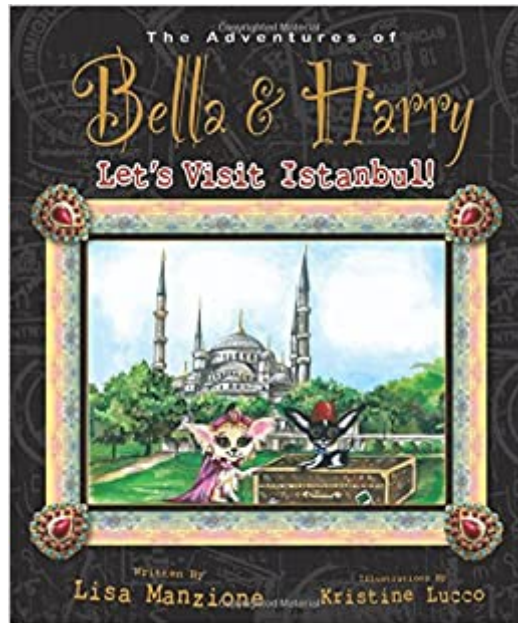




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Let's Visit Istanbul!: Adventures Of Bella & Harry



Synopsis

Join sibling Chihuahuas Bella and Harry as they travel to Istanbul with their family and cruise the Bosphorus River, visit the Blue Mosque, the Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace. Along the way, local cuisine (such as menemen) is introduced to the reader. The Adventures of Bella & Harry is a picture book series that chronicles the escapades of a pup named Bella, her little brother Harry and their family, who travel the world exploring the sights and sounds of new, exciting cities. The "Bella & Harry" series is intended to be an informative, interactive and exciting way to introduce children to travel, different countries, customs, history and landmarks with the educational value of this book cleverly disguised amidst dozens of illustrated pages which are sure to win the hearts of young readers. Traveling the world with these two cute and cuddly Chihuahuas will allow the young reader to gain an appreciation of the world and its cultural diversity. Happy Travels from Bella Boo and Harry too!!!

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-The globe-trotting Chihuahuas visit monuments and important buildings, discover a bit about the region's history, and learn a little about Turkish culture. Most of these details are relayed through the pups' conversations. The steady stream of sometimes dry facts is interrupted as

readers come across a lighter moment when Harry wonders if he will see a flying carpet, and tension rises when Bella becomes temporarily separated from the tour. Amazingly, the pups are able to visit many tourist attractions in just one day. A simple outline map of Turkey and short list of Turkish words/phrases are included. Unfortunately, the book lacks a pronunciation guide, and while there is also no glossary, terms like "minarets" and "menemen" are defined during the story. Exaggerated pictures of Bella and Harry, in brightly colored watercolor illustrations, are a contrast to the more stately renderings of buildings such as the Ortakoy Mosque and Dolmabahce Palace. Lucco's images of people are less defined. This combination of anthropomorphic story and geographical guidebook could be useful in social-studies classes where instructors prefer teaching content through stories. Families traveling to Turkey might find the book a helpful tool in preparing their children for the trip.-Lynn Vanca, Freelance Librarian, Akron, OH Â (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Merhaba, friends! Intrepid travelers Bella, a very feminine-looking Chihuahua, and her younger brother, Harry, are back to star in their ninth travel adventure—this time to Istanbul, Turkey. They kick things off with a ferry ride on the Bosphorus Strait, where their ears flap in the breeze, and they take in the First Bosphorus Bridge, which connects Asia to Europe. Then, the canines hop off in Ortakoy, a neighborhood in Istanbul. They're introduced to the Ortakoy Mosque (and have a conversation about what a mosque is), sample the local cuisine, visit a palace or two, and stop by one of the oldest and biggest covered markets in the world . . . the Grand Bazaar. The two make for amiable tour guides, even if the prose is somewhat bland and the illustrations verge on cartoonish, particularly when it comes to our pop-eyed stars. Still, it's not every day a kid gets to take a trip to Istanbul, and this makes for a nice introduction to the customs and hot spots. Elveda (that's goodbye in Turkish). Grades K-2, --Ann Kelley

I have been purchasing this series for my 5 year old neighbor. At her recent ballet recital (when I gave her St. Petersburg - Russian ballet!) her grandmother commented how much she loves these books. Not only is she excited to receive them, she wants to read them over and over. I recently recommended this series to a co-worker whose daughter and her family are travelling the world. She was so excited about these books that she gifted Istanbul through Kindle because the family spent a month there. Educational, fun, and Bella & Harry are adorable! Would highly recommend.

Before our trip we read this book daily. It's exciting to see the landmarks in person. Our kids love

this series! Wish they had more cities!

wonderful

Such a fun little book! Having just moved to Istanbul, this book was adorable and even informative

I am a teacher of two to six-year-olds at a Montessori school. One day a parent in our room asked if there is anything he can do to help with the classroom. I told him I was having a challenge finding something appropriate to share with the children about Turkey. It only took him a few days and he found "Bella & Harry Let's Visit Istanbul". With a reminder of fiction vs. nonfiction, I read the book to our students. They loved it! I appreciate the innocence and the simple details of the area that are shared. It complements our themes perfectly. Thank you for creating the series!

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