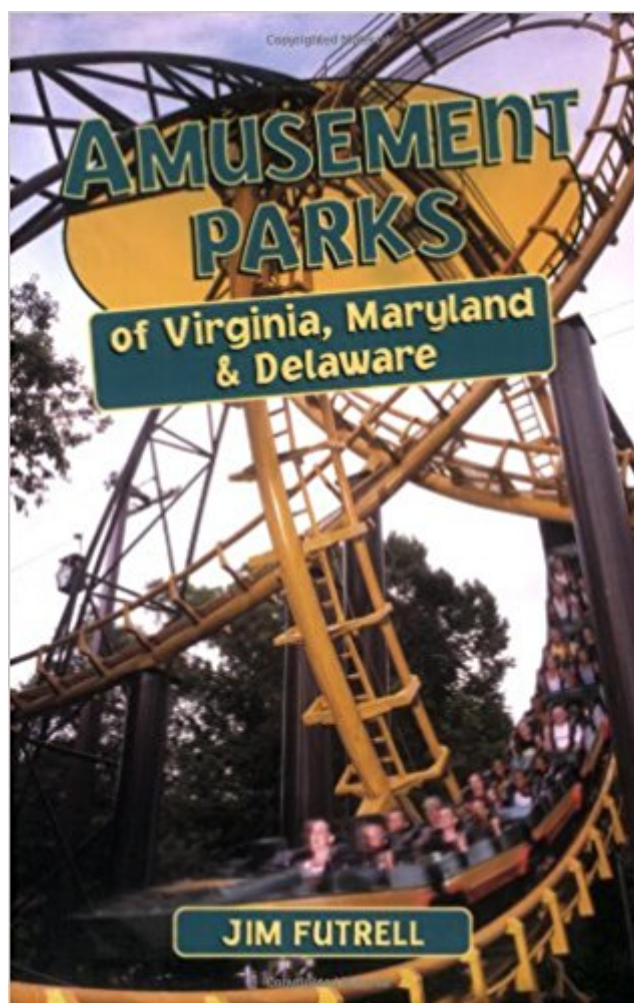


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# Amusement Parks Of Virginia, Maryland And Delaware



## Synopsis

This fun, informative guidebook profiles 15 major amusement parks in Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. A complete history of the industry is followed by an account of parks in the region, accompanied by vintage photographs and postcard scenes. Visitor information on location, schedules, admission, touring tips, food, children's fare, special features, and rides round out this useful source on this favorite family pastime.

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## Customer Reviews

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This is a pretty good book detailing the history of all the amusement parks still in operation in VA, MD, and DE, and also somewhat abbreviated histories of the more prominent defunct parks. My one problem with this book is that it seems like it was written directly from promotional material, so whereas this provides a great walk down memory lane for the larger parks like Busch Gardens and King's Dominion, it also makes a crappy, rundown, overpriced, poorly managed tourist trap like Trimpers on the Ocean City boardwalk sound like it's going to be an amusement Mecca. Thus after reading though the book, the reader will have no idea that parks like Frontier Town and Funland Rehoboth are wonderful little gems you'll just love to death, whereas a park like Jolly Roger kinda

sucks, and Trimpers should be avoided all together. Aside from that, something that would have been nice for a comprehensive look at the parks would have been a year-by-year bullet-point list of what went in and what came out of each park. Most major rides were discussed and dates or at least rough time periods were given, but it would have taken little effort, at least for the major parks, to though this in.

I recently ordered & recieved my copy a few days ago & I must say that it's a fantastic read for anyone who is interested in, or has grown up visiting the parks featured in this book. Having grown up going to Kings Dominion myself I must say that the author has done a great deal of research uncovering facts that even I, a dedicated self proclaimed theme park addict never knew about the history behind the park....of honorable mention, the author's research into Busch Gardens Europe & Six Flags America's history & development is also worthy of reading & learning about. I highly recommend this book for anyone who's grown up with these parks & wants to learn more about their rich history.

I truly enjoyed this book....another great volume on amusement parks from Jim. It brought back great memories from the trips to King's Dominion and Busch Gardens from those parks' early days. The chapters on the Ocean City, MD parks represent the most detailed history of those attractions that I have seen to date on the subject. The section on the history of the VA-MD-DE parks is very informative.....

I really like Amusement Parks Of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. It's filled with history of the Parks. And it's also a good refence. It a must have for all that are in to Amusement Parks.

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