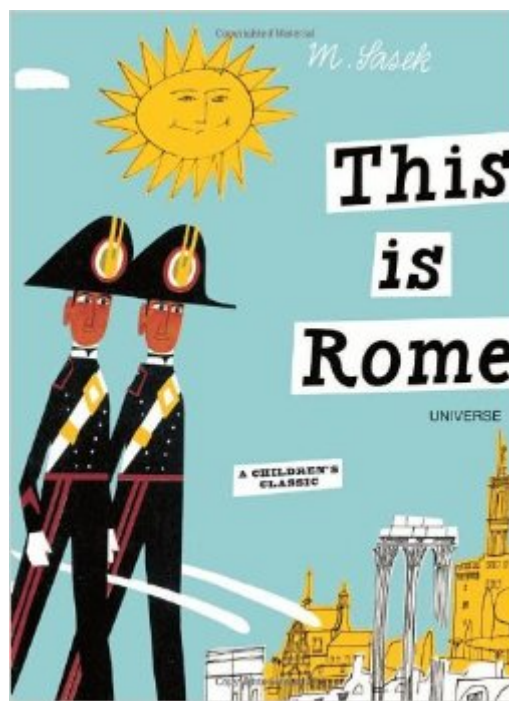


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# This Is Rome



## Synopsis

Like the other Sasek classics, this is a facsimile edition of the original book. The brilliant, vibrant illustrations have been meticulously preserved, remaining true to his vision more than 40 years later. Facts have been updated for the 21st-century, appearing on a "This is . . . Today" page at the back of the book. These charming illustrations, coupled with Sasek's witty, playful narrative, make for a perfect souvenir that will delight both children and their parents, many of whom will remember the series from their own childhoods. This is Rome, first published in 1960, traces the history of Roman civilization to bring to life the Rome of the 60's. Sasek navigates Rome's busy, winding streets to visit such glorious historical landmarks as the statues of Michelangelo, Vatican City, the Pantheon, and the Fontana di Trevi-and to show us the eccentricities of modern Roman life, from its colorful trains, trams, and taxis to its chic espresso bars and pasta houses.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 and up

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book for my son before our trip to Italy, in which we spent a week in Rome. My son just turned 5 before our trip and I homeschool. We read this book and looked at the beautiful pictures before going. It was a wonderful book! After reading the book together, he looked forward to seeing the Coleseum and throwing the coin in the Trevi Fountain and eating some gelato. I would highly

recommend this book to anyone who is planning on visiting Rome with children between the ages of 4-8. Prepares and excites child for what they will see. Then afterward is a good reminder of their vacation. My son will still pull out his 'This is Rome' book!

What a lovely book! How have I missed it all these years? I gave it to my daughter, 20, as a memento of our trip to Rome. It captures the spirit and sights of Rome better than anything else I've seen. It might work as a runup to a trip also, or just a wonderful book to dream on for kids and adults. The illustrations are sixties sublime!

sasek's books are all visually lovely, no doubt about it, however they are also incredibly informative, which i quite appreciate. this book is littered with amazing images and interesting facts. i would definitely say this entry has some of the more elegant images present in sasek's books. and as with all the updated printings of sasek's books, there is a welcome list of "this is the city...today!" at the end of the book with changes listed since the original printing. it is great to see both the way the city WAS as well as the present day differences. i highly recommend this book if you are interested in either rome, or simply in wonderful illustration.

"Once the capital of the Roman Empire, now the capital of Italy and the center of Catholic Christendom, Rome is the "eternal city" - where the old world and the new stand side by side." Miroslav Sasek's "This is Rome" is a beautiful picture book that will give readers of all ages a look at the wonders of this amazing city. Starting right from the beginning with the two baby brothers, Romulus and Remus, brought up by a motherly she-wolf on the Palantine Hill, Sasek's crisp descriptions blend seamlessly with his subdued watercolors to bring Rome, with its ancient wonders, to life. The watercolor style and some of the depictions of the "modern" Rome will appear dated to an adult eye, but the images of the city's landmarks remain true. Sasek's tour ranges from the Forum, to the Pantheon, to the Vatican and everything in between. If you're planning a trip to Italy, this is a perfect introduction for any pre-schooler. The drawings will help connect young children to the sites they may see.

Purchased this book for my granddaughter (6) to read about two weeks before her mom and I left on a 2-week vacation to Italy. We had bought her a map, also, of Italy and she followed our journey as we Skyped her nightly. :) But, she loved this book. She read of all the places we were going and asked us questions about them. She would hold up her book at night when we were Skyping and

point to the things we'd seen. Highly recommended. :)

Exclamations come to mind: beautiful design and drawings, comprehensive and to the point guide! And this goes for all his city guides Paris, Rome, Venice and Hong Kong. You might argue it is a bit old fashioned, but I think you are confusing it with "it's one of the Classics". And when something is called a Classic, it is timeless and a Must-Have! Trust me, it is worth your while and money!

Sasek wrote a series of these books for the world's great cities, and they are all charming. I find that with a younger child, you may just want to look at the pictures and add some of your own narration as the text is wordy and intended for an older (school aged?) child, but it is nonetheless charming. It would be a great series of books to collect for a child, and certainly adults can also appreciate these vintage books with the travel commentary and history and anecdotes about Rome!

I LOOOOOVE this series of books. Written long ago but with updated information, these books are a great addition to your collection. Although written as children's books, they are also great for coffee tables. Buy them all!! Then travel to the places.

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