

The Illustrator

Dorota Wünsch born in 1962, studied Arts in Lodz and Mainz. She worked as a painter before she began to illustrate children's books. She works as a freelance artist and lives in Saarbrücken with her family.

The Author

Bettina Gundermann, born in Dortmund in 1969, writes novels and stories for adults and children. She received a scholarship from the Kester-Haeusler-Foundation in 2001, the Award for the Most Promising Young Artist from the City of Dortmund in 2002 and a scholarship as part of the "German-language Literature Days" in Klagenfurt. She lives in Dortmund.

DOROTA WÜNSCH & BETTINA GUNDERMANN

Lucky Dung Beetle!

A dung ball on the bus

When bus driver Ben Brause wants to start his bus on Monday morning, an unusual passenger comes running at the last moment: It is a dung beetle who rolls a huge dung ball in front of him and actually heaves the stinking thing into the bus.

There are complaints about the smell immediately, although this is the finest dung ball that he has ever rolled, explains the beetle. And it is also the most important one, as it is a conciliation gift for his offended wife. And now he is in a great hurry to get to his wife to stop her from packing up her stuff and disappearing forever. But then lots of crazy things happen and the dung beetle's plan is jeopardised.

Dorota Wünsch's exceptional illustrations have placed Bettina Gundermann's story with her comical characters and crazy ideas fittingly in the limelight.

REVIEW

"A dung beetle to fall in love with. [...] Most delicious absurd theatre. [...]. If Gundermann's text is already a source of hilarious delight in its affectionate caricature of the grown-ups' peculiarities, the illustrations by Dorota Wünsch turn the picture book into a sight to behold. They sparkle with wit and literally vibrate in their dynamics. [...] Simply delightful!"
- *eselsohr, March 2019*



- A ludicrous story, brilliantly illustrated
- Imaginative and funny

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