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A girl's adventures escorting two Chinese children to Singapore and what happened there.

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Lark says

I always enjoy books by Pamela Brown. Sometimes they strain credibility a bit... Um... why? How? Nevertheless, they're always enjoyable. In this one, Fenella has been living with her aunt while finishing her schooling while her parents work to run a rubber farm in Penang. Wanting to join them once she's left school, Fenella takes the job of escorting two Chinese children "as far as Singapore" in exchange for her fare. Naturally things fall apart. The story has dated, of course, most especially in the last couple of chapters where a character we'd met only briefly before arrives on the scene and sorts things out for Fenella. Plot aside, the characters are fun; especially Rosamund and James and the Chinese driver, Fuong. So, why three stars? Well, to me, three stars means a good story I have read (or will read) more than once.

Louise Culmer says

Eighteen year old Fenella has lived with her Aunt Stephanie in London for five years, but finally she is done with school and can go and join her parents on their rubber plantation in penang, but she is determined to pay her own way, so she takes a job escorting two Chinese children, Rosemary and James Chong, from London to meet their parents in Singapore. The journey is very eventful, the high spirited James in particular keeping Fenella busy. but when they get to Singapore, to Fenella's dismay the Chong parents are not there. Rooms are booked for them at raffles hotel (the Chongs are extremely wealthy) but as the days pass and the Chong parents do not appear, Fenella grows more and more anxious, as they are running out of money. What to do? this is a very funny story with great characters, James and Rosemary are very endearing children. there are wonderful descriptions of Singapore, you almost feel you are there yourself. not a book to read when you are hungry, there are lots of descriptions of delicious food as well. Air travel is very different nowadays, the descriptions of the flight to Singapore may make you regret a more leisurely and less cramped style of travel. Altogether a delightful story.
