

Biblioburro

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Book Summary: Biblioburro

Luis has too many books and decides to share them with distant rural Colombian villages. He buys two burros, which he uses to carry his library to the other villages. On arriving there, he shares a story with the children and then lets them each choose a book. When all the children have happily gone back to their homes with a book, Luis returns to his own home.

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Jeanette Winter was born 1939 in Chicago. When she was younger, she knew she wanted to be an artist but it wasn't until college that she decided to focus on illustrating children's books. She attended the Art Institute of Chicago and earned her Bachelor's in Fine Arts from the University of Iowa. She has illustrated numerous books as well as writing many of her own.

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Discussion Questions: Biblioburro

1. Luis had so many books that his house was filled with them. When his wife asks what they will do with them, he decides to share them. What would you have done with all your books if you were Luis? Do you think this was a good thing to do with his books? Why or why not?
2. Luis buys two burros which carry his collection of books. How is this collection of books on the burros like a traditional library? How is it different?
3. What other kinds of animals could carry a traveling library? Are there other places in the world where books might be carried by animals? Where?
4. Every week Luis takes his burro library to another village. How far do you think it might take him to go to all the villages?
5. How do you think the villagers react when Luis brings his library into their village? How would you feel if you were one of the children he came to visit?
6. When he visits the children of El Tormento, Luis shares pig masks with them and reads them a story. Do you think reading the story made his visit more special for the children? Why or why not? What story do you think he might tell the next time he visits them?
7. Why do you think Luis bringing his library was so special for the children? How do you think he made a difference in their lives?
8. Do you think traveling libraries with animals would be a good thing to do in America? Why or why not?
9. What are some other kinds of traveling libraries? Is it better for a library to move around or to stay in one place? Why?
10. This book is based on a true story. Does this change how you feel about the book? If so, how?
11. Is there anything the author could have done differently to make the story better? Why or why not?
12. What did you like most about the story? Would you ever want to run a traveling library like Luis? Why or why not?



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