

AROUND THE WORLD BOOK BY BOOK

with Author Valerie Biel

The sharing of story through literature is a powerful unifying force that gives us a way to embrace our similarities and respect our differences no matter where we call home. In this session, we'll explore reading lists by country and region and integrated activities for middle school and high school students, including awareness campaigns on issues shared around the globe.

BIOGRAPHY:

Valerie Biel is the author of the award-winning young adult Circle of Nine series. Her middle grade novels are currently out on submission to publishing houses, and she's impatiently waiting for her agent to call with good news. She grew up on a Wisconsin dairy farm and as a child her only way to travel was through stories. Now, as an adult she travels frequently—often on trips to Central America for the World Orphan Fund charity that she and her husband founded. Sharing stories of other cultures and countries with students both here and abroad has allowed Valerie to see first-hand the power of literature as a unifying force no matter where you call home.

When she's not traveling or writing, she assists other authors through her business Lost Lake Press and teaches about writing topics at conferences, libraries, and schools. Once upon a time, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin with degrees in journalism and political science. You can learn more about her writing adventure at www.valeriebiel.com.

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GUIDE TO MATERIALS

	Conference Online Materials	Printed Session Packet
Book List (excel spreadsheet)	Full w/ active links	Sample w/ description
Around the World Teaching Resource Sheet	Yes, w/ active links	Yes
General Book Discussion Guide	Yes	Yes
Global Issues Resource Sheet	Yes w/ active links	Yes
A Long Walk to Water Teaching Packet	Yes	List of electronic packet materials w/ select samples
I Am Malala Teaching Packet	Yes	List of electronic packet materials w/ select samples