



Travelling with Tiny Tots

Whether around the world or around the corner to Grandma's house, travel can be both scary and exciting for kids. The protagonist in *Lately Lily: The Adventures of a Travelling Girl* by Micah Player has been everywhere on the globe, thanks to her parents' glamorous jobs with a magazine, and she views it all as a **grand adventure, full of unexpected discoveries and endless possibilities**. If your own offspring are more of the "Are we there yet?" variety, keep them busy with the *Lately Lily ABC Travel Flash Cards*, which explore travel while also teaching the alphabet, or the *Lately Lily: Sunny Yellow Suitcase*, which is overflowing with stickers, doodle ideas, activity cards and more, **to while away long hours on planes, trains and automobiles**. Find them all at local bookstores (page 76). Boredom banished, guaranteed.—*Sheri Radford*

chintz umbrellas in colourful florals and paisleys. Store also carries European imports. Custom orders, repairs and shipping available. 526 W. Pender St. 604-669-1707. & **Map 1: C6** 1550 Anderson St. 604-697-0919. & **Map 1: E3** 1106 W. Broadway. 604-669-9444. www.theumbrella-shop.com & **Map 1: F4**

VANCOUVER LUGGAGE

WAREHOUSE This expert dealer in travel merchandise offers high-end labels including Bosca, Hartmann and Halliburton Zero. Find purses, computer cases and backpacks. 1014 Robson St. 604-266-7679. & **Map 1: C5** 86 Kingsway. 604-708-1162. Partial & **Map 1: F7**

SPORTS & RECREATION GEAR

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Glove, Christina, Gottex, Jantzen, Miraclesuit, O'Neill, Roxy, Seafolly and Speedo. Boardshorts, goggles and cover-ups too. Personalized service. 840 Howe St. 604-688-2030. www.justswimwear.com & **Map 1: C5**

LULULEMON ATHLETICA Locally designed yoga and activewear in funky designs and cutting-edge fabrics. 511 W. Broadway. 604-708-1148. & **Map 1: F6** Robson St. 604-681-3118. & **Map 1: C4** 2113 W. 4th Ave. 604-732-6111. & **Map 1: F2** Oakridge Centre, 650 W. 41st Ave. 604-677-1134. www.lululemon.com & **Map 4: E3**

MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT CO-OP

Carries active wear and essentials for camping, hiking, climbing and other outdoor pursuits. All products meticulously researched and catalogued. 130 W. Broadway. 604-872-7858. & **Map 1: F6** 212 Brooksbank Ave., North Vancouver. 604-990-4417. www.mec.ca & **Map 4: C5**

TOYS & GAMES

GOLDEN AGE COLLECTABLES

Comics, toys, T-shirts, posters, sports cards and graphic novels from the 1940s onwards. 852 Granville St. 604-683-2819. www.gacvan.com Partial & **Map 1: C5**

KABOODLES TOY STORE

Lego, Playmobil and other classics find their place beside Ty Beanie's, Groovy Girls and the best selection of stuffed animals in town. 1496 Cartwright St. 604-684-0066. & **Map 6: D3** 3404 Cambie St. 604-558-1117. & **Map 4: D4** 4449 W. 10th Ave. 604-224-5311. www.kaboodles.ca & **Map 4: D2**

KIDS MARKET

Nearly 30 shops selling everything from toys and puppets to fine clothing and rubber boots make this a children's paradise, with plenty of play areas and a 1950s red caboose to keep ankle-biters busy. 1496 Cartwright St. 604-689-8447. www.kidsmarket.ca & **Map 6: D3**

» **WHAT A DOLL** On May 3, the first American Girl specialty boutique located outside the United States is opening at Chapters (page 76) on Robson Street.