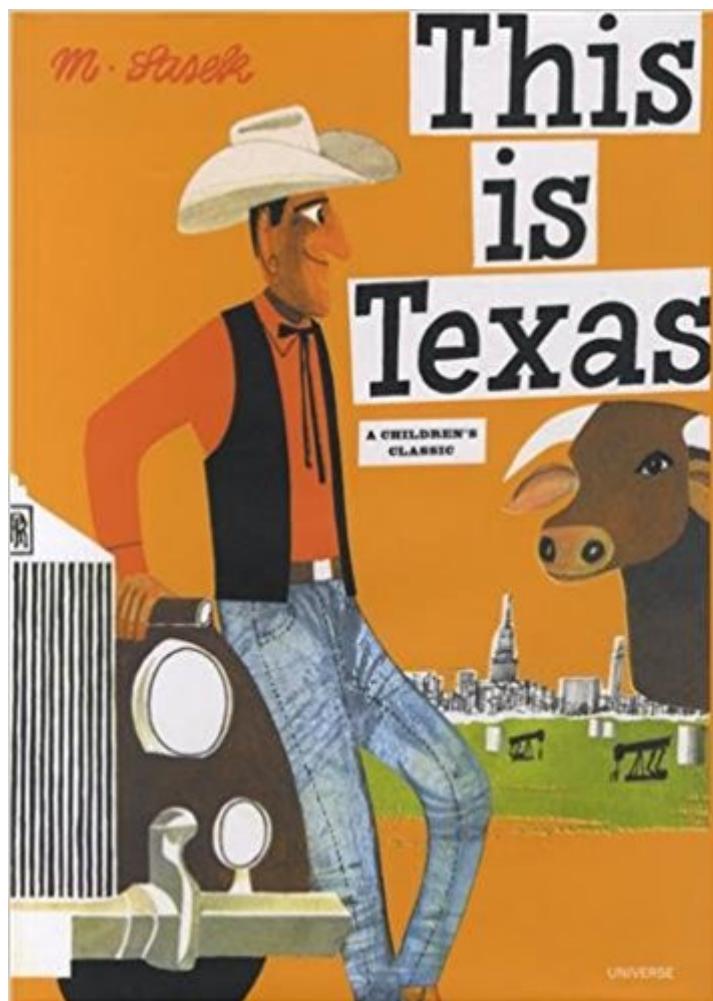


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# This Is Texas: A Children's Classic



## **Synopsis**

Following the runaway bestsellers This is New York and This is Paris, Universe is pleased to reissue another title from M. Sasek's beloved and nostalgic children's travel series. Like the other Sasek classics, This is Texas is a facsimile edition of his original book that is still timely and current in every way. The stylish, charming illustrations, coupled with Sasek's witty, playful narrative, make the book a perfect souvenir that will delight both children and their parents, many of whom will remember it from their childhood. 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. In This is Texas, first published in 1967, M. Sasek rides high in the saddle, lassoing all the color and colossal span of Texas as he tours the state from Dallas, Houston, and Austin to the Alamo. From its cattle, coyotes, and cowboys to its oil wells, rodeo and rattlesnakes, everything in the biggest state is bigger than anywhere else.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 7 and up

Grade Level: Kindergarten and up

## **Customer Reviews**

M. Sasek was born in 1916 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Best remembered for his classic stories on the great cities of the world, he died in 1980.

I love the artwork. I own This is Paris and have sent This is Chicago to my nephew. These books are so charming.

I bought this book to send to my daughter's former school friends in London, so they could know about where she is from and where she moved back to. I quickly realized though, that although the seller's description says 5 years old and up, it's really for older kids. The kids this was intended for are 4 and 5, and I could even see some 6 year olds getting bored by the length of text. I liked the book, but I think it's for older kids. The artwork is wonderful, but the text is a little wordy for the younger kids, methinks.

My son adores this book! Lots of great facts about the state we love!

This book is absolutely precious. It has a lovely vintage quality to it that makes it an instant keepsake. I have a 2 year old niece in Chicago and I brought her this book on my last visit. She loved the beautiful illustrations.

Miroslav Sasek wrote and illustrated many of these books of countries and places and I remember them from my childhood. They have been updated with notes in the back and the beautiful illustrations give a great feel for our big state. Humorous too.

Up until now I have wrongly assumed that mr Sasek is an american, drawing (and writing) from inside his own "domain". Superficially thumbing through his books on New York and San Francisco, on earlier occasions, only strengthened my assumption. Now I have learned about the background of this true internationalist, I still find his depictions of the USA the most spirited!

I lived in Texas for 3 years and while I was there all of the kids in my family wanted to know about the state and its culture. This became the perfect Christmas gift for all of them and they loved it.

I love this book, and buy for all my Texas transplant friends' kids. Maybe better reading for an older child, but the look is so nice that it makes a good one to leave out in the nursery or playroom.

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