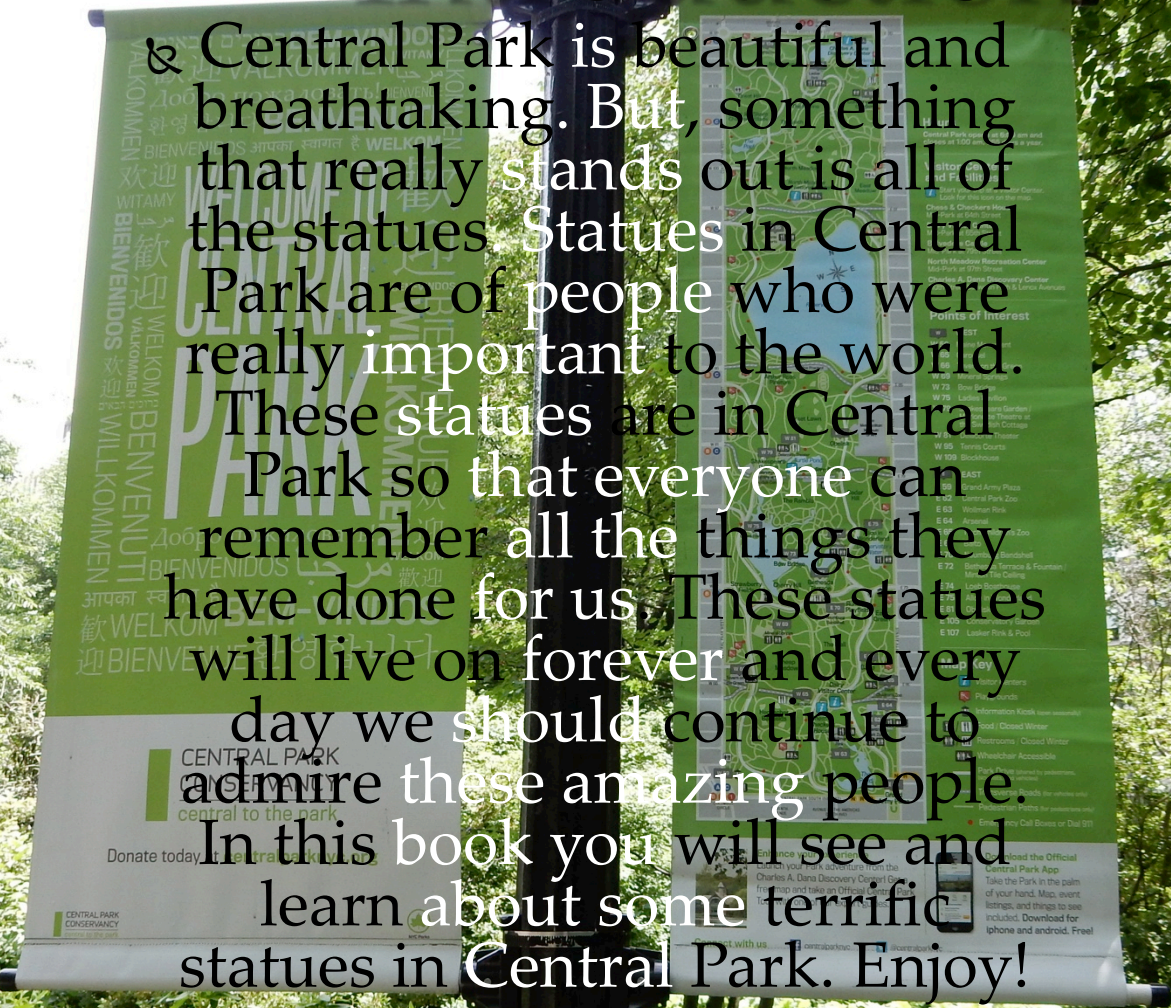


Introduction

Central Park is beautiful and breathtaking. But, something that really stands out is all of the statues. Statues in Central Park are of people who were really important to the world. These statues are in Central Park so that everyone can remember all the things they have done for us. These statues will live on forever and every day we should continue to admire these amazing people. In this book you will see and learn about some terrific statues in Central Park. Enjoy!



Christopher Columbus



As you all must know I'm Christopher Columbus. I was a explorer and the thing I was best known for was discovering America. I was born in Italy, on 1451. Before I became an explorer and discovered America I worked as a trader and learned how to make maps and navigate a ship. My father was a weaver but I decided that I didn't want to take on that job for the rest of my life. My first voyage was going into the Atlantic Ocean in 1476. This voyage almost killed myself along with the other people with me. The thing that had happened was that the French had attacked and I had to swim all the way to Portuguese. I was lucky that I was alive but that trip wouldn't stop me from going on any more voyages because this was my passion. Even though there were bumps in my life and many dangerous risks, I am happy that I am an inspiration to many others.

Walter Scott



I'm Walter Scott. I was born in Scotland on August 15, 1771. My father was a farmer and my mother was the daughter of John Rutherford who was one of the founders of the Medical School of Edinburgh. My mother was the reason why I loved poetry. I was one of 10 children but we were all very different. I spent a lot of time with my grandparents, but it was my aunt Jenny who influenced me to write. My first novel was "Waverly" I decided to publish this book anonymously and so I did the same thing for my other books and poems. I got married to Margaret Charlotte Carpenter and we had 5 children together. I suffered from many illnesses and finished most of my books in my sickbed. I passed away in 1832 but my spirit lives in this statue forever. My favorite part of Central Park is seeing everyone really happy and enjoying their lives.

Robert Burns



Hal'o! That's hello in Scottish. I'm Robert Burns; I was born on January 25th, 1759 in Scotland. That's what brings me to this, I became a poet and a songwriter after my mom introduced me to Scottish songs and legends. I found these things very interesting so that's what made me decide my future. I had suffered from a heart disease for all of my life so at 37 my soul in my original body had left, but then came into this statue. I was the oldest of 7 children. My father was a farmer who was struggling financially, but we got through it. My most popular song is "Auld Lang Syne" (the song people sing on New Years). I had a tough life, but I'm happy where I am now with many people looking and surrounding me.

Fitz Greene Halleck



Hello, I'm Fitz Greene Halleck. I was born in 1790 in Connecticut. I was one of the men in the Knickerbocker group. The Knickerbocker group was a group of men that were talented poets, play writes, writers, novelists, journalists and editors. I came to New York City at 20 years old and I lived and worked there for nearly 40 years. My poetry was read in a lot of places but then it became less popular. I'm still proud of all of the poems I wrote even though there not known like Hans Christian Anderson's stories I still believe in my heart that my poems were spectacular.

Hans Christian Anderson



Thanks Fitz! I'm Hans Christian Anderson, but you can call me Hans, or Christian, or Anderson (whichever you prefer). I was born in 1805 but, I passed away in 1875. I was then built here (in Central Park) in 1956. And, the truth is that I know my soul lives in the statue forever but no one else does, so keep it a secret. I love watching everyone pass by while they see me reading the ugly duckling. I was known for writing "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Princess and the Pea". I am so pleased that my stories have been passed on and I hope that someone gets inspired by me. Central Park is such an amazing place and I hope you enjoy seeing everyone and everything else here.

Bethesda Fountain



Hi, I'm on the Bethesda Fountain (I'm the angel), so you can call me Angel of the Waters. I'm eight feet tall and I've been here for about 174 years! Isn't that crazy! Well, you must be wondering why I'm in such a weird pose, right? So here's the story, I'm carrying a lily in one hand and the other hand is stretched out because I'm delivering a blessing on the water pouring out from my sculpture because I wanted everyone to remember in 1802 when Croton Aqueduct supplied New York City with fresh and clean water. I represent health and peace. Well, I'm one of the many interesting statues in Central Park so, if you keep reading you will see and learn about all of my good friends.

Alice and Wonderland



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Alice- Hi, I'm Alice; I'm the main character in the story, "Alice Adventures in Wonderland". I am 7 years old and I am from England. I have a big imagination and I love learning. I love creatures and other people but sometimes I upset creatures in Wonderland when I say the wrong things. I love sharing a statue with others because I love when I see people in Central park seeing all of us together. I hope you enjoy everyone else's story.

Cheshire Cat- I'm the Cheshire Cat. I'm in the movie, "Alice Adventures in Wonderland". I meet Alice when she finds me in a tree. I always smile and one really cool thing about me is I can appear and disappear whenever I want to. I always listen to Alice and I teach her the rules of Wonderland. I'm so grateful that I got to teach Alice through her adventure.

Alice and Wonderland



White Rabbit- Hello! I'm the White Rabbit and I have to leave soon so, lets do this fast. I was the first character that Alice has encountered. Alice followed me through my hole and then she found Wonderland. While I was in a hurry (like I'm in now) I had mistaken her for a maid and I ordered her to do jobs. When Alice grew and got to big for my house I kicked her out. Somehow, I was still sort a like a guide for Alice in Wonderland. Well, I have to leave. Bye!



Mad Hatter- I'm the Mad Hatter. I'm one of the members of the mad tea party. I appeared as a witness during the trial. I'm usually what people would call rude but I prefer to say that I'm different. The queen once called me and I got very nervous. Even though everyone calls me "Mad Hatter" I was always called "The Hatter" in the story. I think that I shouldn't be here with these other people and I should have my own statue because I deserve it!