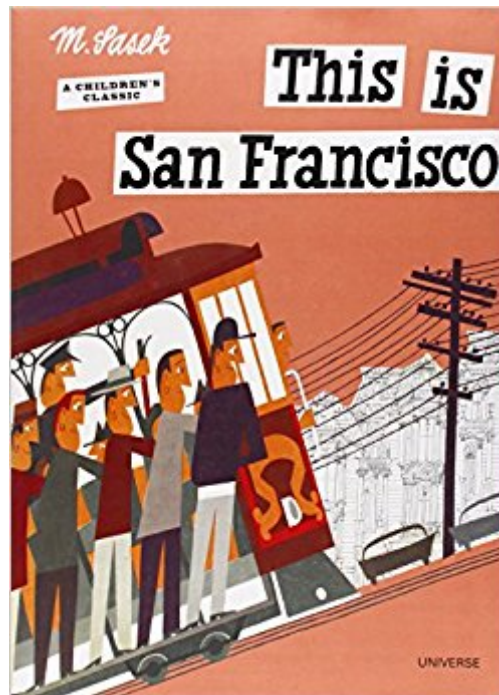




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This Is San Francisco [A Children's Classic]



Synopsis

Let the rumbling cable car tell you the story! And what a story: From the crookedest street in the world to the Peking ducks in Chinatown, San Francisco is easily one of the world's most enchanting cities. Illustrator Miroslav Sasek captures both the breathtaking landscape and the cosmopolitan flavor of the City by the Bay in *This is San Francisco*. First published in 1962, Sasek's jaunty, colorful illustrations will still dazzle kids and adults alike.

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Customer Reviews

Here's a flat-out classic. In 1962, Czech author-illustrator Miroslav Sasek created *This Is San Francisco*, another installment of his series of children's travel guides (*This Is Paris*, *This Is London*, *This Is New York*). With his usual distinctive and charming style, Sasek tours the sights around the City by the Bay, including Lombard Street, the cable cars, Fishermen's Wharf, Golden Gate Bridge, and Chinatown. This 2003 reissue edition also includes a number of annotations about how certain locales have changed since the book was published. There's a good chance that anyone who grew up in or near San Francisco will remember this book fondly. Everyone else has a joyous discovery ahead. --David Horiuchi

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.

loved the retro drawings.

This is a favorite of my family and myself. I have purchased a copy for my niece and my son to go along with the copy my parents still have from my youth. every home needs one! Having grown up in SF this remains a special reminder of the history of the place and the illustrations are marvelous. I don't know if individual prints from Sasek are available, but I'd love to get some framed from this book. If you've ever wanted a quick taste of a place, This is San Francisco is a great primer for any child.

I purchased this book solely on the fantastic illustrations but great content as well. my girls and i loved going thru the book several times and had great discussions about traveling to san fran (which we are planning to do in the near future). i would highly recommend as a travel book for kids in fact, as it does a great job touching on all the fun things in san fran.

I gave this book to my granddaughter who is 3 while we were visiting San Francisco. I thought she might like looking at the pictures in the book after driving over the Golden Gate Bridge, visiting the tea garden, riding on the cable cars, etc. However even though she is a book lover, the pictures in this book did not seem to interest her. I thought the book was great but I especially like the vintage feel of the pictures which clearly appealed to the adults that saw the book rather than the kids.

a wonderful childrens book, interesting to adults as well, its fun to read and identify all the sites. The quality of the paper is nice, similar to the original one. I own a couple of the books from the first edition and the new edition is quite good, the san francisco now page, mentions some the changes since the book was written and is a nice addition. Good Quality, glad they decided to re-edit them. looking forward to completing my collection! recommend them for 4+ years old, a wonderful storytime book.

got the book and the pages were all VERY yellowed. very disappointed. otherwise it's a great book, and i would return it except it's a gift that i need to give soon, and don't have time for the return. but definitely should not have been sold as is. i mean, it's REALLY yellow. kinda shameful.

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 also found this entry to be a lovely springboard of ideas on a recent trip to san francisco (the largest chinatown in the united states!).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 san francisco, or simply in wonderful illustration.

My father read this book to me from the time I was 2 or 3 years old. There was a story I loved about a sailor with 17 nephews and a niece. He brought his niece a pug dog all the way from China. That story was not in this edition and I'm wondering why. Other than that, my favorite story not in the collection, I'm still very glad to have it. The illustrations bring up powerful childhood memories and I love it.

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