

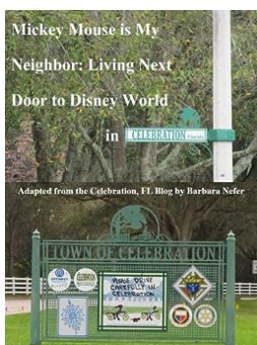
Mickey Mouse Is My Neighbor - A Magical Disney Experience

Living in a world full of surprises and magic is something we all dreamed of during our childhood. Fortunately, for those living near Orlando, Florida, this dream comes true every day. Nestled in the heart of Central Florida, the Walt Disney World Resort is not just an amusement park but a whole new world where fairy tales come alive. And guess what? Mickey Mouse himself is my neighbor!

Just imagine waking up to the sound of laughter and joyful screams of children, all excited to meet their favorite characters from Disney classics. As the sun rises, the magic gradually unfolds. The Walt Disney World Resort encompasses four enchanting theme parks – Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park.

Living in a Disney Neighborhood

In addition to the theme parks, the resort includes several residential neighborhoods. I am fortunate enough to call one of these neighborhoods my own. Living in this magical community is an experience like no other. The moment you step out of your house, you are immersed in Disney magic that is present in every nook and cranny.



Mickey Mouse is My Neighbor: Living Next Door to Disney World in Celebration, Florida

by Barbara Nefer (Kindle Edition)

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The streets are named after beloved Disney characters, making each drive a whimsical journey. From Cinderella Lane to Mickey Mouse Drive, it feels like living in a fairy tale itself. The houses are adorned with colorful exteriors and meticulously designed landscaping, giving each residence its own touch of enchantment.

As you stroll through the neighborhood, you can often catch a glimpse of characters roaming around, ready to interact with residents. Imagine crossing paths with Mickey Mouse while walking your dog or waving hello to Cinderella on her way to a royal ball.

A Dose of Magic Everywhere You Go

Moving to this Disney neighborhood means being at the heart of magic every single day. The charming town center is a hub of activity, with vibrant shops, restaurants, and entertainment options lining the streets. Merchandise exclusive to the neighborhood is available, allowing residents to proudly showcase their love for everything Disney.

There are also numerous recreational facilities for residents to enjoy. Community pools with giant water slides, sports centers, and fitness clubs provide endless opportunities for fun and relaxation. The neighborhood's beautifully manicured parks offer the perfect setting for picnics, family outings, or simply enjoying a good book amidst a magical backdrop.

Not Just a Neighborhood, but a Community

Living in this Disney neighborhood means becoming a part of a close-knit community. Residents share a common love for Disney, creating an instant bond and fostering a sense of belonging. Regular community events, such as movie nights under the stars or themed parties, bring neighbors together and create magical memories that will last a lifetime.

Moreover, the neighborhood's strong focus on safety and security ensures peace of mind for residents. The presence of security personnel and advanced surveillance systems allows families to enjoy the magic without any worries, making it an ideal place to raise children in a carefree environment.

Access to Disney Magic 24/7

One of the greatest advantages of living in this Disney neighborhood is the unlimited access to the Walt Disney World Resort. As residents, we are entitled to exclusive benefits that enhance our Disney experience. From discounted ticket prices to early park access, we have the privilege to explore the parks whenever we want.

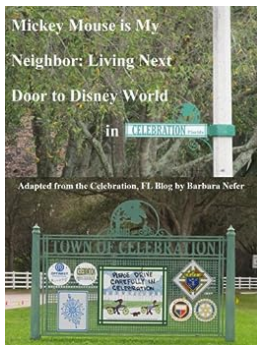
Imagine taking a leisurely stroll through Magic Kingdom Park's Main Street USA after dusk, when the park is closed to other visitors. The twinkling lights and the faint music in the background create a truly enchanting atmosphere, allowing us to witness the park's magic in a whole new light.

Bringing Dreams to Life

Living in a Disney neighborhood means embracing a lifestyle filled with laughter, dreams, and magic. It is an experience that brings out the child within us and reminds us of the power of imagination. Being surrounded by fellow Disney

enthusiasts who share the same passion creates an atmosphere where dreams can flourish and memories can be made.

So, the next time you consider moving homes, think about making Mickey Mouse your neighbor. Living in a Disney neighborhood is not just about staying in a house – it's about immersing yourself in a world of enchantment and creating a lifetime of unforgettable experiences.



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Once upon a time, a Disney World fan named Barb was stuck on the cold tundra of Chicago. She could only visit her beloved Florida theme parks once or twice a year. She must have had a Fairy God Mother because one day, despite many obstacles, she found the perfect house in the perfect town for a Disney lover like herself: Celebration, Florida. She didn't have a pumpkin coach, so she packed up her Aztek with her husband, pets, and belongings to start a new life living next door to Mickey Mouse where she could hear the Magic Kingdom and Epcot fireworks through her windows every night.

"Mickey Mouse is My Neighbor: Living Next Door to Disney World in Celebration, Florida" is the story of Barb's adventures, from the time she bought her house in Celebration in 2003 while still living and working in Chicago to the glorious day in 2005 when she made her official move to Florida. It follows her adventures as a long distance commuter and her first year as a full-time resident in Celebration, as adapted from her Celebration, Florida, blog.

You'll read all about:

-The Mickey Mommas and the Bunny Brigade, two intermingled social groups whose adventures include everything from stalking Davy Jones at Epcot to visiting a nudist resort near Disney World.

-The traumas and travails of furniture deliveries in Florida, a state that definitely proves that time moves much more slowly in the South.

-Learning to live with tourists and to adapt to the idiosyncrasies of the Sunshine State.

-Skippy, the tattered old car that was Celebration's unofficial mascot for many years.

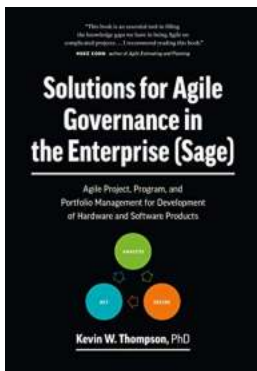
-Peaceful coexistence with Florida wildlife, like basking alligators and raging armadillos.

-Living through a hurricane long distance and then trying to dodge one firsthand in order to have a community picnic.

-The bliss of never having to "go home" from vacation.

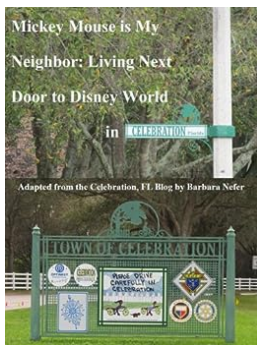
Other books claim to tell the true story about life in Celebration, Florida, but Barb writes from the perspective of a real resident who calls the town her permanent home, not of someone who moved there temporarily just to bang out a quick book. Even though she sometimes takes a cynical view, her love for her hometown is always apparent.

Barb continues to blog about her adventures and the many changes caused by Disney's sale of the downtown area, the housing bubble's implosion, and rampant foreclosures. If you enjoy this book, which covers 2003 to 2005, catch up on her most recent adventures in "The Celebration, FL Blog."



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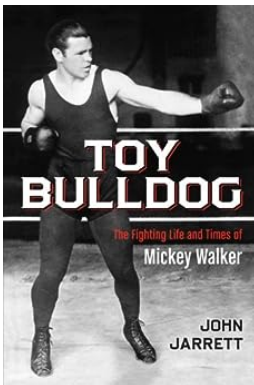
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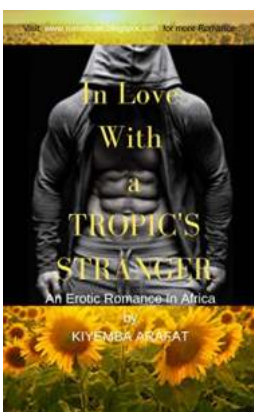
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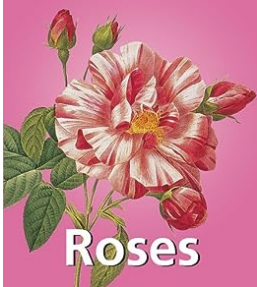
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