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# This Is Australia (Artists Monographs)





## Synopsis

Like the other Sasek classics, these are facsimile editions of his original books. The brilliant, vibrant illustrations have been meticulously preserved, remaining true to his vision more than forty years later and, where applicable, facts have been updated for the twenty-first century, appearing on a "This is . . . Today" page at the back of each book. The stylish, charming illustrations, coupled with Sasekâ ™s witty, playful narrative, make these books a perfect souvenir that will delight both children and their parents, many of whom will remember them from their own childhood. In This is Australia, first published in 1970, Sasek swings down under, winging his readers into Sydney, with its famous bridge and space-age Opera House; bustling, modern Melbourne; colonial Adelaide; semitropical Brisbane; the garden city of Canberra; mineral-rich Perth; and Alice Springs, Australiaâ ™s most famous outback town.

#### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

This book provides a beautiful "time capsule" effect, describing Australia as it was in the 60s and 70s. I was especially delighted at the comprehensive information provided on the pages relating to Tasmania, as we often get left out entirely, even from Australian publications!

being a huge fan of sasek's other books, i picked up this one as my mother is from australia.it

seemed to be a lot wordier than his other offerings, and don't get me wrong, i love learning, but for a younger person i could see this being overkill. the lovely art takes that edge off, but it's worth mentioning.whether the wordiness is a put-off or not, this book is definitely worth perusing. i love an artful history lesson!

This book is even more delicious for me because it shows an Australia that I remember as a child as a child would want to see it, because Sasek's illustrations are a sheer delight. Australia has changed so much in the last four decades that a lot of the subject matter is no longer current, so while I very highly recommend this book, it's best for older Australians who can enjoy a trip down memory lane. (It did however arrive from rattling around in a box with \*no\* padding so its dust jacket was torn in one corner. That - literally - took the edge of it!)

We have several other of Sasek's "This is..." books, and this is not one of my favorites. I purchased it to use as a supplement with my preschoolers when we did a lesson on Australia. It is very wordy and focuses more on the cities and architecture of Australia rather than the people/the bush/the animals, all of which are more interesting to children. If you're looking for younger children, I would avoid this title.

This is such an adorable book. The pages are amazing and they have a lot of fun facts about Australia that I didn't even know about. I love buying kids books that give them more information about the world around them in a unique way and this book does just that. My son loved it. I will be buying more in the collection.

My grandchildren 8 & 6 were visiting Australia so I purchase this book. They really enjoyed reading about Australia beforing their visit. I also gave them the book "This is San Francisco" a few years ago and my then 6 yr old was familiar will all the city attractions before going. I highly recommend books by this author.

Great for overseas kids. Ex pat kids really. This is Australia is very well illustrated and represents home. Adults will love it too

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