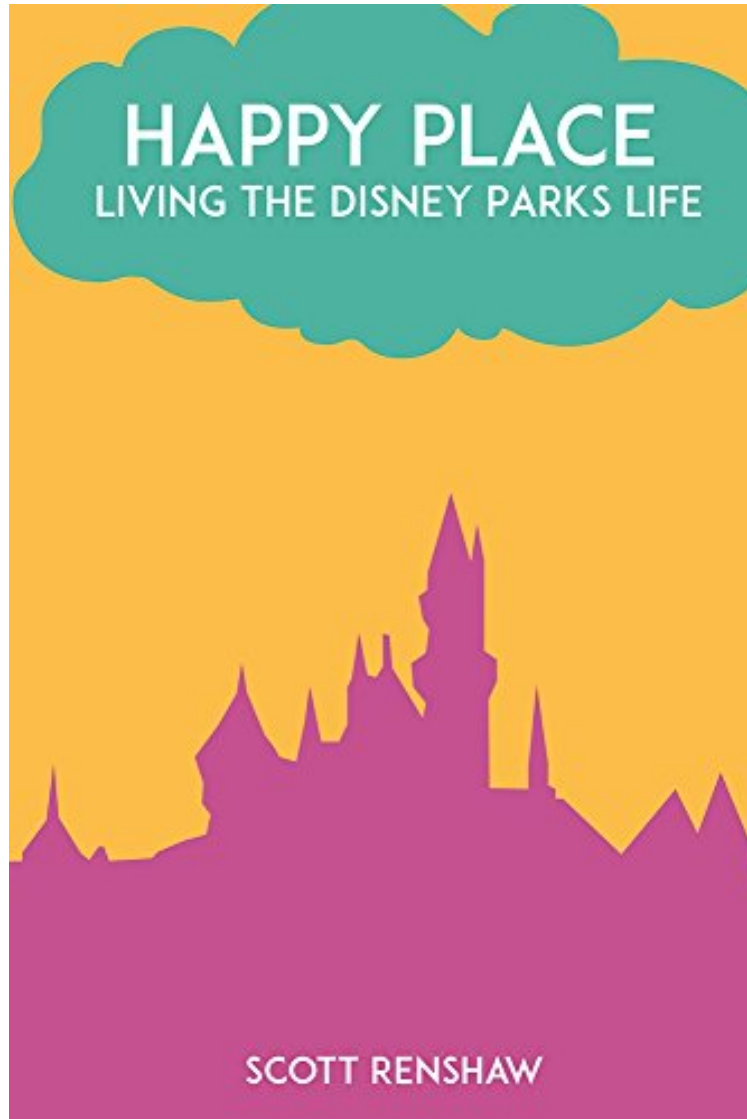


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**Scott Renshaw : Happy Place: Living the Disney Parks Life** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Happy Place: Living the Disney Parks Life:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fans and FandomBy JonHave you ever wondered what leads people to obsess about things that others have zero interest in? Or do you wrestle with your own obsessions, trying to find ways to explain the obsession to those casual bystanders that think you're a little insane? This is exactly what Scott works to tackle in this fun read about a particular sect of fandom: Disney Theme Park fans. Scott attempts to answer those questions through vignettes of numerous types of die hard fans, and throughout them all offers readers his own

experience as a life long fan of Disney's theme parks. The stories are interesting, and Scott does a great job pulling them out without coating them in editorial fluff or scorn. It's just their story, portraits of who these people are and why they have such an affinity for the parks. I am also a huge fan of the Disney theme parks, but I don't think you need to be in order to enjoy reading this. This book is inherently about Disney theme park fans, yes, but behind that primary perspective is an interesting series of essays on fans and fandom. Definitely recommend. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Theresa Locke Great read! 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Delightful little book By CustomerFirst, a disclosure: I've known Scott since we were dorm-mates in college. I've only been to Disney World once when I was around 10, and Disneyland once in my 20's. I had no idea Scott was such a big fan of Disney before reading this book, nor did I know about the culture of the very regular visitors. I guess the best compliment I can give to this book is that I now want to visit Disneyland soon just to get a feel for the kind of experiences that I've read about in Scott's book. If you are at all a fan of the Disney experience, or might be, or are just passionate about your own particular part of popular culture, you'll enjoy reading about the people who are passionate about Disney parks. Scott may not be a 3+ visits per week level fan, but he understands and respects them, and you'll understand and respect them as well through his book.

What if the childhood day you remembered as one of the most magical of your life became every day of your life? In *Happy Place*, Scott Renshaw explores the phenomenon of Disney theme park super-fans, and the unique connections they build with places known to most people only as occasional vacation destinations. Along the way, Renshaw meets a pass-holder who has visited Disneyland for one thousand consecutive days, another who has taken more than three thousand rides on his single favorite attraction, and even to some who have managed to turn visiting Disney parks into their job. *Happy Place* is also a personal journey to find out what happens when an infatuation with the parks turns into a relationship. Is that relationship always full of joy, or when nostalgia collides with the realities of a corporation running a business can it sometimes turn to frustration and disappointment? *Happy Place* isn't the story of a place. It's a love story, about the kind of love that emerges when "happiest place on earth" becomes more than just a slogan. Scott Renshaw has been Arts Entertainment Editor and film critic for the Salt Lake City Weekly newspaper since 2002, with film reviews appearing in alternative newsweeklies in ten states. Over a twenty-year career as a professional writer and critic, he has received awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and the Association of Alternative Newsmedia, and has contributed writing about Disney parks to the website IndieWire. This is his first book.

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