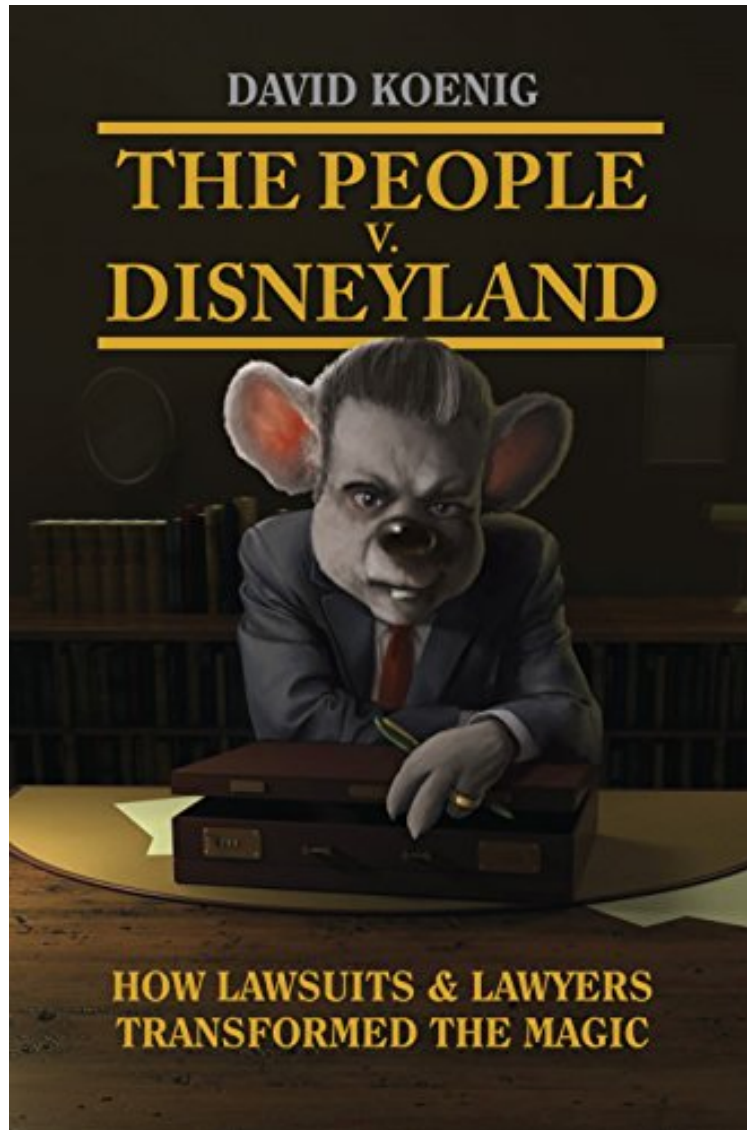


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On July 17, 1955, Walt Disney opened his first venture directly serving the general public: Disneyland. Three days later, a small girl smashed her miniature Autopia car into a curb, slamming her face against the bare metal steering wheel. Her family filed suit. Disney quickly went to work making the ride safer, while at the same time it began vigorously fighting the family's charges. And, the park started gearing up for more lawsuits thousands more. *The People v. Disneyland: How Lawsuits Lawyers Transformed the Magic*, the latest book from Mouse Tales author David Koenig, chronicles 60 years of tumbles, attraction mishaps, ticket scams, attacks by security guards and costumed characters, disability disputes, and employees who turned on their employer. Sometimes the allegations convinced Disney to change its operations, usually secretly. Other times, they stuck by their guns, convinced the claims were bogus. Based on exclusive interviews and nearly 1,300 lawsuits filed against the Mouse, *The People v. Disneyland* reveals how Walt's wonderland has been remade into a very different place.

About the Author Over the past three decades, David Koenig has become arguably the theme park industry's best known outsider, from his first book on Disney the best-selling *Mouse Tales: A Behind-the-Ears Look at Disneyland* to his latest, *The People v. Disneyland: How Lawsuits Lawyers Transformed the Magic*. His other books include *Realityland: True-Life Adventures at Walt Disney World*, *Mouse Under Glass: Secrets of Disney Animation Theme Parks*, *More Mouse Tales: A Closer Peek Backstage*, and *Danny Kaye: King of Jesters*. He also is a founding contributor to [MousePlanet.com](http://MousePlanet.com).