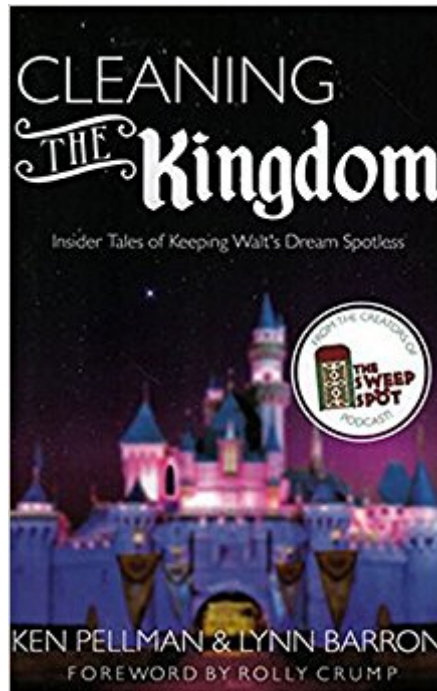




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Cleaning The Kingdom: Insider Tales Of Keeping Walt's Dream Spotless



Synopsis

What is it like to be the eyes and ears of the institution known as "The Happiest Place on Earth?" How does it really feel to work day in and day out leading part of the world famous Disneyland Custodial Team? Just how do they keep such a busy place so clean? Find the answers to these questions and more as secrets are revealed in this unauthorized, honest, and affectionate memoir from insiders who struggled to keep guest happy, tame wild new cast members, and keep the original Disneyland clean through a time of tremendous change, growth, and controversy for the Resort. You'll discover that cleaning up is just a part of the job as you experience heartwarming triumphs, heartbreaking tragedies, and hearty laughs along with the people who lived them.

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Everyone who visits Disneyland marvels at the cleanliness of such a busy park. Walt Disney set

great store in having a clean environment for his guests. This book is a peak behind the curtain at how this massive feat is accomplished. It offers an engaging narrative on the myriad of tasks involved, the methodology in performing them, and how much fun it can be cleaning up after huge crowds. These two have stories both fun and interesting to the Disney fan. The chapters are clearly labeled so that those with weaker constitutions can avoid some of the grittier clean-ups, and if you are not interested in exactly how how each type of the hundreds of trash cans in the park are emptied, you can skip the intricate details. This being a first effort and self published, there are some grammatical errors and typos. These are of no detriment to the book if you are interested in Disneyland, celebrity interaction, and the obvious impact that working for the Disney organization can have. They have also included an excellent glossary of Disney-speak for those of us who have never worked for the Mouse. In summary, grab a pan and broom and give these two a chance, they wrote this book out of passion and it shows throughout.

It's my experience that people and companies come in two types; those who are just getting by with minimal effort, and those that believe in professionals. Despite the nature of their work, the former Disneyland custodial cast members were the latter; professionals who took true pride in their work. Face it, messes happen everywhere, including Disneyland. From horse droppings to parade debris to poop art in the bathrooms, somebody has the job of cleaning it up. More often than not, nobody notices when the custodial staff does their job right. The park is clean, and when something happens, they respond to clean it up as quickly as possible. The book is insightful into the world experienced daily by the "sweepers". Everything from staffing to job assignments to stories of dealing with the unexpected (or, as in the case of the elephants on parade, what was overlooked). There are stories of celebrities, special events, and, of course, the worst of the worst messes that required clean up.

This book is a great insight into the magic that occurs behind the scenes in a very underrepresented and often overlooked department of the parks. I have encountered a few typos, but none of them were drastic enough to impede what the authors were trying to convey. Another edit or revision would have been nice, but overall the material is enjoyable, entertaining, and informative. Both authors clearly share a passion for Disney, and this book delivers first hand experiences on what it was like to work in custodial at a Disney park. As a listener of the authors' podcast, "The Sweep Spot," and a visitor of all world-wide Disney parks so far, I learned many new things by reading this book. Definitely a recommended read for all Disney park fans!!

I too worked within Disneyland Custodial back in the late 1970's (as a Seasonal fast-food busser) and this book brought back many memories. Even though I worked there years before these authors did, many of the people and situations they wrote about I knew well. This is a very in-depth work told from the "source" with humor and insight. While this book will hold a lot for past and current Disney cast members, it will be a great read for any Disney fan or those who have marveled at how Disneyland is kept so clean. It also really reflects the dedication by the custodial cast members (and that department) that despite seemingly working at the "low end" of the Disneyland employment totem pole, they are really the backbone of the park. As I said, I worked in that department as well as in merchandising (the shops) and I have to say it was great fun and received great compliments from guests. Next time you are at a Disney theme park (or any place that is kept so clean), take a moment to thank those who keep it that way! Thanks for the book Lynn and Ken, and thanks for keeping Mickey's park so nice!

This book provides a very detailed view of what it is like to be a custodial cast member at Disneyland. I found the detailed descriptions fascinating, really gave insight into a job I will likely never have the chance to experience. As someone who loves Disneyland but doesn't get to go often I really enjoyed that. I read this as part of my work up before an upcoming vacation to the park. I also loved the stories and insider information you get from hearing these former cast members speak of their experiences in the park. I will never view a certain restroom in the park the same way. I also gained a greater appreciation to all the work that goes into keeping my vacations magical. If you like Disneyland and wonder what it would be like to work there, this is a must read.

I just became a listener of The Sweep Spot podcast, so I knew I had to grab a copy of the book! I downloaded it onto my kindle app and neglected my family until I finished it - I couldn't put it down! I'm a huge Disney fan and a former CM - but at WDW in Florida - and the perspective these guys were able to have working custodial is amazing. It had me laughing out loud in several spots. I really think what Ken and Lynn are doing is awesome. This is a must read, especially for APs and CMs, present or past!

Cleaning the Kingdom is an excellent book for anyone interested in learning more about what happens behind the scenes, and is also interested in Disney history. The authors do a very good job of explaining the job of the custodial staff as it has evolved over the years, and also do a good job of

mixing in some unique Disneyland history, stories about interesting guests, events, and other bits of trivia. I really enjoyed their writing and story telling style.

What a great book! Easy read by two "insiders

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