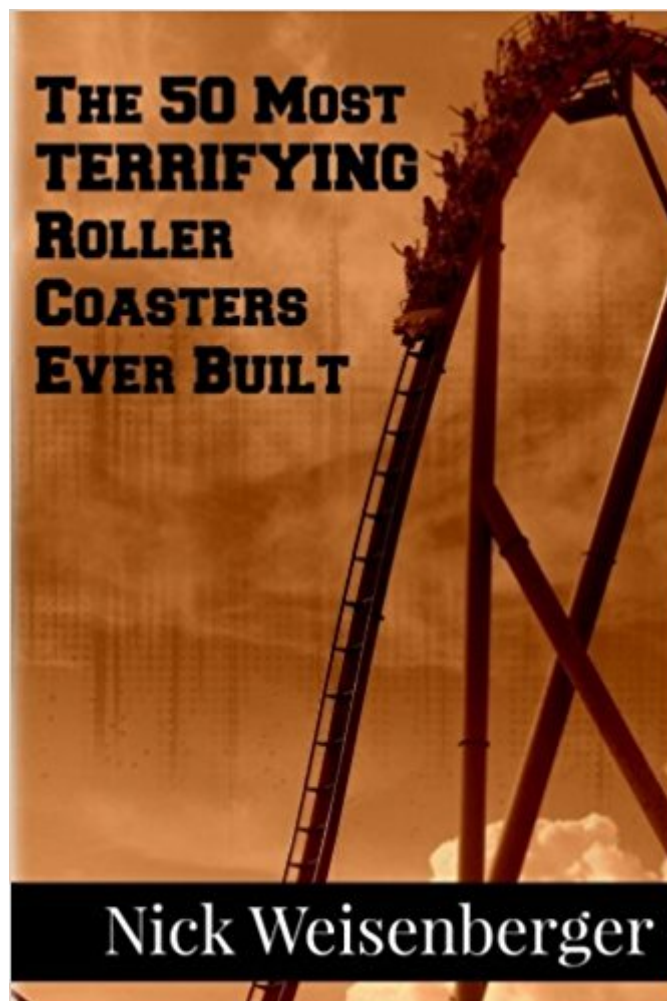


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# The 50 Most Terrifying Roller Coasters Ever Built



## Synopsis

Mega roller coasters of today reach heights of over 400 feet and speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Roller coasters towering taller than a certain height are terrifying for many individuals but it would be boring to simply make a list of the world's tallest coasters. As a result, most of the bone-chilling machines in this list do not use sheer height to terrify, but instead prey on our fears and emotions in other, more creative ways. One element alone may not make a ride terrifying but the sum of all of its parts does. What factors make a roller coaster terrifying? Height, speed, inversions, backwards segments, unique track elements, darkness, and unexpected surprises all contribute to making your head spin and your knees tremble. Where are the most terrifying roller coasters found? Who designs them? Which park builds the craziest rides? Find out by reading *The 50 Most Terrifying Roller Coasters Ever Built!* The second coaster book from Nick Weisenberger, author of *Coasters 101: An Engineer's Guide to Roller Coaster Design* which is the most in-depth look at how a roller coasters are designed, from concept through construction.

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Nick Weisenberger is the author of *Coasters 101: An Engineer's Guide to Roller Coaster Design* and *The 50 Most Unique Roller Coasters Ever Built*. Read more of his theme park related articles at [Coaster101.com](http://Coaster101.com)

Yes, it's true. There's one coaster that had a nurse ready to treat you. You may be unconscious due to 1) FEAR OF BEING KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS; or 2) BEING KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS! read this book after seeing another project from Nick: *76 Excel Tips to Increase Your Productivity and Efficiency*. That book was so well-written, I decided to give this one a try. *THE 50 MOST TERRIFYING ROLLER COASTERS EVER BUILT* is similarly well-designed, well-edited--plus just fun to read. Some things I didn't know about coasters: The "Abyss" coaster in Australia features "Underwear Dispensers." Handy. The "Dodonpa" coaster in Japan accelerates the cars to 106.9 MPH in 1.8 seconds! Seems like they also should add those underwear-dispensing machines. Before riding the "Insane" coaster, Nick suggests it's best to not eat anything. I think I know why. The "X2" coaster uses 4 dimensions of terror. The author explains that the seats themselves rotate around along different axes, further terrifying the patron; hence, the odor of vomit around the ride. Nick explains that this coaster is like a "spin and puke" carnival ride having a love child with a hyper-coaster. I'm not sure of that analogy, but I think I get the point. The "Crystal Beach Cyclone" was the "most extreme roller coaster ever built." This is the one that had the nurse on duty. However, it wasn't that bad, since one rider was killed during its operation. THINGS I LIKED Liked the photos showing the rides. The "Terminology" section was very helpful in understanding the design of coasters. The "Seating Configurations" section was similarly enlightening in explaining seat design. Ditto for "Coaster Class." Good Table of Contents with detailed sections. The Appendix has excellent links to organizations related to coasters. Recommend! A really fun book. However, I am definitely NOT going on ANY of these rides! If you liked this book, check out Nick's other book on Coasters, *Coasters 101: An Engineer's Guide to Roller Coaster Design* by Weisenberger, Nick (2012) Paperback

I bought this for my autistic 11 year old son who is obsessed with roller coasters. While I was slightly disappointed by the smaller size and black & white photos, he was utterly thrilled on Christmas morning! It eclipsed every other gift, including the KNex roller coaster set I got him. He has laboriously read it front to back, memorizing every statistic for every roller coaster. We live in Ohio,

where several of the coasters featured are located, and now I'm on the hook for more than a few road trips this summer. :)

I enjoyed this book and I finished it in two days. The author did seem knowledgeable about rollercoaster design in general. The roller coasters he chose, as the "most terrifying" seemed to be subjective per his personal bias. However, I would have personally selected some of his coasters as scariest. My major complaint was that his coaster descriptions were too brief in scope. You can get much more in depth ride descriptions and statistics from researching the individual coasters on Wikipedia.

I bought it for my 8 yr old who loves coasters. Half the coasters don't even have a picture. Most descriptions are less informative than a wiki post. Relies on providing youtube addresses to look coaster up on the web. If it were not under \$10 and cost \$2 to ship back I would.

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Purchased as a gift for my 7 year old nephew, he just loves it! Lots of great information about these roller coasters.

Bought as a gift, great book, interesting facts. Fast shipping

Informative but Not many pages

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