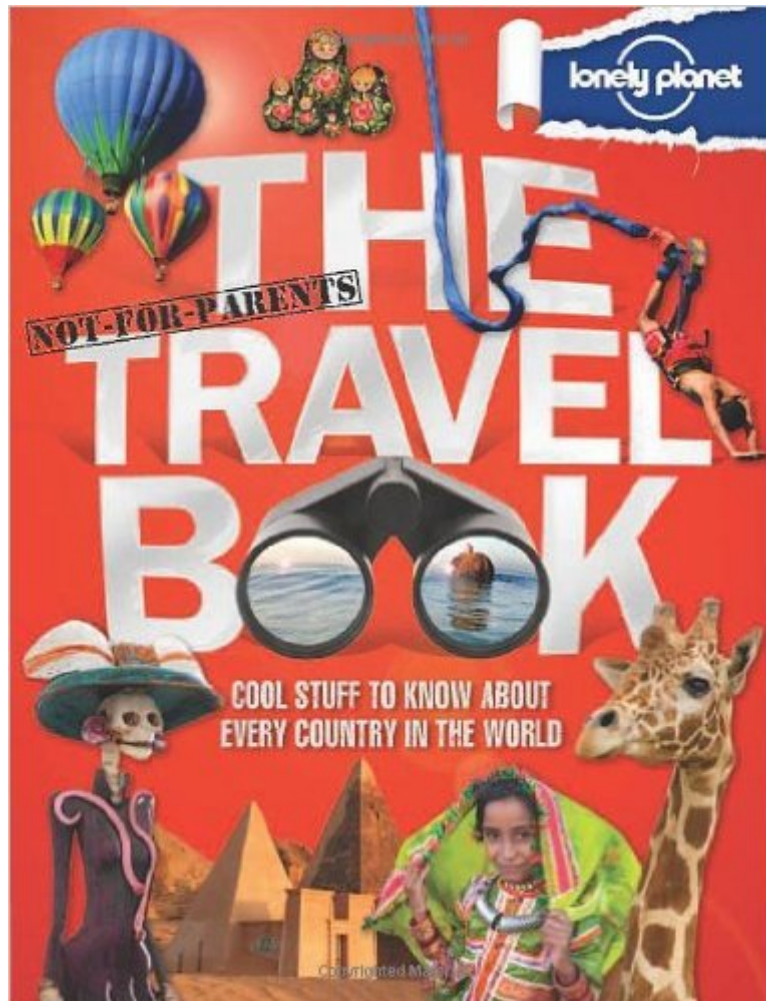


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It's getting harder to justify purchasing print books when e-books take up no physical space and are often lighter on the wallet. One of the least justifiable purchases these days are travel books because more up-to-date information is almost always available online. The big exception to e-books revolves around purchases for kids. E-readers are still rather expensive (and breakable) to buy for smaller kids, and they aren't good substitutes for picture books. So probably what Lonely Planet is doing is focusing on where money on print books is still being spent: Children's books with lots of photos or illustrations. That said, calling this a "travel book" is not exactly accurate, and that's possibly a problem, depending on what the kids (or parents) expect. There may be a bit of information for kids interested in famous sites, cities, and natural wonders, but there's also emphasis on deadly snakes, scorpions, smelly gases from volcanoes, mass slayings (like Jonestown) and the world's "stinkiest" fruit - stuff that certainly interests a lot of kids, but probably not the same kids who want to see the Eiffel Tower or the skyscrapers of Hong Kong. So the book is trying to be all things to all kids while only offering one page dedicated to each country. On the one hand, it's nice to show that all countries are equally important to learn about, but on the other hand, it's disingenuous to maintain that the best features of, say, Liechtenstein need the same space as the wonders of Egypt, Greece, or Brazil. One impressive thing I noticed was the ability to distinguish countries that seem very much like, such as the different Caribbean nations.

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