

seeing! When the books first arrived, the girls gave a bland answer and a non-committal shrug. So I sat down to lunch with them, and while they read their books, I started reading the London book, and occasionally shared something funny or weird. It only took about 2-3 such comments before I had one girl trying to read over my shoulder, and the other asking questions: Why? Where? Can we see that? Then 14 year old picked up the London book to keep reading when I went to get my drink, and 12 year old slipped away with the Paris book a few minutes later. Now they are calling out interesting tidbits to each other from adjacent rooms, and reading paragraphs back and forth to each other. Hampton's Maze in London and the Mona Lisa have already been requested additions to our "must do" list. The books have only been in our house for about 45 minutes. One reviewer mentioned that it was disorienting and hard to follow the layout. I find that somewhat true for me, being a stodgy old 40-something. However, these kids have grown up with internet, comic "novels", and soundbites of information. It's a great medium for them, which was the whole point. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perfect Speed for the Younger Set By JK Written explicitly for kids from the good folks at Lonely Planet, the books in this series are the perfect blend of information. It is not your standard travel guide, if it were, kids wouldn't read it. The book is organized with each 2-page spread covering some aspect of London ranging from history, culture, music, museums, architecture, etc. There is a short intro, a bit of background and historical context and answers the big question: why it's of interest. I really credit the authors, it is no easy feat to write something that is fun to read, interesting to kids, informational and (gasp!) a little educational. Should your child exhibit any interest, there is a website where more info can be found. As we are just in the initial stages of planning a trip to Europe, I was looking for a way to get our son engaged, and this book was the perfect catalyst. We got a map of London and plotted a number of the items from the book and used it to set the framework for an itinerary. And parents, by all means read this book too, you will definitely learn some fun things about London you didn't know either! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book! By Amy R Great book! I read this book with my 10 year old daughter before our trip to London. It was a perfect way to introduce her to the city. I am now reading it with my 7 year old son and it has been great for him. I will say there are some dark subjects (think Henry VIII and the tower bridge), but we just kind of skip those. Highly recommend the book. The Paris one is great too. Love the sections about food!

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