

3 The Amusement Park

14 Today I went to Six Flags Magic Mountain with Mar Vista Summer
29 Day Camp. I had been looking forward to this trip all week! (We always go
45 on our field trips on Fridays.) In the morning, I couldn't wait for the bus to
60 come to pick us up. I hoped there wouldn't be much traffic getting up there.

73 When we got inside the gates, we were surprised by how few people
87 were there that day. We had expected the park to be crammed with families
93 and kids from other summer camps.

106 I got assigned to be with two counselors, Victor and Andrea. Boy, was
120 I glad, because they were the counselors who said they would be going on
124 all the fastest rides!

138 The first ride we went on was Batman. I liked that ride because the
153 roller coaster track is above the riders and your legs swing all over the place.
163 It's really smooth, too, even when you turn upside down.

179 This was the first time I was able to go on the big rides, because the
198 last time I came I was only six, and I was still going on lots of the little kid
214 rides at Bugs Bunny World. It was still kind of cool to see those small rides
226 as we passed by them on the way to the big ones.

240 The next ride we went on was Superman. I didn't like that one much
255 because all you do is go up once, and back down backwards, really fast. It's
270 kind of scary too, because you can't see where you're going on the way back
282 down, and you don't know if the ride is going to stop!

295 After Superman, we went on a really old ride called Spin Out. My
312 dad had told me that it was one of his favorites from the old days. I thought
325 it would be slow and boring, but it turned out to be cool.

339 In this ride, a group of about twenty people walk into a round room
352 and stand against the curved black rubber wall. Then the room begins to
361 spin around, slowly at first, then faster and faster.

375 A few seconds after the ride began, the room spun faster. I felt my
388 body getting sucked up against the wall. The floor began to drop away.
400 Everybody started screaming, but we didn't fall. I couldn't see my feet
413 because my head was pinned against the wall. Since I couldn't tell by
428 looking at my own feet how far down the floor had moved, I looked across
443 at people on the other side. We were about four feet up from the floor!
457 After about a minute of spinning, the floor started coming back up, and the
468 spinning slowed down. Finally, our bodies started sliding slowly back down
482 the wall toward the rising floor. Everyone laughed when it was over. I sure
494 am glad we went on that ride before lunch, and not after!