

**My Librarian is a Camel, How Books Are Brought to Children Around The World, Margriet Ruurs
Boyd's Mills Press, ISBN 1-59078-093-0**

TEACHING SUGGESTIONS:

- Display a large world map in the classroom. Locate the countries discussed in the book. Collect information about each country.
- Using books as well as internet sources, explore the countries mentioned to learn more about lifestyle of the people in each of these areas. What type of books might these people find useful? What would students recommend as books for them to enjoy?
- Investigate some of the organizations responsible for getting books to children and adults. For example CEDILI-IBBY Peru delivers books in bags to families in Lima. The United Kingdom's Save the Children provided a bus called 'Storyteller' for children in Pakistan. Which other organizations did students learn about while reading the book?
- List some of the languages that children in this book read. Find examples of this language. Learn to read a few lines of a favorite book in another language. In how many languages can students find the words for 'book' and 'library'?
- Visit the International Children's Digital Library (<http://www.icdlbooks.org>) to learn about books in other languages.
- Discuss the different librarians in this book. How do they compare to librarians that you know? How is their job different from the librarian in your school or public library?
- Discuss the importance of having access to a library.
- Discuss the different modes of transportation used to bring books to children. How else are animals being used by people? (guide dogs, sled dogs, pack horses, etc.)

Related Books:

Winter, Jeanette (2005) *The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq*.
Appelt, Kathi and Schmitzer, Jeanne Cannella (2001) *Cut Down Shin Creek: The pack horse librarians of Kentucky*.
Deedy, Carmen Agra (1994) *Library Dragon*.