

# COURIERSPEAK PB



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FOREWORD  
People have been shipping objects around the world for a very long time. Couriers taking responsibility for the movement of a shipment from the point of origin to a destination is one of the older professions. The word "courier" has roots in Middle French ("courrier") Old Italian ("corriere") from "correre" to run and Latin ("currere"). Yet when Cordelia Rose called me at the UNESCO-ICOM Museum Information Center in Paris and requested references on couriers I was surprised at how little had been written on the subject. Although a code of practice developed for museum couriers by the Registrars Committee of the American Association of Museums mentions expectations about the conduct of couriers there was no how-to guide or manual for couriers and there was no

list of professional terms or vocabulary. So I strongly encouraged her to persevere in her efforts to publish such a guide. Having lived in three different countries I know how difficult it is to transcend national borders, cultures and languages. Even when people speak the same language different meanings can lie behind a term: "Put it in the box" for example means one thing to a North American and something totally different to someone from the United Kingdom. In this book Cordelia Rose has worked with a professional network of colleagues around the world to insure that each phrase means the same thing in different languages. The book provides a straightforward way of asking and answering a courier's many questions: simply put questions: simply. This text will suit both the theoretical aspects of museum work taught in university-level museum studies courses and the practical aspects learned through apprenticeships and internships and experience. I think that Courierspeak will make a helpful textbook both for professional couriers and for those members of staff who might suddenly be asked to serve as a courier. Jane Sledge

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