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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.

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Negin says

My daughter and I often joke that although we love visiting museums when we travel, one of our favorite parts are the gift shops. When we were in Rome recently, I came across this book at a museum gift shop. Although this is a children's book and my children are now young adults, I took one look and knew that I just had to have it. I wish that I had known about this series earlier. I would love to have the entire series. Yes, they are children's books, but adults can enjoy them also. The retro illustrations are such fun. The text is superb and quite informative. I just love this delightful book.

Alice says

This is such a fun series! As I have said before, I am still amazed that most of the facts and details or still relative (50 something years later) I even learned a thing or too...

Jennifer says

A book like this is serious eye candy to me. Just go look at it.

Hana Chybíková says

Šaškovy knížky "To je ..." mám moc ráda. Jsou krásně ilustrované a zvědavé děti a snad i dospělácké cestovatele mohou upozornit na to, co na výpravách po městech neminout. Tím, co nikam necetují navíc zpřítomní jejich atmosféru. Vzhledem k původnímu vydání v 60. letech jejich český překlad uvádí neaktuální skutečnosti na pravou míru (díky osvětlenému Baobabu za jejich vydání!). A "jím" má navíc tuze milý závr. Vždyť přece všechny cesty vedou do jima!

Teri says

Wonderfully illustrated book for all ages. Wish I had read it before my two trips to Roma! A quick and easy overview of points of interest in Rome.

Trish says

This is all about Rome.

Kimberly says

A legitimate, although by now probably slightly outdated, travel guide for children. Loved the illustrations. Neat!

ABC says

Wonderful illustrations in this book. Factual info is not as dated as most other books in this series.

Jason Golomb says

"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."

M. 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 it's 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.

Emily says

Miroslav Sasek's mid-century illustrations are dreamy and a perfect fit for a romantic city like Rome. He illustrated travel books like this for a bunch of cities. Paris is especially elegant--like pastel macaroons on grandma's plate.

Amy says

Apparently this author has written a whole series of books highlighting different cities, states, countries, etc. from around the world. I found this particular book at the BYU Museum of Art bookstore and gave it to my

husband for father's day. I love the illustrations and informative but simple text. My children have seeing and learning about some of the places my husband and I have visited in Rome. Love these books! Would love the ENTIRE series!

Jason Bradshaw says

I keep finding these in thrift stores and the art is seriously stunning. Sasek quickly became one of my favorite illustrators and I look at these all the time for ideas. Beautiful, beautiful series of books.

Kim says

Delightful illustrations and text captions introduce the sights, history and culture.

Melanie Olson says

Our family traveled to Rome when my son was three years old...eight years ago. Since he can't remember most of the things we saw and experienced, I'm always on the lookout for things that will jog his memory and will review some of the amazing experiences we had. I spotted this book in the gift shop of an art museum, and HAD to have it! Miroslav Sasek became famous for his children's travel books, particularly the whimsical artwork. This is a fun book to have to review all of the aspects of our trip to Rome.

Sarah Sammis says

Fewest footnotes yet. Rome doesn't change much.
