



A HUNDRED CAMELS
A Mission Doctor's Sojourn and Murder Trial in Somalia
 Gerald L. Miller with Shari Miller Wagner

Summary: Here is the account of a Mennonite mission doctor tried for a patient's murder. As this suspenseful, true-life drama unfolds, readers are given access to an ancient, clan-based culture few Americans have experienced in a country recently declared by the United Nations as a humanitarian crisis "worse than Darfur." Throughout a year of challenges, Dr. Miller had his Mennonite faith and the abiding support of Somali hospital staff and mission personnel to sustain him. Readers will be moved by the climax of this drama, a surprising outcome involving the actions of a single Somali family.

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Shirley H. Showalter, in the Foreword

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—*Bertha Beachy has worked in or been involved with Somali, African, and Islamic worlds for decades*

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