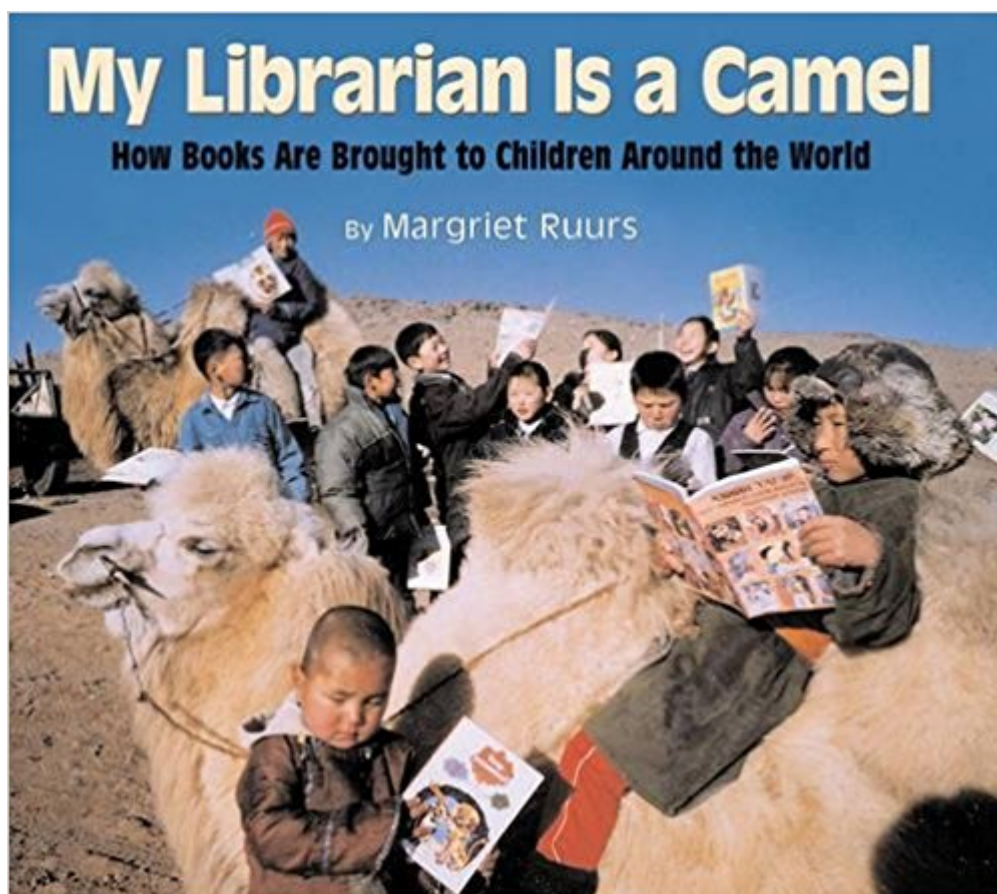


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# My Librarian Is A Camel: How Books Are Brought To Children Around The World



## Synopsis

Do you get books from a public library in your town or even in your school library? In many remote areas of the world, there are no library buildings. In many countries, books are delivered in unusual way: by bus, boat, elephant, donkey, train, even by wheelbarrow. Why would librarians go to the trouble of packing books on the backs of elephants or driving miles to deliver books by bus? Because, as one librarian in Azerbaijan says, "Books are as important to us as air or water!" This is the intriguing photo essay, a celebration of books, readers, and libraries.

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Grade 3-5â "Ruurs visits 13 countries and explores the manner in which librarians provide services to patrons using everything from boats and wheelbarrows to elephants. Many of the full-color photographs were actually taken by the librarians themselves. A boxed section also provides a map and basic facts about the featured country. While this is an attractive browsing item, the amount of text on each page and the textbook style of writing may discourage students from reading it cover to cover. However, with little information available about libraries of the world, this title offers a glimpse into the world of books, which several countries consider as important as air or water. This might be an interesting revelation to many students who consider reading a laborious task and to those who

take an abundance of books very much for granted.â “Anne L. Tormohlen, Deerfield Elementary School, Lawrence, KS Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 3-5. Bookmobiles are only the beginning. For less-accessible locales think donkey cart, bicycle, camel back, elephant, even wheelbarrow. In a series of compelling case studies, Ruurs presents examples from 13 countries--Azerbaijan to Zimbabwe--of children and books being brought together thanks to dedication, hard work, and ingenuity. Specific details are sometimes scant, and readers eager to know more about or wanting to support these grassroots efforts will be disappointed by the incomplete contact information. Still, this inspirational survey, with lots of color photographs of children with books in their hands, adds a worldwide perspective to Kathi Appelt's *Down Cut Shin Creek: The Pack Horse Librarians of Kentucky* (2001). For readers a little hazy on the location of the 13 countries, a tiny map and a capsule description are included on each spread. John PetersCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

I'd read glowing reviews of this book in a read around the world summer book club, and was excited to read it to my children. Unfortunately although the book has nice illustrations and great information that's all there is to it, information. I am well aware information can be given in story form, so I was disappointed that it didn't tell the stories of people visiting or running libraries around the world with a more literary tone. While I was willing to go with it and keep reading my children (8 and 4) have yet to give it a second chance. It's still sitting on our shelves, waiting for the day when someone becomes interested in it.

Excellent book. Teaches children about the value of books to children around the world. I used it in my classroom to expose children to different cultures and the value of books.

Cleverly covers how books are brought to children in different countries.

Each country that is discussed in this book is filled with children who love to read. It was most interesting to see the various methods of delivery of books throughout many countries in the world. This is also a great introduction to world geography.

Very helpful that I got in time. I was able to use it with my class.

Very happy with book

This is a great book for teachers and children alike. So much to learn and wonderful for cross curricular teaching.

Great stories, but way more wordy than I expected. This is not a book you can read to young kids!

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