

DULCE RODRIGUES

Nothing more than

NOTHING

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"Tell me, my friend, how heavy is a snowflake?" a coal tit asked a wild dove.

"Nothing more than nothing", the dove replied.

"Then let me tell you a wonderful story", the tit said.

"I was once sitting on a branch of a fir tree when snow began to fall, not heavily, not in a raging blizzard - no, just feathery snowdrops.

As I had nothing better to do, I started to count the snowflakes falling on the twigs of my tree. Their number had already reached three million seven hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and fifty-two when one more snowflake - nothing more than nothing, as you say - dropped onto the branch and the branch broke off."

And having said that, the coal tit flew away.

An authority on the subject since Noah's time, the dove thought about the story for a while and then said to herself:

"Maybe there is just one more man's voice lacking for Peace to come to the world."



About the Author

Dulce Rodrigues was born in Lisbon, Portugal. After a professional career that took her to other cities and countries, she now spends her life either travelling or among books; writing for children is for her a rewarding challenge and an engaging act of creation.

Following the publication some years ago in Belgium of her first book for children, now also published in English, Dulce Rodrigues created the pedagogical project www.barry4kids.net that opened the way to collaborations in different European countries, namely France, Belgium, Luxembourg and even Romania.

Dulce Rodrigues has university courses in the field of science as well as languages and literatures, and she was awarded scholarships in Germany and Belgium. A few of her children's tales and stories were awarded literary prizes in France at European level contests. She speaks six living languages and writes regularly in at least three.

Her books have been published in more than one European country, and performances of her children's play "Penguin and the Fig Tree" have already taken place in Romania and Luxembourg. The Portuguese version of "Father Christmas has the Flu" was performed in Portugal and her recent script play "Há Festa no Céu" was also performed in Luxembourg.

Books for children by the same Author

Piloto e Lassie, uma outra estória de Romeu e Julieta, 2011 - play

Der Weihnachtsmann ist verschnupft, 2010 – play

Father Christmas has the Flu, 2010 – play

Barry's Adventure, 2010 – tale

Il était une fois une Maison, 2009 – tale

Le Père Noël est enrhumé / O Pai Natal está constipado (bilingual), 2008 – play

Le Théâtre des Animaux, 2008 – play

A Aventura do Barry (CD-Rom), 2001 – tale (out of print)

L'Aventure de Barry, 1999 – tale (out of print)

Play scripts (available in English) by the same Author:

The Little Ladybird

The Miracle of Saint Nicholas (Christmas)