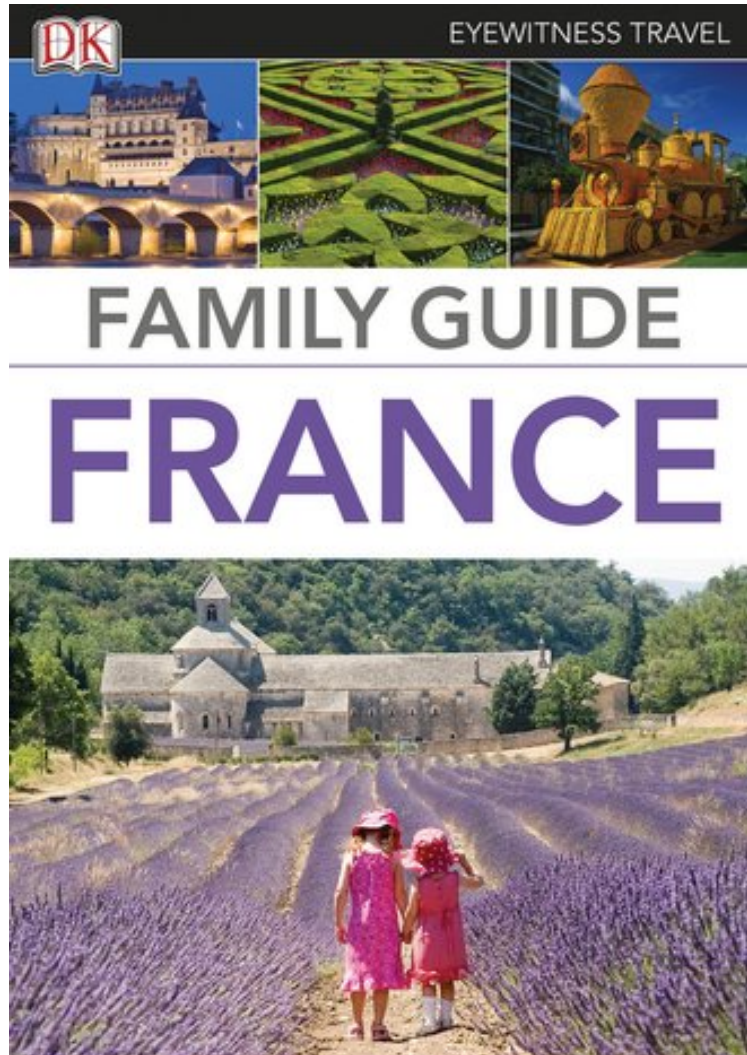


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Dorling Kindersley : Family Guide France (Eyewitness Travel Family Guide) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Family Guide France (Eyewitness Travel Family Guide):

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Spend more time sharing the experience of exploring a new place with those you love most with the Family Guides from DK Eyewitness Travel. This new guidebook series gives parents with kids between the ages of four and twelve the insider background they need to plan vacations that everyone in the family will enjoy. 'Hubs', built around major sights Dedicated 'Kids Corners' feature cartoons, quizzes, puzzles, games and riddles to inform, bamboozle and entertain young travelers 'Let off steam' suggestions and eating options around all 'hubs' enable the entire family to recharge their batteries Maps outlining the nearest parks, playgrounds and public toilets Language section lists essential words and phrases 'Take shelter' suggests indoor activities for rainy days Plus, DK's illustrations and reconstructions of the city, to give real cultural insight Written by parents who understand the need to keep the children entertained while enjoying their time together, Eyewitness Travel Family Guides offer child-friendly sleeping and eating options, detailed maps of main sightseeing areas, travel info, budget guidance, age range suitability and activities for France. With DK doing all the planning, the Eyewitness Travel Family Guides are the ultimate key to a stress-free vacation. Activities include: Visiting the Palais des Papes in Avignon Driving to Mont-Saint-Michel in Normandy Discovering the Muse du Louvre in Paris Learning in the Chartres Cathedral in the Loire Valley

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