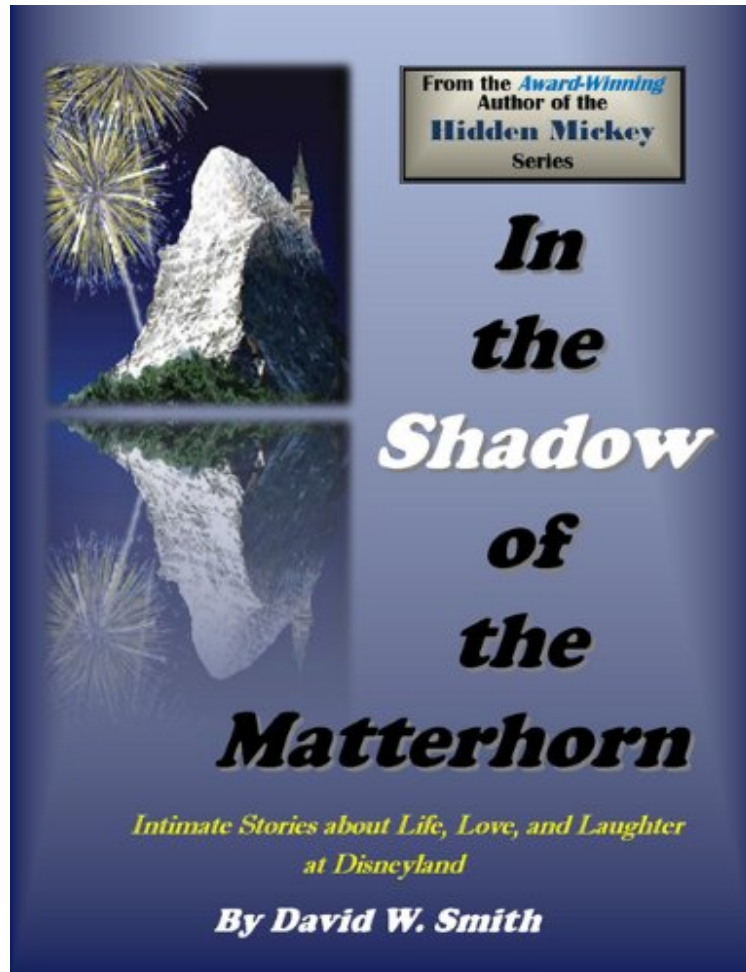


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David Walter Smith : In the Shadow of the Matterhorn: Intimate Stories about Life, Love, and Laughter at Disneyland before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In the Shadow of the Matterhorn: Intimate Stories about Life, Love, and Laughter at Disneyland:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I loved the way he and his friends snuck into the ...By WhamoDavid Smith's book paints a picture of Disneyland in the sixties and seventies. I loved the way he and his friends snuck into the park and onto the rides. That's the best story of the book. His stories about picking up girls at Disneyland are also entertaining. His long descriptions of Southern California ring true and recall nostalgic elements. His ride descriptions reveal an intimate knowledge of the park. At first I found the book boring, but it paid off in the long run. If you love Disneyland you should love this book.5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A fun book about growing up

in the Shadow of the Matterhorn By Wulfstan David Walter Smith is one of the authors of the "Hidden Mickey" series of treasure hunt mysteries (of which I liked #1 very much, but...). We start with his life as a kid from a poor family, living a short bike ride from the Happiest Place on Earth. His schemes to get in, and his early adventures and misadventures are fun reading. We then get into his life as a Disney Cast member, with a lot of fascinating insights and behind the scenes secrets. At times the writing is a little disjointed, I think the editor needed a heavier hand here. But it's still a great read for any Disneyland super fans. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. only a few good parts By Stephen M. Coutu This book starts out gangbusters with the authors childhood memories of riding his bike past Disneyland as the park evolved, I loved this. But after that the long stories about the Disney cast members conoe races left me not caring. There are a few good reads here but on the whole nothing new.

Disneyland—as you remember it, and as you've never seen it before. In the Shadow of the Matterhorn, author—and former cast member—David Smith, takes you inside the Magic Kingdom for a completely different kind of VIP Tour. Never-before-published stories about working inside the park, growing up down the street, and the profound effect that Disneyland had on so many people, are all part of this moving and revealing book. "A Great Ride!"

Dave's recollections of growing up in So Cal bring back many memories of my days as a youngster in San Diego. Although about an hour from Disneyland, some of my favorite journeys up to Anaheim were to visit the "Happiest Place on Earth". Even simply driving through the area would find our young eyes gazing at the wonder of the Matterhorn as it beckoned all to come in! The United Methodist Church would throw a party every year at Disneyland and we would pilgrimage for a night of fun and frolicking (Dave, I do wonder if you knew the cast member who caught us annoying 10 year olds spitting off the Skyway! After his "chat" we definately behaved better!!!) which left us with memories that still warm our hearts today. Dave's behind the scenes tour gives all of us who simply passed through the park an insight to the inner workings of the magic. An easy and entertaining read, and if you are one who loves the magic of Disney, you will be touched by his recollections of the days of the "E" ticket!!; Everyone's life has a story—just some are more interesting than others, and this is one of them. For any have love for Walt Disney's original park will enjoy this Author's stories of life growing up near Disneyland and meeting the different stages of maturity with the Magic Kingdom as the backdrop. We get to live vicariously through him while reading about the free childhood many could only dream of, riding bikes with friends in a small Southern California town and being little scamps finding a clever way to sneak into the park. Later learning of a new excitement; Girls, and the fun of spending time in the park as a young date. Then getting older finding employment in the same park and making strong friendship bonds with fellow cast members, and using it as a means to meet more girls visiting from around the country, only too happy to be a gracious host of Disneyland. The years that follow include college, a successful local band, marrying the final love of his life, teaching, coaching tennis, and eventually as all things come to a full circle, enjoying reliving the magical park that Walt created through his own children. It's always a pleasure to hear other's stories of enjoying life, and This one is as fun of a read as riding any attractions at Disneyland.