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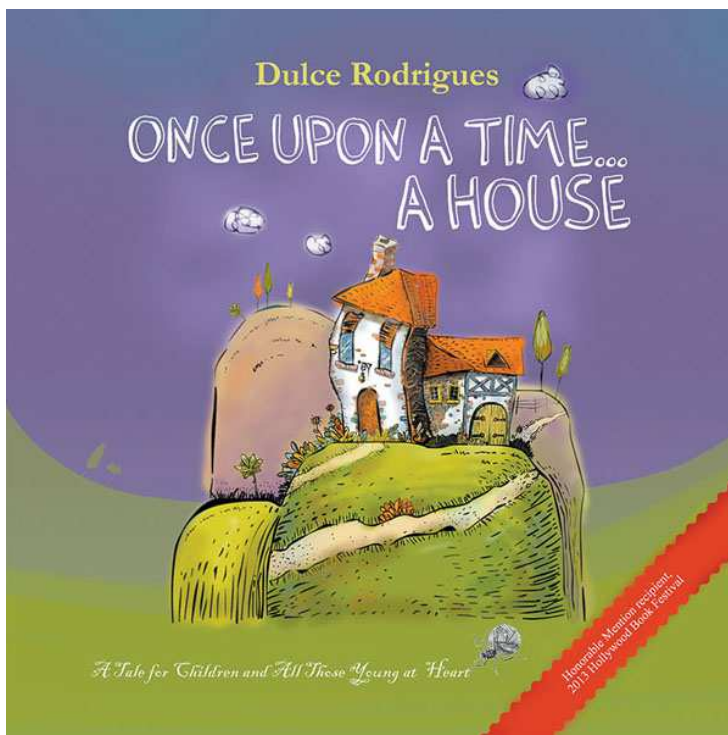
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# ONCE UPON A TIME... A HOUSE

A Tale for Children and All Those Young at Heart  
by award-winning author *Dulce Rodrigues*



Somewhere in the middle of nowhere, lonely and forgotten by everybody, a House has one day the joy of seeing different guests come, one by one with the seasons, to build a new life... All of this little community shares the same place and lives peacefully together.

Until one day this agreeable quietude is disturbed by the arrival of Man and his faithful friend, the Dog! What lesson must Man learn in order to become less selfish and more respectful of nature? A bitter lesson!

*Once Upon A Time... A House* is aimed at helping preserve Nature by creating content that educates, gives information, and inspires children.

This captivating, adventurous book received Honourable Mention at the [2013 Hollywood Book Festival](#), and was awarded a prize in France in 2004. Illustrations by Cristian Polocoser (Romania)

Softcover | 8.5 x 8.5 in | 60 pages | ISBN 9781609767662

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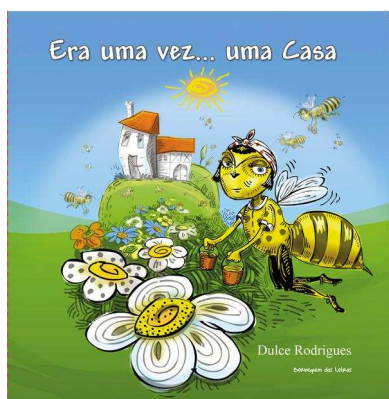
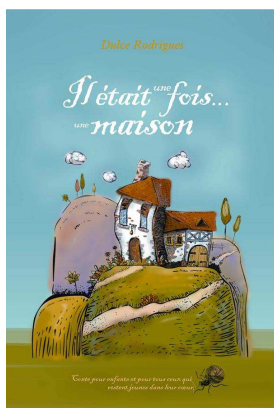
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[Worksheets](#) on this captivating kids' book are available to teachers, parents and children on [Barry4kids](#).

## About the Author

Award-winning Dulce Rodrigues is the happy grandmother of two lovely little girls. She has authored eight children's books published in several languages (including Chinese), two travelogues, and a novel. She also has contributions in international anthologies and writes in newspapers and magazines. She speaks six living languages and translates most of her own books. Born and raised in Lisbon, Portugal, Dulce Rodrigues received a scholarship to study at the Goethe-Institut in Germany, and one for a scientific course with the Open University in the UK, and wound up living in many different countries around Europe. Now retired after a career that included working for NATO and as a translator for the U.S. Military, she currently lives in Belgium and Portugal. She was awarded a few literary prizes: while the Honourable Mention awarded at the [2013 Hollywood Book Festival](#) came from the US, eight other prizes came from Europe, including Honourable Mention at the [2013 London Book Festival](#). A few of her kids' plays were performed in countries in Europe. In addition to writing she enjoys travelling, gardening, photography, music, and pets. She also has a passion for History and for all forms of Art that transmit Beauty. She created the children's website [www.barry4kids.net](http://www.barry4kids.net) (in four languages). Please also visit her at [about.me](#) or [www.dulcerodrigues.info](http://www.dulcerodrigues.info).

This lovely story is also published in [French](#), [Portuguese](#), and [Chinese](#).



## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### About visits to schools and respective programs

Every visit is customized to meet individual needs, leaving plenty of time for questions. Dulce Rodrigues loves questions! The programs are full of stories, often also of works in progress or books not yet in print. Audience participation and skill-building is encouraged. Whenever possible the author enjoys having a meal at the school with the children, and is always happy to sign her books.

### What is the [Barry4kids.net](#) project?

It's a kids' website strongly didactical and free of charge. The site is in four languages, which no doubt is a trump for children (and what about adults?) learning a foreign language at school or living in a country where one of those languages is generally spoken. Heads of school and librarians, as well as of parents and cultural associations, should be made aware of the deep interest for children in using the [Barry4kids.net](#) site regularly.

### Why is the author doing animations about Maths and Science?

Dulce Rodrigues has noticed for some time now that a lot of people – most of them not even authors – do readings at schools and libraries. On the other hand, most children and teenagers are often struggling with Maths and Science. Being able to develop pedagogical activities on both these areas of knowledge has allowed the author to make converge to one and only end her two university courses – Letters and Science – and her passion for History: even a Maths exercise or an experiment in Physics or Chemistry may be the subject of a tale or a story often taken directly from History. She believes that there might be a strong demand for this kind of activity, since not everybody has the knowledge required for developing it. She obviously will always be open to more traditional pedagogical activities, in particular to those relating to her own kids books.



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### ★★★★★ **Once Upon a Time...a House enjoyed its company**

By [theodene](#) on February 17, 2016

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There's a house sitting alone. It misses its previous occupants and doesn't quite enjoy the quiet. The house missed the colorful flowers and goldfish in the pond among other things that were going on. Now it's silent and still, making the house full of sadness. Then one day, a visitor came by. Who could it be? What do they want?

This house slowly gets new visitors, beginning with a spider and eventually many creatures are living amongst each other in harmony. Inside the house as well as outside the house there were creatures doing their own things. Eventually the house was happy again with all these critters filling it with life. Even the flowers began blooming again and other vegetation.

Until one day, a man and his dog arrived. This man did not like many of the critters and chased them away, killing the vegetation and flowers in the process. While the critters the man didn't like left the house, so did the ones he wanted to stay. The man was sad that he had no food to eat because all the critters left, so he sent his dog to look for certain critters.

Will the dog be able to round up all the critters that were chased away from the place they all lived in harmony? Will the critters trust the dog or the man to return to the house?

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### ★★★★★ **Cute, creative and enjoyable**

By [READING FOR GRANDKIDS](#) on April 22, 2017

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### ★★★★☆ **A fun story of how animals make the world a better place**

By [Rebecca Hammerbach](#) on October 10, 2015

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My daughter enjoyed hearing about how animals that normally wouldn't be friends can become friends and work together to make everyone's lives better.

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### ★★★★☆ **The Circle of Life**

By [Doris and Frank Howdeshell](#) on October 30, 2015

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This story was very creative! The story was logically laid out and had a happy ending(except for the fish!) I was provided this book free of charge for an honest review.

## READERS' REVIEWS ON GOODREADS.COM



**Theodene** rated it ★★★★★

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A very cute story that all parents should read to their children, or children read by themselves!

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## REVIEWS (FRENCH VERSION) ON [AMAZON.ES](#)

★★★★★ **Simplement excellent!**

Par Eduardo Rodrigues en 7 de agosto de 2014

Formato: Versión Kindle

Tres belle histoire. A lire absolument a tous les enfants, ou a leur offrir, afin de les sensibiliser a la nature.

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★★★★☆ **Learning French**

By coll on March 28, 2013

Format: Kindle Edition | **Verified Purchase**

My husband is learning French and bought this book to help him with reading. It is a cute book and is on an easier level of reading, for beginner French.

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## READERS 'REVIEWS (FRENCH VERSION) ON [GOODREADS.COM](#)



**Tina Whitelaw**  
rated it ★★★★★  
Apr 14, 2016



**Colleen** rated it ★★★★★ - review of another edition Jan 11, 2011

Yes I read a French children's book. It was actually a good story albeit simple. I would read this to my children if it were in English. Now to move on to a big kids French book.

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