



Mrs María

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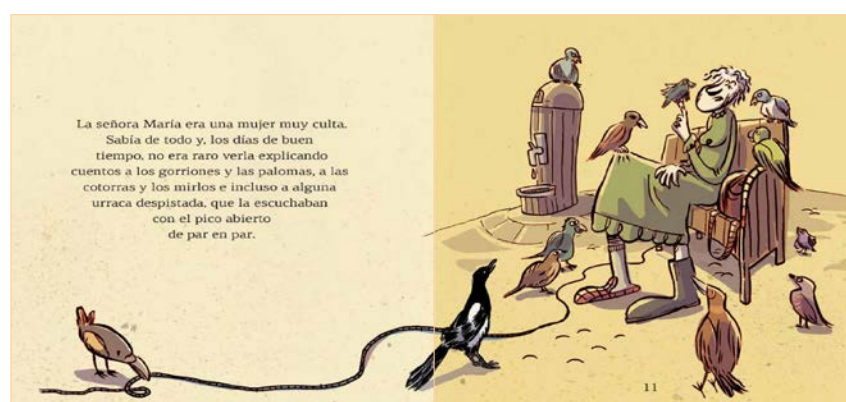
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Mrs Maria lives on the streets. In summer, she sits in the shade of some banana trees at the square, telling stories to the birds. When it rains, she makes herself a shed with a shower curtain. The animals are the only living beings with whom she shares her memories and affection. But one day, Ennatu hears strange noises from the square and goes to look after Mrs María...

“There are homeless people in our cities. They spend hours on the streets, and when the night comes, they look for a place to sleep, taking the sky for a roof. We often observe them with suspicion. But looking at the world with the eyes of a little girls helps us to see further, breaking up our prejudices”, says Ferran Busquets from Fundació Arrels, an association that helps homeless people in Barcelona.

Cesc Noguera was born in Santa Coloma de Gramenet in 1965 and works as a teacher. In his spare time, he reads and writes, thinking of ways to change the world and the small things that could make it possible.

Raül Gesalí was born in Barcelona in 1974 and works as a social assistant. He is a self-taught illustrator and has published some comics. “Mrs Maria” is his first illustrated book.



La señora María era una mujer muy culta. Sabía de todo y, los días de buen tiempo, no era raro verla explicando cuentos a los gorriones y las palomas, a las cotorras y los mirlos e incluso a alguna urraca despistada, que la escuchaban con el pico abierto de par en par.