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A DANGEROUS GAME OF FOOTBALL

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'How can a game of football be dangerous?

Jack Burnside is about to find out...

Jack, who shares his name with the soccer superstar, Jack Burnside, is a keen footballer. When his best mate, Saleem, fails to return after a visit to his home, there is little Jack can do about it, until he receives a mysterious parcel in the post. It takes him on a journey to a land ruled by sun and peopled with tyrants, sorcerers and giant crows.

Now he must find Saleem, coach a team of boys for a football match – and stay alive!

... which just might prove rather difficult if your only ally is a cantankerous camel.

Barbara Spencer enjoyed success with her children's book, *Scruffy*, a charming story about a dog, promoting the responsibilities of pet ownership through a funny yet heart-rending, tale of a puppy abandoned. Schoolchildren, as young as five, created the illustrations through a competition in which six-hundred children took part.

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