



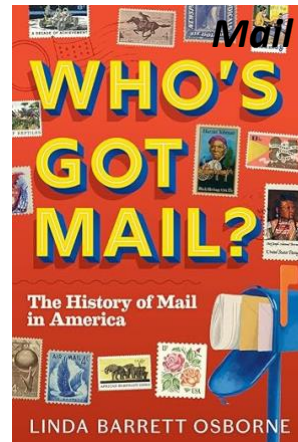
Who's Got Mail?: The History of in America

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Discussion Questions

1. Have ever been to your local post office? What were you sending and to whom? What is the most memorable package or letter that you have mailed through your local post office? What's the most memorable package or letter you've ever received?
2. What was the most interesting and unique parcel the U.S. Post Office received when it first started accepting parcel packages?
3. Who was the first Postmaster General? Can you name other famous people that have worked for the post office?
4. What is the main mission of the United States Post Office? After 1970, the post office was renamed the United States Postal Service. Explain the reason for the name change.
5. Prior to 1847, who paid for the postage cost of a letter or parcel? What issues do you see with that practice of mailing?
6. How many ways can a Star Route carrier transport the mail? What are the requirements to become a Star Route carrier?
7. It is said that the most dramatic and celebrated way for mail to travel to California was by Pony Express. Explain why people were dazzled by the Pony Express delivery.



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8. Many acronyms are introduced to us in this book. Match the acronym to its full name. Write the letter next to its matching acronym.

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| _____ RFD | a Zoning Improvement Program |
| _____ USPS | b Federal deposit Insurance Corporation |
| _____ UPS | c Internal Revenue Service
America |
| _____ FEDEX | d Online |
| _____ RPO | e Postal Reorganization Act
Rural Free |
| _____ TWA | f Delivery |
| _____ ZIP | g Unites States Post Services
Federal |
| _____ IRS | h Express
Railroad Post |
| _____ PRA | i Office |
| _____ AOL | j United Parcel Services
Trans World |
| _____ FDIC | k Airline
Postal |
| _____ PAEA | Accountability
&
Enhancement
l Act |

