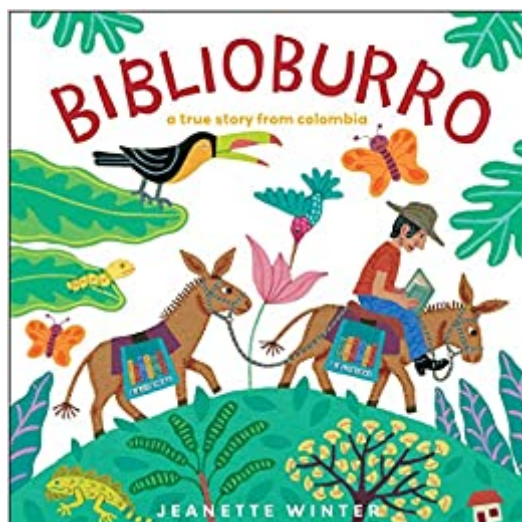


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# Biblioburro: A True Story From Colombia



## Synopsis

Luis loves to read, but soon his house in Colombia is so full of books there's barely room for the family. What to do? Then he comes up with the perfect solution--a traveling library! He buys two donkeys--Alfa and Beto--and travels with them throughout the land, bringing books and reading to the children in faraway villages. Beautiful! Complete with an author's note about the real man on whom this story is based.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 "One person can make a difference, and in this book Luis Soriano makes all the difference in the world. A Colombian schoolteacher with a passion for reading, he had so many books in his house that he decided to take them to children high up in the mountains where no libraries existed. With the help of two burros, Soriano made the mountainous trek each weekend to spread literacy where it was desperately needed. Winter has a gift for creating nonfiction that is accessible to and appeals to very young readers. The story is well told, and the colorful illustrations reflect the flora and fauna of Colombia. Back matter offers a bit more information about this generous and dedicated teacher who got books into the hands of so many people. Pair this title with Margaret Ruurs's *My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World*

(Boyds Mills, 2005) for some great conversations. Winter ends the book by saying, "A small corner of the world is enriched." What a terrific way to help children think about their role in doing the same.â "Joan Kindig, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

\*Starred Review\* As in *The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq* (2005), Winter once again tells an inspiring story about an untraditional library, but here her settingâ "the lush jungles of Colombia rather than Basraâ "makes for a much lighter tale. After amassing piles of books, Luis, a voracious reader, dreams up a way to share his collection with â œfaraway villages.â • He starts with two burrosâ "one for himself, one for booksâ "and heads off. Tough terrain and menacing bandits challenge him along the way, but at last he reaches a remote town, where he holds a story hour and loans titles to eager kids before returning home to his wife and reading late into the night. Winterâ "s captivating paintings evoke a South American feel in their brilliant palette and dense, green tropical scenes teeming with creatures, including large, orange-winged butterflies on every page. And Winter offers fresh, visual surprises. In a particularly imaginative scene, cartoon bubbles float over the childrenâ "s heads, carrying scenes from the story Luis reads aloud. Winterâ "s text is spare and streamlined, as usual, and here it has a particularly engaging, repetitive rhythm that builds into a lulling bedtime beat, as day turns into night. Both understated and full of life, this satisfying story is a vibrant reminder of the pleasures of books and the difference one individual can make. An authorâ "s note fills in more about the real-life Luis and his biblioburros.

Preschool-Grade 2. --Gillian Engberg

We absolutely loved this book. Not only was it a wonderful story that connected our little girl to her grandmother's home country, but it's a wonderful story about the love of books and reading. We are a literary family and we want to ensure our daughter grows up loving books as well. It's stories like these that I know will nurture that love for book and readings. A+

A beautiful little book. Instills the importance of books in our lives and helps the children see a different part of the world.

I used this book to do a guidance lesson with my students for National Hispanic Month and teach them about the importance of making a difference for others. They were surprised to learn that not all schools are inside buildings, have books, etc. This was a great educational tool! Thanks!

Such a sweet book!!! My son is 1/2 Colombian and it's great to read a true book to him about his daddy's homeland. :-)

It's sweet and simple. Makes you want to know more about this true story.

My only negative comment about this book is that it isn't bilingual. The true story would be an excellent vehicle to help native speakers of either Spanish or English learn a new language. The illustrations are fetching, who wouldn't love burro bookmobiles?

A true story beautifully and simply told.

Love the story!

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