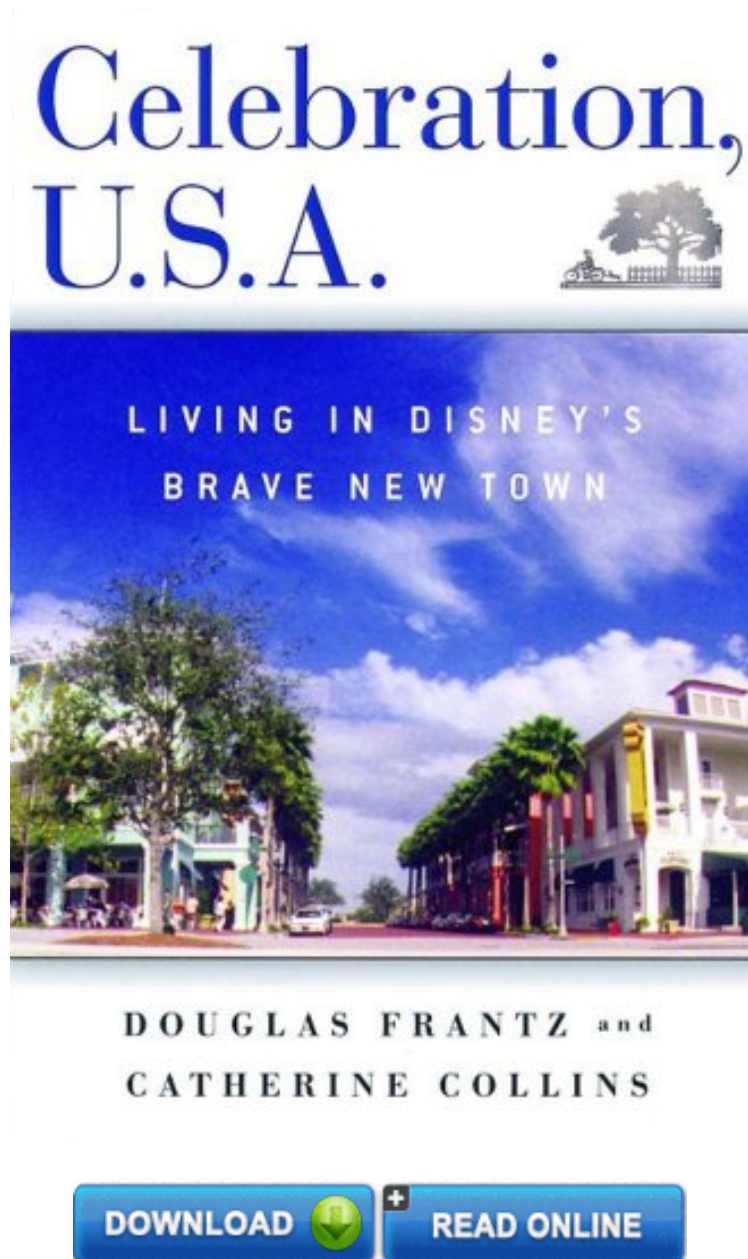


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Douglas Frantz, Catherine Collins : Celebration, U.S.A.: Living in Disney's Brave New Town before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Celebration, U.S.A.: Living in Disney's Brave New Town:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's not that easy to build utopia - even when you're DisneyBy J. LeeOn a trip to Disney World my mother and I stumbled upon Celebration when she felt like driving around the neighborhood we were in. We had no idea it was a Disney community - no large signs broadcast it. We only knew that we felt we'd stumbled into a lovely, retro neighborhood straight from a 50's TV show (that should have been a clue, I

guess). None the less, we celebrated her 50th birthday at a Cuban restaurant there and were enchanted. When I saw this book about a couple who had lived there and had the inside scoop on the community inspired by Disney's original vision of having people live in Disney world type utopia atmosphere - I had to read it. I wasn't dissappointed. I didn't find like others that the writers bashed Disney. In fact, I thought it was a pretty realistic picture of how communities develop and that even in one created to be more of a utopia - well, life is life, people are people and the real world still has to be dealt with. Some people have made celebration their utopia - and work to continually improve it, others expected it utopia to be given them from Disney (and well, good luck on that). I thoroughly enjoyed this couples recount of their experiment of living there. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book was a great read. By Robert Just finished the book and it was a great read into the life of living in the town. Definitely made me have second thoughts about moving there but ultimately we will be moving to Florida so I have to keep this one as a candidate because of the proximity to Disney. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A bit "bubble-gum" (but I like bubblegum!) By A Customer An interesting account on life in Disney's startup town, Celebration, Florida. The authors do a good job of chronicling the pros and cons of the town...and staying unbiased in their approach (after all, they too were Celebration residents looking to increase their property investment). I enjoyed the emperical accounts of life in the town, and life with the towns-people. It gets you thinking about where modern-day suburbia has gone wrong and what can be done to bring back "Mayberry." Overall, I was sorry to put the book down because it seemed to be a nice escape each time I would read it. My only criticism is that the chapter titles are misleading - often the titles are covered in the first few pages in the chapter, and the authors get on another interesting tanget that has nothing to do with the rest of the chapter in the remaining pages.

A prize-winning reporter, his wife, and their two kids describe life in Disney's vision of the future. In 1997, six months after the first residents had moved into Celebration, Florida-Disney's town of the future with its distinctly retro link to a longed-for past-Doug and Cathy and their two kids closed on their new home and settled down to participate in (and observe) this new venture. Their report from the trenches will surprise both Disney haters and Disney fans. What is it like to start a new community-not a suburb or subdivision, but a town, inted to be a self-supporting community with the best of the new technologies (including the very latest in teaching techniques) and the most cherished elements in American towns that existed before the automobile turned everything into a mall? For almost two years the family lived this experiment firsthand. Their report is vivid, funny, and painful-and it tells us as much about ourselves and our hopes and dreams as it does about the daily reality of building a community from the ground up.