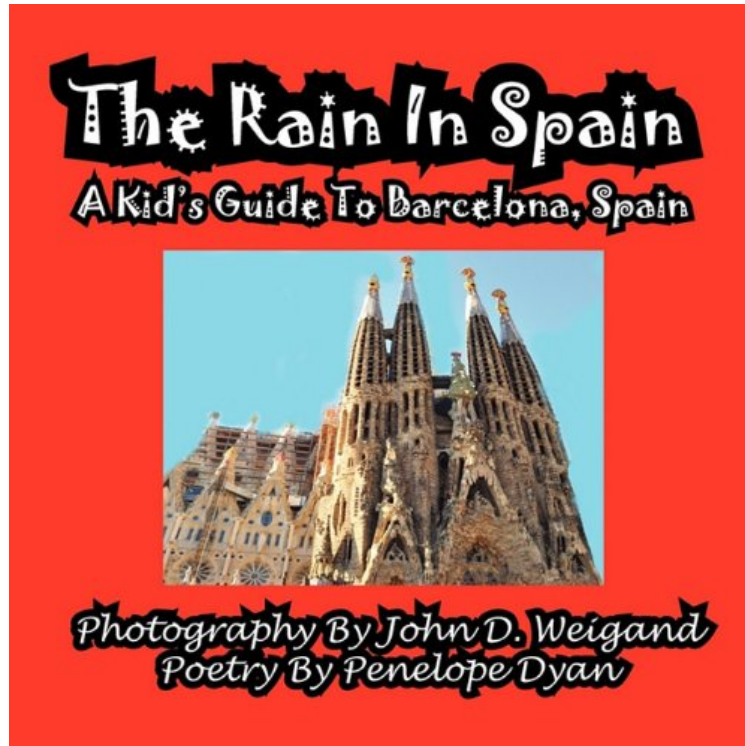


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purchased on , but this item is absolutely valueless. I bought it thinking that it would stir the imagination and enthusiasm of my 8 year old daughter for an upcoming trip to Barcelona. The book is so inadequate that I would not even show it to her. The writing seems to be aimed at toddlers (who would not have an independent interest in Barcelona anyway), and the pictures are generally uninspiring and in some instances embarrassing -- with all of the city's treasures, the authors devote a full page photo to McDonalds!?! Not worth \$1 let alone over \$10.

This book is recommended by 'Simply Hotels' and the educational website 'Maisey Goes To Barcelona.' It is a child's picture book, and sometimes even older children and adults enjoy reading it and looking at the pictures. Children can add things to the book (if they like) and write in the book and on the blank pages at the end of the book, and Penelope Dyan encourages them to do so to make the book their very own. It is a guide for the very young with colorful photographs of a walk down La Ramba (the heart of Barcelona) to the statue of Christopher Columbus pointing the way to America. There are reminders of home for those who feel a little homesick, and there is a video on YouTube that goes along with this book. Author Penelope Dyan is recognized by Kindercare, Girls Voices In Literature Database (Miami University, Florida) and the AU Pukeke recommended reading list places her books in the top ten best books for girls on two different lists! Penelope Dyan also has two of her children's books on display in the Saison Poetry Library, Southbank Centre, London, chosen by the UK Arts Council. Southbank Centre is the largest arts center in the entire world, and very few authors outside the UK are placed in this library. ( And these are only a few of her honors and awards.) You need to utilize all you can when you are teaching young children, and this book will keep the yawns and the complaints away when traveling because as one reviewer in an Istanbul, Turkey newspaper noted, these authors truly see through the eyes of a child and know how to keep their interest.