !!....Hurry back..... Hurry back....

Well, to be honest, I was happy to see the horrible content from the Eddie Murphy movie has now been removed and the book is strictly about the attraction as I would have liked it to have been in the first place. If you are a fan of the mansion, this is a must have! I still don't understand why they could not make this a nice hard cover book?

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!!

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