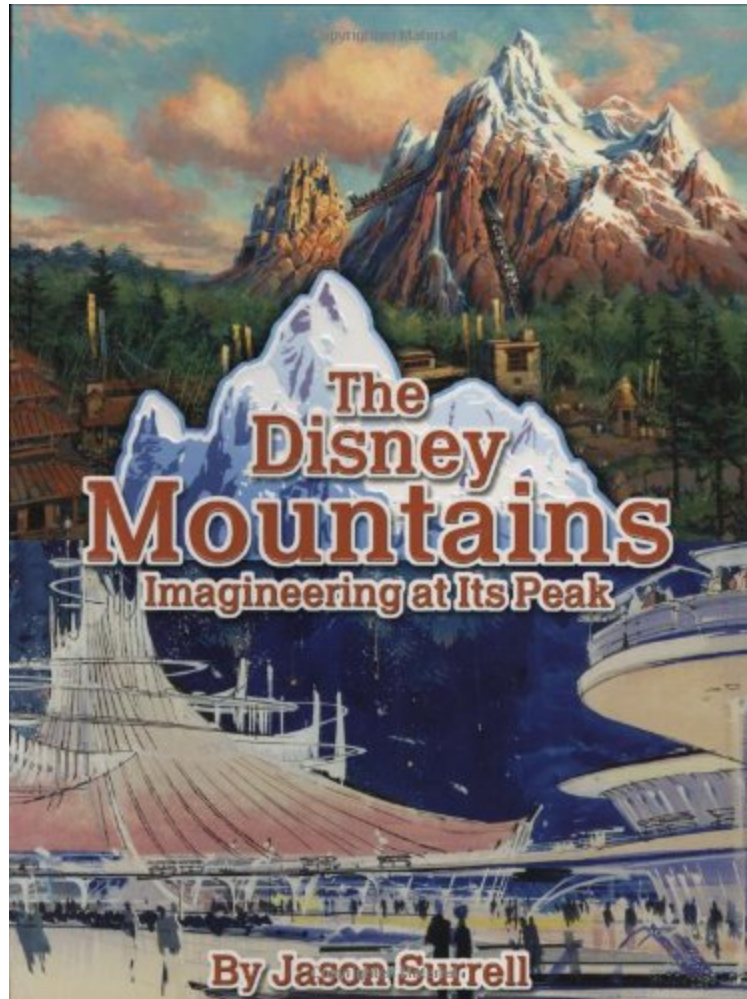


# The Disney Mountains: Imagineering At Its Peak

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**Jason Surrell : The Disney Mountains: Imagineering At Its Peak** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Disney Mountains: Imagineering At Its Peak:

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. I Had Higher ExpectationsBy JayNormally, I'm one of the first to post a rave review on Jason Surrell's work but this book just didn't live up to his previous excellence. The main let down was that there were very few (actual) pictures of the newest Disney mountains (and let's face it, not all of us can afford to travel to Japan to see these works of wonder). Don't get me wrong, I love seeing the concept drawings before they actually become a reality, but seeing the finished product to compare it to would have been better. Also missing was a lot of behind the scenes and little 'tributes' that go with each ride.I will admit that the in-depth backstories on Space Mountain and Expedition Everest were highly detailed but some of the other mountains received little exposure.If Mr. Surrell reads these reviews, here is a small request - please do a book on the Dark Rides - You could

call it Disney Dark Rides: From the Movies to the Rides. 57 of 60 people found the following review helpful. One big pamphlet....By Michael A. Wise Huge fan of Jason Surrell's books. This one however, was a letdown on several fronts. If you are accustomed to his previous works (Haunted Mansion, Pirates) you are expecting a book FULL of behind the scene photos, images rarely seen by the public, etc. Unfortunately, this book is almost 98% concept art. Take, for example, Splash Mountain. You would think there are a TON of secrets and neat things to share. Instead, all we get are concept art and models. Nothing about the interior of the show building, or what it looks like from behind, or above, for that matter! I've seen photos on the web of Splash Mountain from the back and overhead, and you'd think they would make their way into this type of book. Tokyo's Mt. Prometheus gets virtually NO attention. Just 2 pages of concept art...again, a HUGE mountain full of amazing animatronics and scenes, yet not one photo. Big Thunder Mountain....no photos of interior, or under, or animatronics....and yes, this is why MOST of us buy Jason's books! We are curious! We are nosy! We want all the scoop, as if WE were there helping to design these attractions! This newest book is like owning one big pamphlet to get me to go to a Disney Park. Well, most of us purchasing these books have BEEN to the Disney Parks (repeatedly) and buy these books in hopes of getting MORE than the general public does. Jason's books are always laid out very well, and are top quality. I just am very surprised at the lack of in-depth coverage most of the mountains received. I hope Jason continues his coverage of attractions (dark rides! dark rides!), but I hope he slows down and does a more thorough job, as in his other works. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. The Disney Mountains - Imagineering at its peak By D. Mahdik Being in the theme park design business, we at Denny Magic Studios always pay attention to anything that Disney releases, especially "tell all" books which help with our ongoing education regarding the design of theme park rides, and attractions. This book is another fine example of that, as it provides additional insight into how Disney creates and designs. We think that this is a good choice if you are looking to further your education with regards to theme park design. We also think that the general population who may only be Disney fans, will certainly appreciate reading about how these wonderful designs (rides attractions) came about. Lastly! Bravo to the author... Jason Surrell; who has a number of excellent books out, all of which we highly recommend.

How high? How fast? How do they do that? The top favorites at any Disney Theme park always include the roller coasters. The Disney Mountains: Imagineering at Its Peak will tell you that and more not only about the current Disney mountain range and its show enhancements, but about mountains unclimbed and mountains yet to be. Attractions include: Disneyland: Matterhorn Bobsleds, Space Mountain old and new, Splash Mountain; Big Thunder Mountain Railroad. Never built: Big Rock Candy Mountain and the Western River Expedition Disney's California Adventure: Grizzly Peak and Grizzly River Run Tokyo Disneyland: Mysterious Island (Journey to the Center of the Earth) Disneyland Paris: Big Thunder Mountain and Space Mountain Walt Disney World: Space, Splash, and Big Thunder at Magic Kingdom Park; Mount Mayday and Mt. Gushmore, and the latest mountain Expedition Everest at Disney's Animal Kingdom Park

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