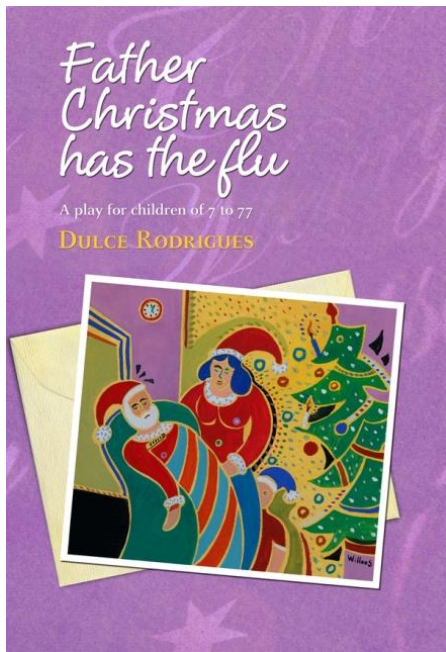


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## FATHER CHRISTMAS HAS THE FLU

by award-winning author *Dulce Rodrigues*



With its twist on characters from the holiday season and its foreign setting, *Father Christmas has the Flu* may appeal to a wide audience. Both adults and children may be entertained by this charming play.

Set in Father Christmas's house in Sweden, this play takes place in that holiday season. Regrettably, Father Christmas has come down with the flu. How will he deliver the presents? His assistant Elf dreams of playing Father Christmas for one night but Mrs. Christmas and her husband don't think it's a good idea...

Angry because the Christmases did not think he was responsible enough to deliver the presents, Elf plays a prank on the substitute. Yet Father Christmas has no idea that this has happened until his replacement arrives in desperation.

The book also features a recipe of Mother Christmas Chocolate Cake and a few easy drawings for Christmas decorations, and the Christmas carol "We wish you a Merry Christmas" is sung at the end of the play.

Book cover illustration by the Belgian painter [Willoos](#).

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### About the Author

Award-winning Dulce Rodrigues is the happy grandmother of two lovely little girls. She has authored six 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).

## THE PEDAGOGICAL INTEREST OF PLAYS AS READING MATERIAL IN A CLASSROOM

*Father Christmas has the Flu*, as any of Dulce Rodrigues's kids plays, is written not only as a reader's entertainment? or as a source for stage performance, it can as well be used for reading in a classroom? or for after-school programs. The focus is then on reading the text with expressive voices and gestures. Children love it!

The author's own experience has shown her that children and juveniles with no deep interest in books, and who struggle with reading, gain confidence and get involved in reading as they practice and master simple theatre scripts.

With these experiences in mind, any of Dulce's plays is also available as script aiming to help teachers and students stage it if they so wish.

*Father Christmas has the Flu* was written to be performed by actors before an audience of children, young adults and families. The three-act version is also ideal for a cast of eight to twenty children with language and memory skills or for a mix of adults and children, for fun and entertaining.

The medium-sized version (first two acts) is more appropriate to be performed by children aged 8 to 12. The short version (act three) is a good entertainment for little children, and it can be performed as an independent one-act play under the title *The Miracle of Saint Nicholas*.

If there is a character with whom we never get bored, that character is no doubt Santa Claus.

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