

# Captivating Short Stories by Ana Maria Machado



## Multiple Award-winning author

- 2000 Hans Christian Andersen Award
- 2010 Prince Claus Award
- 2012 SM Iberoamerican Prize for Children and Youth Literature

**Ana Maria Machado** is one of the most significant Brazilian writers of children's books. She received the international Hans Christian Andersen Medal in 2000 for her "lasting contribution to children's literature". Her writing is marked, in the style of "magical realism", by a subtle mix of social satire and fantastic elements as well as a conscious and playful use of language and narrative structures. She always dresses up her messages in humorous stories and trusts the ability of her young readers to read between the lines. Ana Maria Machado has published more than a hundred books for children and adults in 17 countries for which she has received the most significant Brazilian awards and many international honors. The biennial Hans Christian Andersen Award conferred by the International Board on Books for Young People is the highest recognition available to a writer or illustrator of children's books. Machado lives with her family in Rio de Janeiro.

### Pimienta en la cabecita

*(Pepper on a Little Head)*

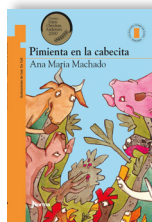
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**BISAC: JUVENILE FICTION /**

**Legends, Myths, Fables - Caribbean & Latin American**

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K-2



When a peppercorn falls on her head, the cowardly hen flees in terror, sure that this is a sign that the world is about to end. She runs to warn the rooster who, in turn, runs to inform the goose, who then goes to the pig with the terrible news. This goes on until all of the animals in the forest are in a frenzy. But soon, people begin to doubt whether there truly is anything to fear...

### Se busca lobo

*(Responsible Good-Looking Wolf Wanted)*

ISBN: 9789580456414

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**BISAC: JUVENILE FICTION /**

**Action & Adventure - General / Humorous Stories**

GL:  
3-5



Manuel Wolf—a human—needs a job. After responding to an ad looking for a "responsible good-looking wolf with experience" he finds himself dealing with the other, literal, wolves that also applied. This epistolary story shows us the lives of notable wolves from history and literature, including the wolves from Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, and many more.

### Un montón de unicornios

*(A Bunch of Unicorns)*

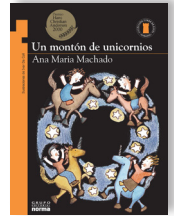
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**BISAC: JUVENILE FICTION /**

**Fantasy & Magic / Animals - Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical - General**

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K-2



The building's landlord doesn't allow pets in the apartments and the children are devastated. Fortunately, there are always unicorns around ready to help out! This story helps to spark children's imaginations, and taps into a common fantasy, taking it to another level.

### Un buen coro

*(A Good Choir)*

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**BISAC: JUVENILE FICTION /**

**Humorous Stories / Concepts - Counting & Numbers - Sounds / Business, Careers, Occupations**

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K-2



In this humorous tale, the people band together to rebel against a king who has forbidden anyone from singing. When someone starts humming a song, others soon join in: farmers in their fields, travelers on the road, even merchants in the market. This impromptu choir softens the king's heart and finally convinces him to lift his ban, bringing song back into the kingdom.

### El barbero y el coronel

*(The Barber and The Colonel)*

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**BISAC: JUVENILE FICTION /**

**Humorous Stories**

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K-2



The barber has a difficult task: to guess how many pieces of hair the town's colonel has on his head. The barber requests the help of his friends, who, instead of helping him, make matters worse. But the wise barber soon gets a bright idea and finds the answer... without cheating.

### Ah, pajarita si yo pudiera...

*(Oh, Birdy, If Only I Could...)*

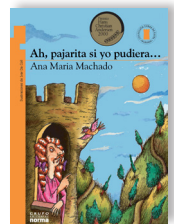
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**BISAC: JUVENILE FICTION /**

**Animals - Birds / Nature & the Natural World - Environment**

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When a little bird sees that a lumberjack is about to cut down the tree where she has her nest, she asks him to stop. But that is not a decision he can make: he is just following orders. And so our heroine flies to talk, one by one, with everyone who may help save her nest. A powerful story about standing up for the things we love despite our size. Ivar Da Coll's lively illustrations enhance Machado's text.