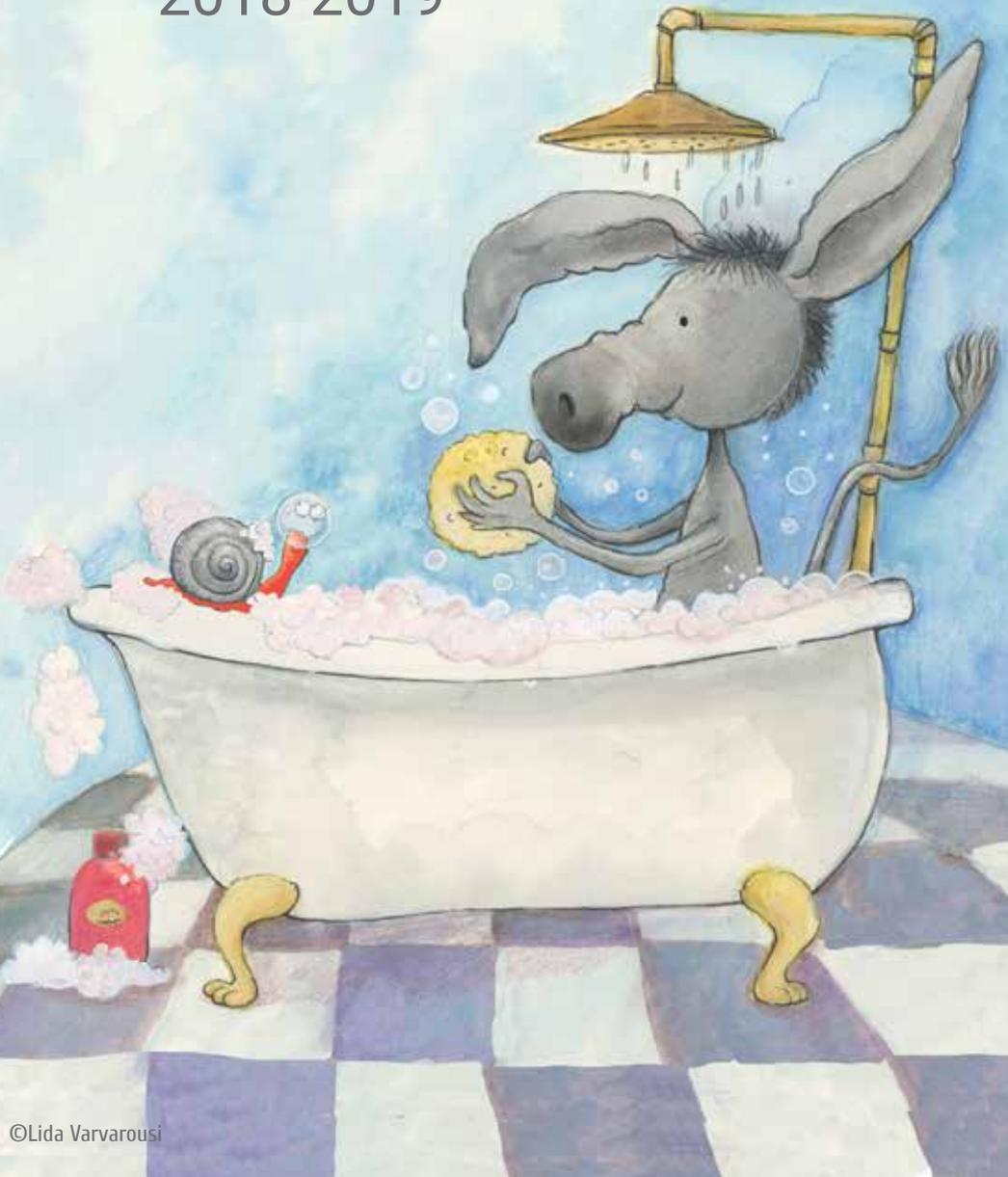


# BOOK-A-TALE

Foreign Rights

2018-2019



# About us

## BOOK-A-TALE

**Different backgrounds**  
**Different countries**  
**Same passion for Children's books**

### **Lida VARVAROUSI**

Hi!

My life, a sketching book!

I was born in Greece.

Since I was a child I remember my hands red, blue, yellow, green...

Walking on earth but with my mind in the sky.

Bird friendly, fish friendly, bee friendly, plant friendly a child of nature living in a city.

So by using my imagination: Mogli becomes my brother, Van Gogh my uncle, Beethoven my neighbour, Andersen my father & Heleni my mother, who actually was an artist too and a crocodile which was my best friend.

My passion for books and art drove me into a long journey all over the world.

Writing, narrating and painting my books and also performing my Painttellings.

Inspired by my children I wrote my first Children's book series.

Books with ideas who bring to life characters and humoristic situations.

So here is my personal recipe:

Put in a fantasy pot: books, words, thoughts, travels, art, friends, children and a lot of love and then you get someone like me.

Beware! Have a look what this combination might do to a person!



### **Agnes VERBOVEN**

Hello!

My life as a storybook.

I am born in Belgium where I grew up as the 5th child in a big family with older and younger brothers and sisters and a mother who loved books.

Because of this I could read at the age of 5.

Reading shaped my life from then on.

Books made my life richer, happier and easier. Books were like eating and drinking, as essential in life. Books were feeding my imagination, gave me the freedom to build my own mind, knowledge, wisdom. Made me laugh, cry, gave me structure, comfort. Helped me in difficult situations, were always present as good friends.

Convinced of the benefits of reading in my own life and later in my children's lives, I wanted to share this passion with as many children, parents and care-takers as possible.

No wonder I started writing stories. Mainly for the toddler and picture books age because to my opinion, this is the age where the magic starts.

This is what books did to me as a person. And still do.

**Books of Lida Varvarousi and Agnes Verboven already traveled to:  
Greece, China, Korea, Belgium, The Netherlands, South Africa,  
France, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Japan, Slovenia and the USA.**



# Luna really likes to swim!

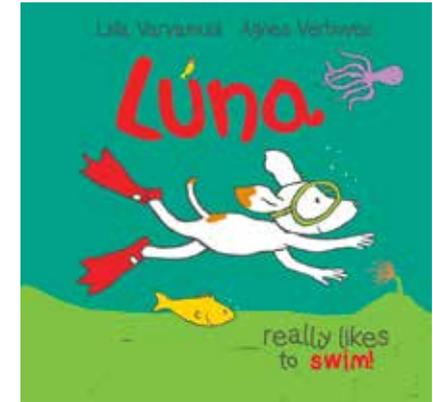
Lida Varvarousi | Agnes Verboven

Luna is very happy today.

She goes to the beach for the first time with her mum and her best friend Leo who wants to be in the water immediately.

"Come Luna, come!" He calls.

But Luna hesitates...



Picture Book / Fall 2018  
Hardcover / Soft cover  
32 pages end papers incl.  
Size: 260x260 square  
Age: 3+

- . Fear for the unknown, close to the child's emotional life, beach, sea, friendship, swimming
- . Dynamic colourful artwork, clear story, easy to understand
- . Tip: Discuss about all kind of fears, build a vocabulary of words that express emotions



*Luna really likes to swim!* is the third title in a series of stories about this character.

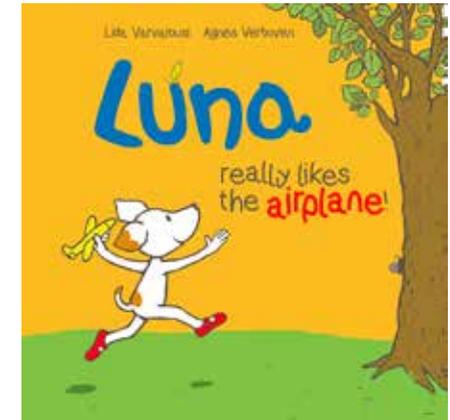
Every story in the Luna series creates opportunities to start a communication with the child.



# Luna really likes the airplane!

Lida Varvarousi | Agnes Verboven

Luna loves to water flowers.  
All of a sudden, a toy plane lands on the flowers in her garden.  
Luna would love to play with it!  
So she tries...



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- . Being angry, sharing, finding solutions, forgiving, helping each other, playing
- . Appealing charming artwork, with a touch of humour
- . Tip: Try to discuss ways how to deal with misunderstandings, play roles



***Luna really likes the airplane!** is the fourth title in a series of stories about this character.*

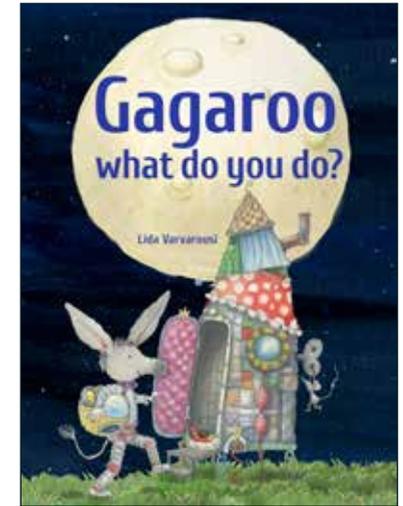
*More titles in the Luna communication enhancing series will follow in the next years.*



# Gagaroo, what do you do?

Lida Varvarousi

Gagaroo the donkey has a big dream: going to the moon with his best friend Apollo. Will they go to the moon by elevator, canon ball, catapult or rocket? They decide by rocket is the best way to go!



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32 pages end papers incl.  
Size: 210x297 portrait  
Age: 4+

- . Friendship, creativity, having dreams, humour
- . Absurd crazy story with many thinks to discover again and again
- . Tip: Go together into the details of the artwork, design or build your own rocket, ask about their dreams



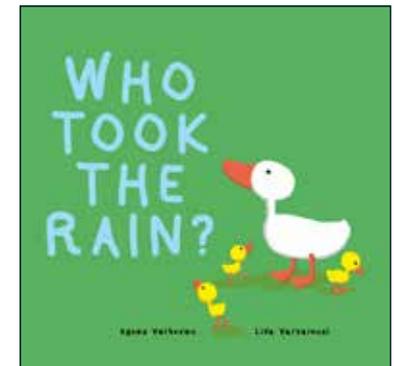
*In **Gagaroo what do you do?** Lida Varvarousi is at her very best. A donkey who wants to go to the moon. This has to be an exciting hilarious book.*



# Who took the rain?

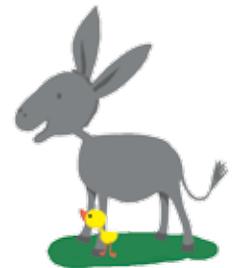
Agnes Verboven

Mama duck takes her ducklings for a swim in the pond. There is no more water in the pond. "Quack, quack." Mama duck quacks as loud as she can for the rain to come.



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Size: 260x260 square  
Age: 2+

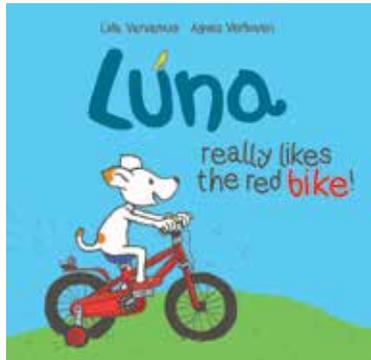
- . Farm animals with their sounds, togetherness, helping each other, road trip, rain, awareness
- . Vivid artwork, simple storyline with repetitions to tell the very young children about animal sounds and solving a problem
- . Tip: Perfectly fit to play the story and let children be one of the animals, to talk about what happens when there is no rain



*Who took the rain?* takes us on a road trip with the Ducks and other farm animals searching for water, because the rain has gone. Although looking very simple, a lot of things can be discussed with the very young children.

# Books 2017-2018

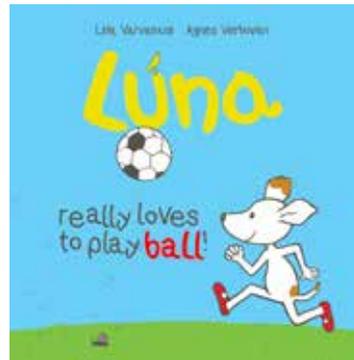
Lida Varvarousi | Agnes Verboven



Luna is happily playing with her toys, when she hears: "Ring! Ring!" It's Leo on his new shiny red bike. She really, really wants to ride it too. Then she has an idea...

Picture Book / Spring 2018  
Hardcover / Soft cover  
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Size: 260x260 square  
Age: 3+

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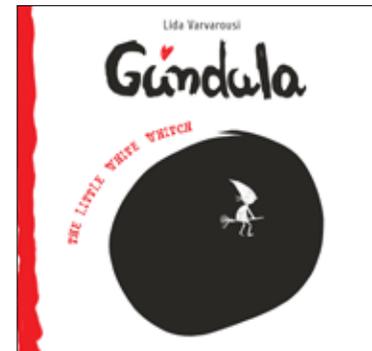


Luna likes her new home. She likes the swing in the garden. But she's missing her old friends. One day, there is a lot of shouting and laughing in the garden next door. How much she would like to play ball too!

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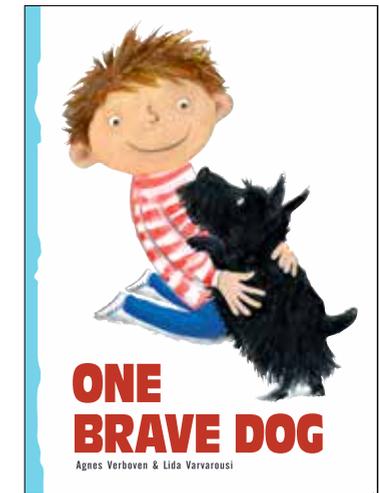
Lida Varvarousi



Gundula is a little white witch. She wants to live in a white world, not in the black. In every way she is opposite of what a witch is supposed to do or to be. But what about the colors in life?

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32 pages end papers incl.  
Size: 210x210  
Age: 4+

Agnes Verboven



Timo is a terribly scared boy. He does not dare to walk past the stairs on his own and he is afraid that a monster jumps out of the toilet bowl. But Timo is not afraid of animals. One day he gets a dog

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## New projects 2019

### Luna series

Lida Varvarousi | Agnes Verboven

Luna is an outstanding character to build concept books for children < 3yrs. They sure will be in the program for 2019.



### Gundula series

Lida Varvarousi

There will be a new Gundula title in 2019.





# PAINTTELLINGS

by Lida Varvarousi

An inspiring time! An amazing art form. Lida Varvarousi brings to life characters and stories from books in a different level of impression and expression through visual and performance art.

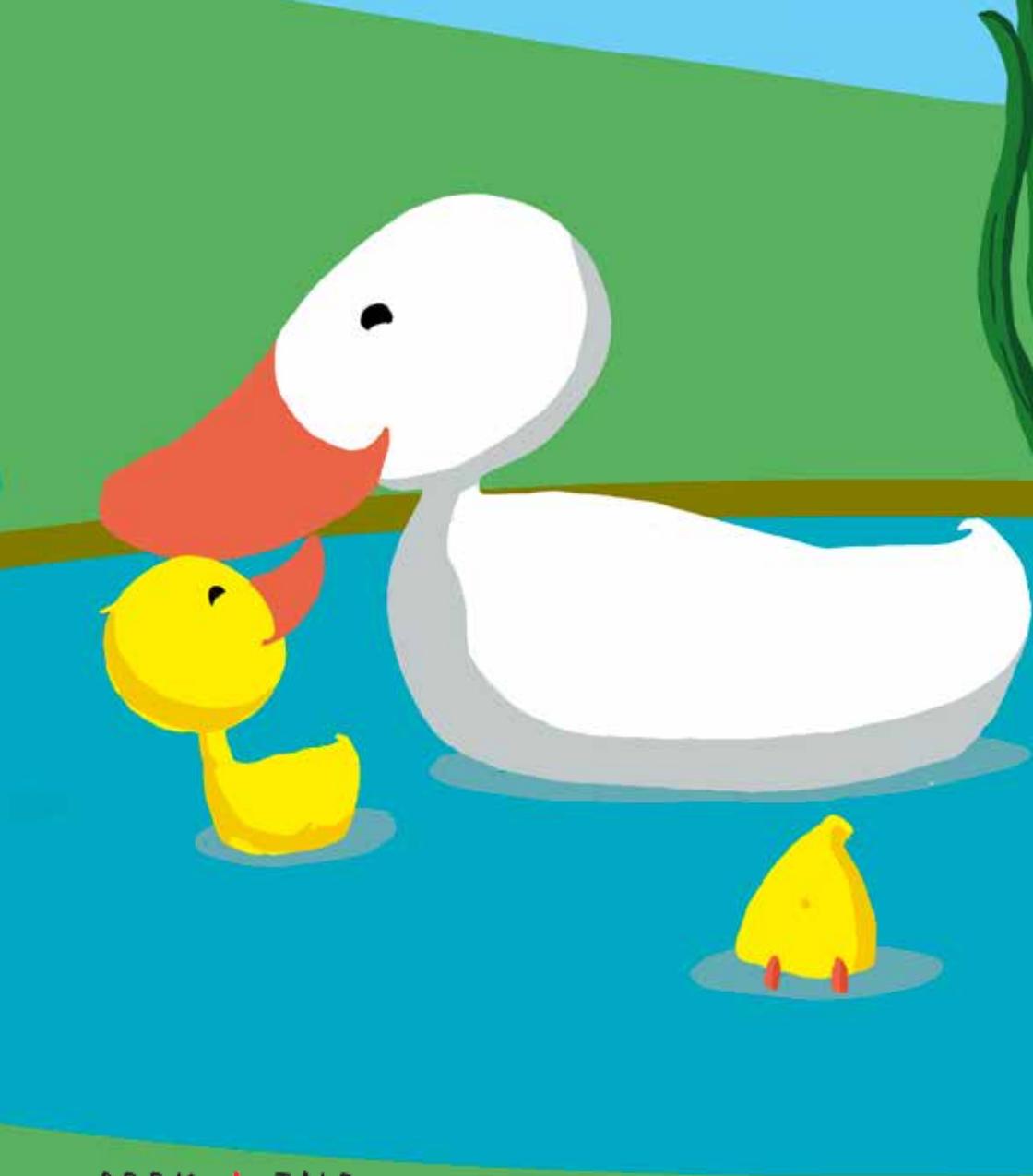
Stories and narrating are very important in a child's life. A Painttelling takes the story out of a book and exposes it in all its forms, dimensions and power to an audience. The story is told live in front of an audience, mostly children. Drawings are made simultaneously and the children are triggered with questions to take part in the performance. Little by little they get into the story and become free to express themselves. There is laughter, joy, excitement, silence, screaming and a nice feeling of togetherness is created throughout the performance.

With Painttellings, even children who don't like books, get access to stories and often get to like reading books. Painttellings reveal the magic of stories, inspire, give body to the spirit, connect people, boost positiveness, and give the audience a lifetime unforgettable experience.



*Painttellings for the Luna series in Greece, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxemburg, France, Cyprus, Russia*

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