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reference book for universal and islands of adventure. this book was very helpful in planning my trip there and i knew exactly what to expect. the reviews were very accurate and well written. they explain everything without spoiling the surprises. what i like best about the book is that it tells you what days are best to go and which rides to go on and in what order so that there is hardly a wait. it was also very up to date. the only drawback i saw is that it didn't have any behind the scenes kind of stuff.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Universas Studios Escape: The Ultimate Guide to the Ultimate Theme Park AdventureBy christine ann smith maloneThis is a ten year old OUTDATED guide book. Nothing in the description stated the copyright date! It should be recycled in the trash, not sold to customers needing a guidebook for a 2013 trip to Universal Studios!8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great book and a must for Universal Escape travelers!By CarrieI have only purchased books aimed at vacations to Walt Disney World in the past, including the above mentioned book ("Walt Disney World With Kids 2000" by Kim Wright Wiley) and although they were informative regarding Walt Disney World, they lacked in information regarding Universal Escape. Since we are planning a trip to Universal Escape only, with no Disney whatsoever, I was thrilled to find this book. The descriptions of the rides, layout of the parks, shops and restaurants are excellent and descriptive. The restaurant descriptions also included some menu choices so we will know what type of dishes are served. The book has an unbiased look at all of the attractions with some humour to make reading it extremely enjoyable. I would recommend this book, as an addition to any Disney books purchased, to anyone who is planning to include a trip to Universal Escape in their trip to Walt Disney World. If you are planning on only going to Universal Escape for your entire trip, this book is a necessity!

This first in-depth guide to Universal's vastly expanded, multi-park complex in Orlando, Florida, covers every attraction, shop and eatery in Islands of Adventure, Universal Studios Florida, Citiwalk, and the Portofino Bay Resort.

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steps away from the front gate to Universal Studios Florida. The Royal Pacific Resort will roll the best features of the Pacific Rim into one gaudy package. Two additional properties are planned but they do not yet have names. Just a stones throw away is Wet n Wild, a water park which Universal now owns. It has not been officially rolled into the "Universal Studios Escape" brand, but it is included in some ticket options and is well worth a visit. In addition to the hundreds of acres on which Universal Studios Escape sits, Universal owns more land nearby, fueling rumors of yet more future expansion. Universal Studios Escape is a family destination. But, unlike some parks we could name, Universal seems to recognize that "families" come in all sorts of different packages. Parents with little ones will find this an almost ideal place for their kids. And yet families with teenagers will not have to worry about complaints that the rides are "dorky." Best of all, adults who have yet to have kids, or who have grown kids, or who have left the kids at home, or who never plan to have kids at all can come to Universal Studios Escape without feeling that theyre in a kiddie park. And those snobbish sophisticates who think theme parks are beneath them may find themselves won over by the dazzling architecture, the luxurious accommodations, the gourmet food, and the high-class nighttime entertainment.