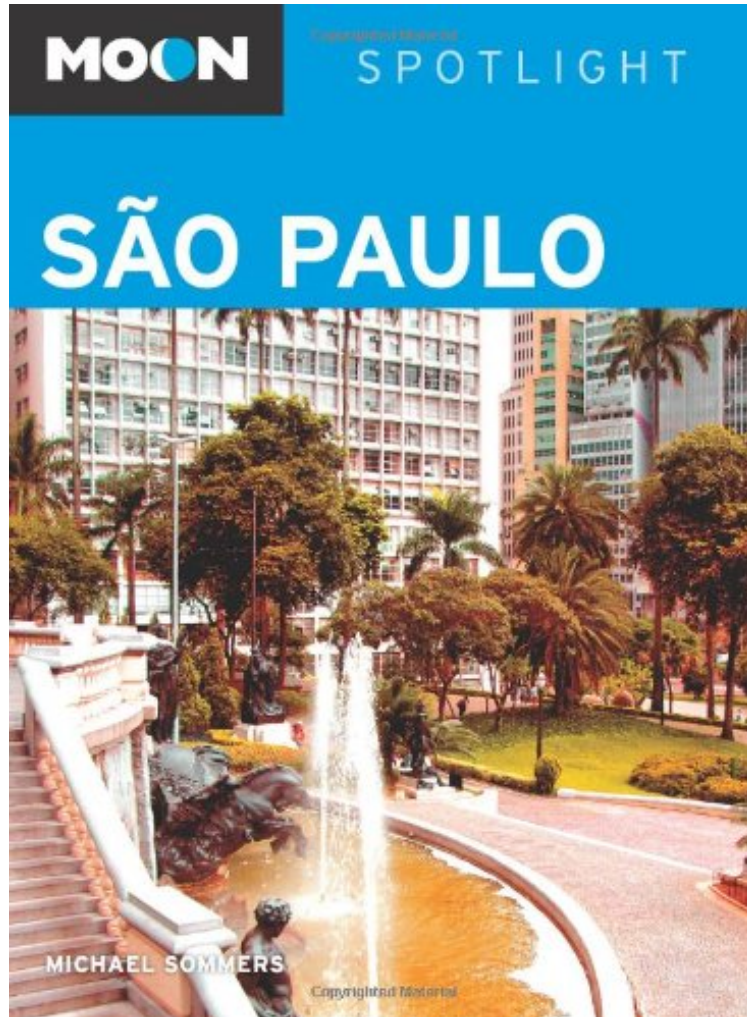


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metro map. The maps that are provided are from a very high relief and give little detail. For example if you need to know that Parque Ibirapuera is SOUTH of the city center, then you're in good shape. If you want to know how to actually get there, well boa sorte. I would highly recommend buying a more comprehensive book even if it's slightly pricier and/or takes up slightly more space in your bag. The writing is good and I am not being critical of the author or the factual quality of the information. Just the quantity.

Moon Spotlight So Paulo is a 70-page compact guide to the best of So Paulo. Brazil resident and magazine correspondent Michael Sommers offers his firsthand advice on what sights are must-sees, and sightseeing highlights maps make planning your time easy. This lightweight guide is packed with recommendations on sights, entertainment, shopping, recreation, accommodations, food, and transportation. Helpful maps guide travelers through this bustling city. This Spotlight guidebook is excerpted from Moon Brazil.

About the Author Born in Texas and raised in Toronto, Michael grew up with travel on the brain the result of time spent in the backseat of Oldsmobiles, Mini-mokes, and Pan Am jets under the influence of his Gourmet-addicted mother and his father's roving zoom lens. When Michael turned 18 he began living it up around the world, setting down temporary roots in cities such as Bordeaux, Paris, Montreal, New York, and Lisbon. During this time, he earned a BA in literature from McGill University and an MA in history and civilizations from the cole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, where his thesis was "The Image of Brazil and Brazilians in Hollywood Cinema." He also worked as a writer and editor at magazines and newspapers and freelanced for publications such as The New York Times, The International Herald Tribune, and The Globe and Mail. Michael first traveled to Brazil at the age of four. His only memory of Rio de Janeiro is that of being served a glistening orange wedge of papaya in the grand dining room at the Hotel Glria. Twenty years later, he returned to Brazil, where he was seduced by the intense, colorful landscapes and unique cultures. Michael eventually settled down in Salvador, the beautiful baroque capital of Bahia, where he has worked as a writer and journalist for the last decade. He has yet to master the art of preparing feijoada (Brazil's national stew of beans and salted beef and pork), but he does make a mean caipirinha.