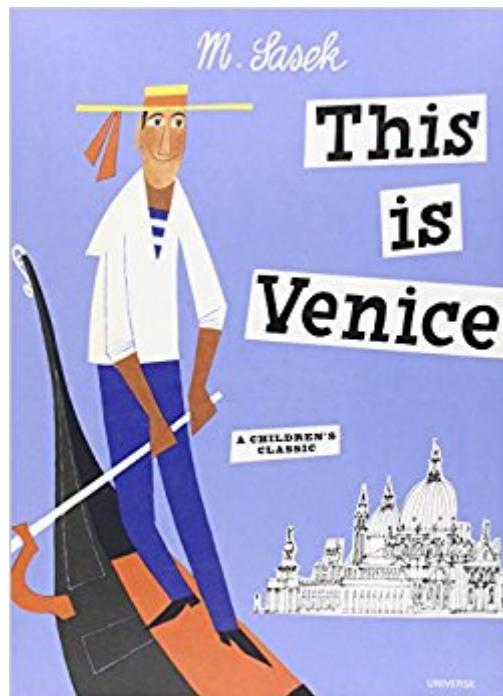


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# This Is Venice



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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M. Sasek was born in 1916 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. An author and illustrator, he is best remembered for his classic stories on the great cities of the world. He died in 1980.

My 6 year old enjoyed reading this book and learned a lot about Venice before our visit. She was a little tour guide when we were there.

I bought this book for my children because I remembered enjoying them very much when I was a child. My reaction now to the "This is..." series is that they are very superficial and light, but that misses the point. As an introduction to new places, to intrigue a child's mind without overwhelming him or her, they are great. They impart an excitement and an optimistic openness. So what that they don't tell the whole story of any city? They light the fuse for a curiosity that will last the rest of one's life. Besides, I very much enjoy that late 50's-early 60's confident caricature style.

Still a bit out of date - but another great book to have in the collection of places I've taken my son to! Loves these books!

Like all the Sasek books, this one is beautiful. His paintings are lovely and bring happy memories of my visit to Venice.

I am taking an 8 year old to venice and this is a must read for him before we go

Terrific series of books for young readers highlighting the important sites in each city

The illustrations and design of this book are delightful, as is the case with the others in the series. I wish, though, that the text were less focused on facts and figures and more on evoking the scene. It's not entirely clear to me that this volume works as a children's book, even though a city with water for streets and boats instead of cars has a natural appeal for young readers. I just don't think the text describes anything much they can 1) understand or 2) find interesting. If you plan to read this to kids, bring your imagination. I simply make up a different story to go with the pictures, and my niece and nephew love it.

Good book for children to get a taste of Venice

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