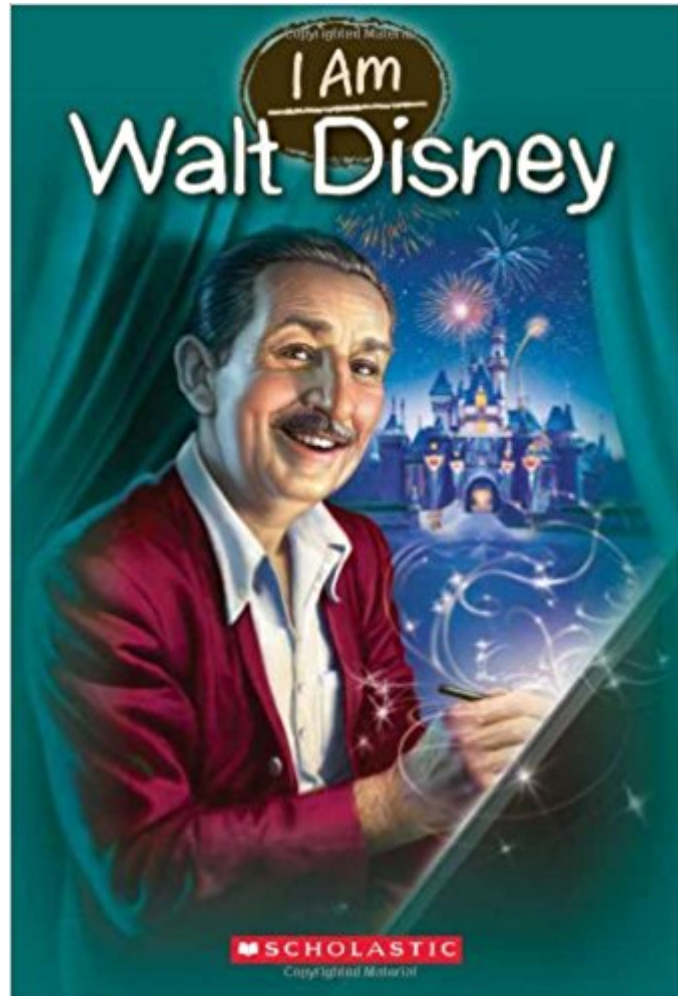




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# I Am #11: Walt Disney



## Synopsis

I am the creator of Mickey Mouse. I am Walt Disney. As a child, I had a wild imagination and a great curiosity. As I grew up, I used those qualities to become a cartoonist. Eventually, I turned these drawings into films and began my own animation business. One of my characters, Mickey Mouse, became so popular that movie theaters sold out and I won an Academy Award. After pursuing a career as a film producer, director, screenwriter, voice actor, entrepreneur and entertainer, I added developer to my resume when I created Disneyland amusement park. I became tremendously successful and beloved by children of all ages because of my belief that even the impossible is possible. I am Walt Disney. To this day, Walt Disney's characters remain some of the most recognizable images in the world. With books, TV shows, films, and amusement parks devoted to his creations, the Walt Disney name lives on. Learn all about this remarkable man's fascinating life in Scholastic's biography series, I AM.

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No matter one's opinion of the ethics of Walt Disney and the corporation he left behind, no one can deny that he was one of America's greatest entrepreneurs. Following an imaginary autobiographical introduction, this title in the I Am series switches to third person as it launches into Disney's industrious life. Often misunderstood by his no-nonsense father, young Walt never

succeeded academically, but he developed an early passion for drawing and cartooning. Despite numerous setbacks, including losing the rights to one of his first characters, he never gave up his dreams. This enjoyable bio provides many details about Disney's innovations in animation, television, and theme parks, as well as a few surprises, like his studio's armed forces "training films during WWII. A mix of archival photos and sketches add interest, even if a few photos, such as a picture of a farmhouse similar to Walt's childhood home, seem like filler. An annotated list of people, Cool to Know facts, related places to visit, and other features further supports students' research. Grades 3-5. --Angela Leeper

Grace Norwich has written many books for young readers on a variety of topics, including health, fashion, animals, and more. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Grace Norwich delivers an interesting, and inspiring book about the life of the famous Walt Disney. I was anxious to gift this incredible, amazing book to my daughter, who admires Walt Disney, like millions of others throughout the world. as a 'special needs' child with learning disabilities, her attention span was excellent as we read through this book together. To my daughter, this book is a 'keepsake' that she will treasure. For myself, I also admire Walt Disney, so this was a great conversational piece for quality time well spent. After 8 visits to Disney World from N.Y. to Orlando, and a trip to Disneyland, we were able to remember the great achievements of Walt Disney. The author highlights Walt Disney's life from childhood, to his huge success. She discusses his extraordinary imagination, and great curiosity that led him to become a cartoonist. Included in the delightful pages of this book, Grace Norwich discusses Walt Disney's career as an animator; film producer; director; screenwriter; and more. In addition, the author tells about Walt Disney's voice, his acting, Walt Disney as an entrepreneur and entertainer. The illustrations are inviting, and compliment the story. The reader learns how he created Disneyland theme park, and how he became a big success, beloved by children all over the world. This inspiring book also includes: 10 things you should know about Walt Disney; the Walt Disney family museum; Walt Disney World; The Mickey Mouse Club; his first job in film; family life; and more. I remember faithfully watching the Mickey Mouse Club on TV, a popular variety show, which several of the Mouseketeers moved on to become big stars. The sweet memories of some of the performers included: Annette Funicello; Ryan Gosling; Justin Timberlake; Britney Spears; and others who are now famous. The story of Walt Disney's life is fascinating, inspiring, and educational! A very enjoyable read. Highly recommended to teachers, parents, child-care providers, and all Walt Disney fans!

purchased for a raffle basket, 3rd grader upset she couldn't have it, she thumbed through it and was reading it, great for a biography assignment at school 3rd grade

My 7 yr old requested this book so that she could read it on our long road trip to disney world. She LOVED it ! And she learned a lot of Walt...so much so that when we when on the "One Man's Dream" attraction in Hollywood Studios - she knew a lot of the info already :)

My 9 year old daughter had to do a biography report on someone. This was a wonderful book to help her. It was perfect for her reading level, but still gave her a complete overview of Walt Disney's life.

I loved this book it was so cool to learn about Walt and how his life went even though I'm in the sixth grade!! had to read a biography for my social studies class and had so much fun doing my project I would totally recommend this book!

My nine year old had to do a report on Walt Disney. We bought this book for research...it was informative and age appropriate

My son was a bit young to get through the entire book, but I found it interesting and it was a great way to remember Disney vacation!

Very interesting facts about Walt. My son is fascinated with him and learned a lot about his past with this book.

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