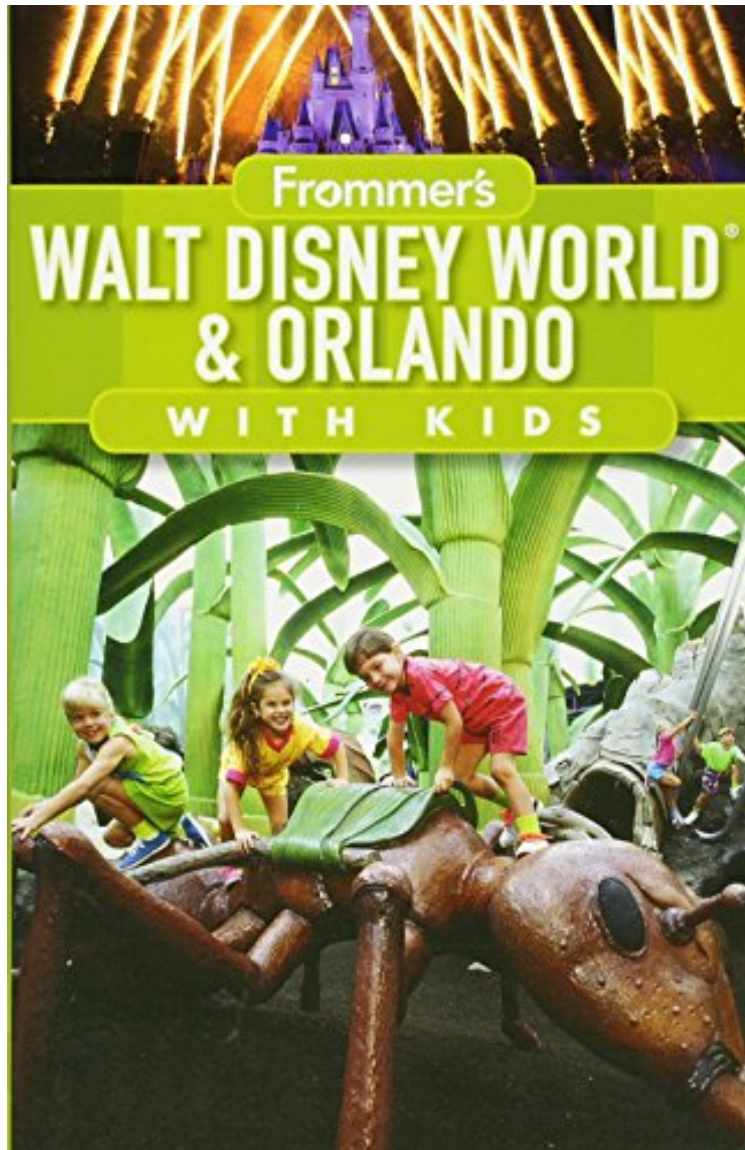


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Laura Lea Miller : Frommer's Walt Disney World and Orlando with Kids (Frommer's With Kids) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Frommer's Walt Disney World and Orlando with Kids (Frommer's With Kids):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. OK but Unofficial Guide is betterBy busy momFrommer's travel

guides are usually my go-to resource when planning any trip, so when we decided to take the kids (ages 3 and 5) to Disney for the first time, naturally this was the first book I ordered. Luckily, I also purchased the Unofficial Guide to WDW, and that has by far proven to be the more useful book for planning this trip. The Frommers guide can't even come close to matching the level of detail available in the Unofficial Guide. It also directly contradicts some of the advice given in the Unofficial Guide. For example, on the question of whether to take advantage of Extra Magic Hours (EMH) to avoid crowds: Frommer's says yes, but the Unofficial Guide points out that while crowds may be thinner during the magic hours, they tend to be far greater than normal during the rest of the day, and that this outweighs any advantage from the EMH. They therefore advise readers to avoid any park on its EMH days, unless you're planning to go for the EMH and then take the time and trouble to move to another park for the rest of the day. In general, the Unofficial Guide takes a more "scientific" approach to its advice - they actually measure crowd levels and attraction wait times on various days, and continuously survey their readers about attractions and dining options, for example. The Frommer's guide seems to be based more on the experience of just the author (though she does seem to be very experienced, having traveled throughout Orlando with her five kids over the years). I tend to value this scientific approach and the experience of many people over that of a single individual but if you are more laid back about your vacation planning then the Unofficial Guide may be overkill. This one is certainly the more approachable of the two. Also, if you are planning an exclusively Disney vacation, note that this book only devotes a small section to Disney and also covers Universal, Seaworld, and other area attractions. This may be a plus if you plan to venture beyond WDW, but a waste otherwise. In fact, this book takes a somewhat cynical approach to staying at a Disney resort due to the additional cost involved as well as the fact that this makes it harder to leave WDW and explore the rest of Orlando. While this may be true, depending on the length of your vacation and the ages of your kids, this may not be a priority for you. One thing I did like in this book is the age recommendations for each ride. While the Unofficial Guide provides ratings by age group (preschoolers, grade school, teens, etc), and also provides touring plans for certain age groups, it does not break each ride down to a more specific recommended age. While I plan to use the Unofficial Guide to decide which attractions to visit, I used the Frommers guide to make a note of those that may not be appropriate for my kids due to age. This way I will not try too hard to convince them to try a ride which may end up being too scary, but won't be afraid to push them to try something that should be perfectly appropriate. All in all, I mostly found this book useful as a quick reference, to look up a phone number for example, which is much easier done here than in the somewhat unwieldy and overwhelming Unofficial Guide. But it is the Unofficial Guide with I studied closely and turn to over and over as the date of our trip approaches.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Plan a fun vacation
By Grandma BI bought this for my son as a stocking stuffer since they are planning a trip to Disney World with their 3 girls (2 - 5 yrs). It has a lot of information that will help them plan ahead and have a memorable trip. I've been told that you need to call many months in advance to get tickets for lunch with the Disney characters. This book gives phone numbers so they can call to schedule this. Lots and lots of info!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Must-Have!
By Heather A. MolnarI purchased this book once we booked our 1st Family Disney Vacation! We will be visiting with a 2 and a 5 year old, and I was feeling a little overwhelmed! This book is helping me plan our days and gives FANTASTIC recommendations! From what restaurants serve chicken fingers (!) to height restrictions on rides...I feel extremely well-prepared for our trip!!

Frommer's Walt Disney World Orlando with Kids offers the lowdown on all the major theme parks in Orlando and rates all attractions on their suitability for kids of all ages. Our author, a longtime Mickey fan and the mother of five, hits all the highlights, from Magic Kingdom to Islands of Adventure to SeaWorld. She's checked out all of the city's best hotels and restaurants in person, and offers authoritative, candid reviews that will help you find the choices that suit your family's tastes and budget. You'll also get up-to-the-minute coverage of shopping and entertainment; detailed information on character dining; accurate park maps; advice on planning a successful family vacation; and side trips to Tampa and Cocoa Beach.

From the Back Cover
LET FROMMER'S SHOW YOU WHERE YOUR KIDS CAN: Dine with Disney characters
Watch spectacular fireworks shows
Ride some of the world's fastest roller coasters
Pet a stingray or swim with a dolphin
Meet Mickey Mouse, Spider-Man, and other characters
Surf one of the world's largest wave pools
Go on an "African" safari
PLUS INVALUABLE TRAVEL TIPS: Tackling the theme parks with your kids
Age ranges for every theme-park ride and attraction
Hotels that offer cribs and rollaway beds
A complete rundown on restaurants with kids' menus
Shopping for everything from Mickey ears to stuffed whales
About the Author
Laura Lea Miller is a freelance writer based in Orchard Park, New York. This snowbird has gladly flown south to warmer weather to spend countless hours scouring Central Florida's many theme parks, hotels, resorts, and restaurants over the years both with and without her five children. A family-travel expert who focuses on Central Florida, Laura has written several other Orlando and Florida books, including Frommer's Walt Disney World Orlando and Walt Disney World Orlando For Dummies, and has contributed to Frommer's Florida. She has also created a website (www.travel-insights.com) dedicated to family

travel throughout central Florida.