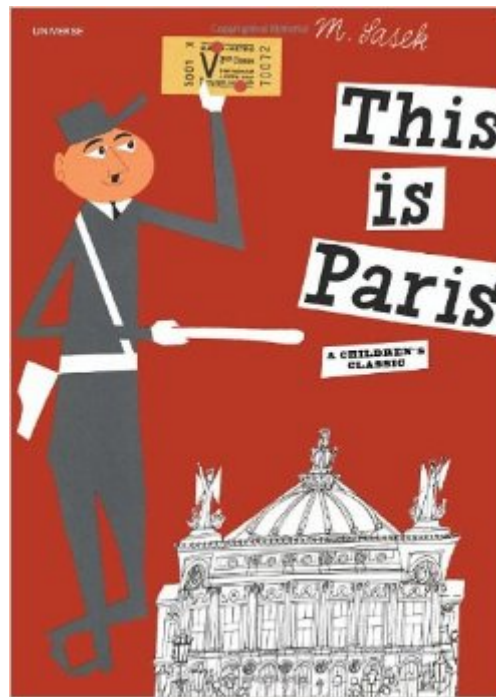


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# This Is Paris



## Synopsis

With the same wit and perception that distinguished his charming books on London, New York, and San Francisco, here this famous Czech painter presents his impressions of Paris in *This Is Paris*, first published in 1959 and now updated for the 21st century. We see its famous buildings, its beautiful gardens, the museums, the sidewalk cafes, and the people who live there -- artists, the concierges, the flower girls, and even the thousands of cats. Take a tour along the banks of the Seine, or through the galleries of the Louvre, or to the top of the Eiffel Tower. Elegant, vivid pictures of one of the most beautiful cities in the world, *This is Paris!*

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## Customer Reviews

This book, and the entire series of books by Miroslav Sasek, are just wonderful. The story introduces children (ideally from ages of about 3 - 7) to the magic of Paris. The book evokes a sense of wonder, while relaying facts about Paris that children will find very captivating. We see things like Notre Dame, a ticket to ride the Metro, and a gendarme. The illustrations are just lovely, done in a style that helps provide a leaping off point for imagining even more about the story. A marvel of brilliance masquerading as simplicity! The book has been in print for nearly 50 years, and deserves its place along with other children's classics of the city like "Make Way for Ducklings."

A beautiful reprint of this classic. M. Sasek is one of my favorite children's book illustrators. This book takes you back to Paris in 1959. The drawings are really stylish. This book is a real treat. Check out the London, New York and San Francisco books as well.

Written and drawn in 1959 this children's book taught me a thing or two about a city I thought I already knew a lot about. The pictures and scenes are wonderful in bright colors and include most of the major sites in Paris from "le metro" to Montmartre and the Champs Elysees. There have been a few of the drawings, or accompanying text, that have been asterisked to reflect the changes that have occurred in Paris since 1959 but if you are taking young ones over I highly recommend this book as a way to make some of what they will see a little more understandable for them.

We thought we were taking our almost 2 year-old to Paris with us when I bought this book. We ended up going without her, but my daughter loves reading this book. She was too young then for me to read word by word so I simplified it a bit and sang some songs with the story (songs about train, the bus and the donkey). She learned about cats, the painter, the Eiffel tower, the "Un fort", the church, etc. She loves Mona Lisa and knows that Mona Lisa "lives" in the Louvre. She often asks about Mona Lisa and gets really excited knowing that the page is coming up. The funny thing was that she all a sudden blurted out "Eiffel Tower" during our trip to CA. She saw the electric tower that looked a little bit like Eiffel and thought that was it! I think she needs a Paris trip in the future so she can see the REAL Eiffel tower;)

This book has created a fabulous insight into the world of travel for my children. It has compelled us all to take a language course in French and to travel here and put our dreams into reality. It has planted the seed of intrigue and wonderment to which my children seek out this book to read at bedtime.

I was searching for a non-fiction book on Paris for my 3rd grade class when I discovered this book. It is a jewel! The illustrations are both incredibly beautiful and detailed. The book also gives a great tour of Paris, it travels to all of the main landmarks and it is full of fun facts about the city. My students enjoyed it immensely, it is a great way to get kids excited!

We bought this book as we got our two and six year old boys psyched for Paris, but wound up falling in love with the book ourselves. Dated, sure, but so is Paris. The best part was when we got

back, because so many of the small things we did were in there (like boats in the fountain!). A great book for everyone.

I admit, I didn't look at the size when I ordered the book. When it arrived, I was pleased to see it was a nice tall hardcover book in excellent condition, even though I bought it used. This book is not a story, this is an educational book. My daughter is infatuated with Paris, and although she's 11 (note: below grade level reading, preteen mind) she wanted this book. She loves it. It's an easy way for her to remember places in Paris without it being textbooky. It's great for younger kids too of course! It has very nice drawings and brief passages about famous places and common sites of Paris. A nice touch in the later editions is that the editor has put "updates" to information such as: police are no longer on bicycles, but are on motorbikes, markets have moved, and other tidbits of change. If you buy educational books to read to your young children, I'd recommend this one as a nice introduction to the places in Paris. That, and Google Earth (ha ha).

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