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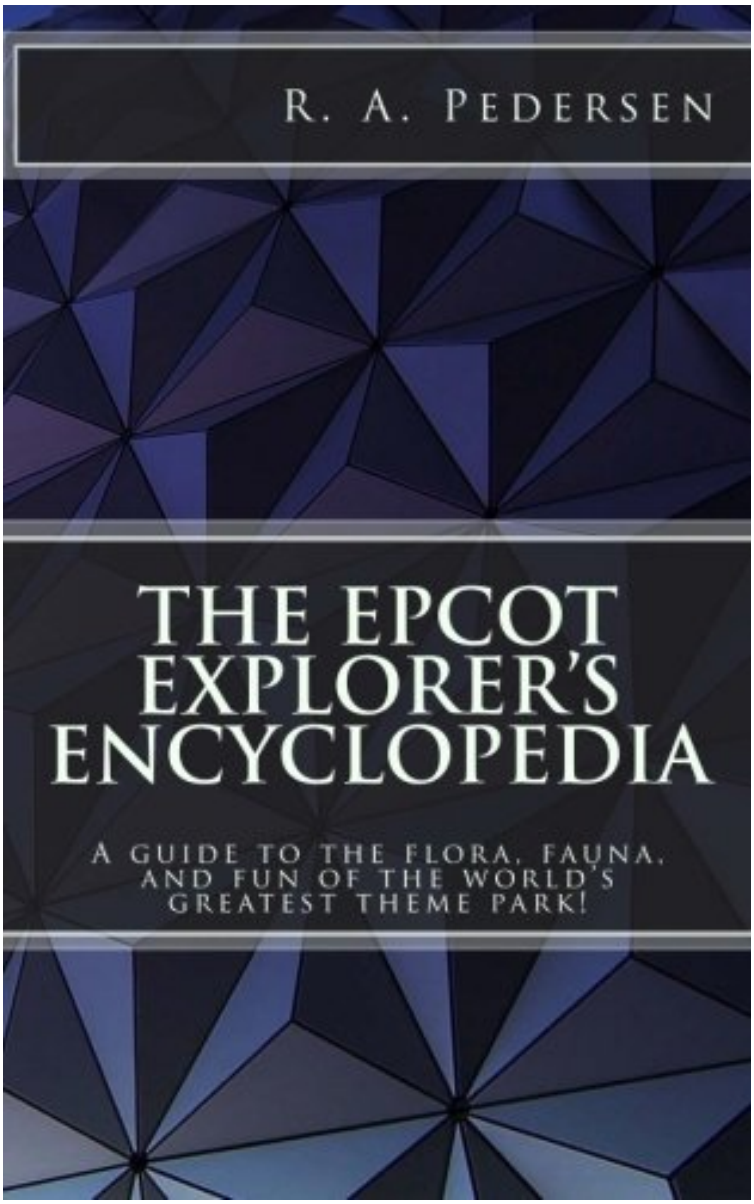

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Epcot History Book from Heaven!By EllenaI don't get why other reviews say this book is riddled with grammatical and editing errors, but I think mine is an updated version. I wouldn't be bothered by a few errors anyway. In fact, I find a missing comma or two to be proof that this is a real person, spending what must have been a million hours gathering all of this information so I don't have to.This lovingly put together encyclopedia of Epcot has been a miracle find for me. All the facts that one could want on the history of each pavilion have been compiled in one place. No need to read article after article, or search through book after book, it's all here. The personal touches of the author, R.A. Pedersen, make it his own, and bring the facts to life.One of my favorite things about "The Epcot Explorer's Encyclopedia" is that it includes past attractions as well as current. This way, if a pavilion has undergone changes over the years, you begin at the beginning and read your way up to the present day. I was very happy to see a huge chapter on my childhood favorite: Horizons!This is a wonderfully written book, that I would highly suggest to anyone looking for a thorough history lesson on Epcot.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good book about EPCOT history ... with some reservationsBy Pete BrownAs someone who's been following EPCOT (EPCOT Center) since its inception, the marketing blurb for this book piqued my curiosity. For the most part, I am happy with my decision to purchase. The details are plentiful and often obscure, the sense of humor is just twisted enough for my (admittedly strange) sensibilities, and there is plenty of new information. However, there are also a significant number of grammatical errors. Apparently the author(s) used a spell checker, but not a grammar checker. This resulted in numerous instances of incorrect word usage ... desert/dessert ... then/than ... NOT the same meaning! Many sentences are missing words, others have completely unnecessary phrases that incorrectly modify verbs or nouns... Wow! It was a nightmare. I got the feeling that the book was written as Twitter-text and then translated back into real english. So many grammatical errors, that after documenting over 100, I stopped counting.I then visited the author's website and sent them an email documenting many of the problems with the text... no response so far.Those carps aside, the book was fun, informative and held my interest. I hope the 2nd edition corrects the grammatical problems.9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. If you love Horizons so much, why don't you marry it?By Sara BennettI'm a big Epcot fan. Overall, I really enjoyed reading this book. The (very) detailed information about each pavilion was truly fascinating, and if I were to rate on that alone this would get 5 stars. I am very impressed with the amount of research that must have gone into this. However, there were a couple of things that irked me about the book:1. The typos (tons of them) and (lack of) editing/proofreading. Hopefully this will be corrected in the next edition, because it was majorly distracting.2. The book has "encyclopedia" in the title, but it's far from a neutral accounting. There were strong opinions expressed in certain sections (the finales of Spaceship Earth and Universe of Energy, for example), which felt inappropriate for this kind of book, even when I agreed with the sentiment (Free Dreamfinder!)3. No pictures. I'm assuming this was a matter of copyright/royalties, but it is odd to have a book like this without even a drawing let alone a photo. As a fan, I could mentally picture just about everything discussed, but it would be very hard for someone less familiar to follow along.4. This one is very minor.... no mention of the Coral Reef restaurant? Every other eatery in the park, even the carts, got at least a name-drop. The omission stood out, especially since it's such a fun restaurant.5. Also relatively minor: the "Pepper's ghost effect" was mentioned about four times, but never explained. I know what it is, but most people (even Disney people) probably don't.So that reads as a laundry list of complaints, but I do want to say again how impressed I was with the actual factual content of the book. I did learn lots of new trivia, and overall I'm glad I read it.

The Epcot Explorer's Encyclopedia serves as a loving tell-all look into the most magical and magnificent theme park in existence. From the minutiae of Future World to the farthest reaches of World Showcase this guide covers it all in intimate detail. No stone is left unturned, and no legacy tile left unmocked. With a little bit of wit and a whole lot of heart you'll be led through the splendorific sprawl of the most endearing monument to humanity that has ever been created. Epcot truly is a wonder among wonders at the Walt Disney World resort. Highlights include: An extensive history of each pavilion and the forces that shaped its existence - or the end thereof. Valuable insight into the inner-workings of the park, sponsor contracts, and attraction operations. Answers to questions like "What makes Epcot tick?" and "Why do things happen the way they do?"A scene-by-scene analysis of Horizons, quite possibly the most beloved attraction in the company's history and the whole Walt Disney World Resort.

"The most comprehensive guide to Epcot available today ... it will satisfy even the rabid Epcot aficionado, and its value as a reference to Disney writers and bloggers is unsurpassed." -Bob McLain, Disney Dispatch."A book for Epcot fans, by a true Epcot expert, and it's a must-read for any Epcot geek I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves Epcot or is interested in learning more about WDW history." -The Disney Chick, TheDisneyBlog.com "Let's just say info junkies are going to be in heaven. You will have answers to questions you never thought to ask. I especially enjoyed the incredibly detailed descriptions of the Future World pavilions past and present." -Sam Gennaway, MiceAge.comAbout the AuthorR. A. Pedersen is a theatrical designer, playwright, and freelance writer hailing from the heart of the theme park industry in central Florida. He began writing about the Walt Disney World resort professionally while working as a researcher for the Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World. His continued love of the

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