



SIMPLE ANDA

THE VILLAGE FOOL

Author: **Emily Nasrallah**

Illustrator: **Maha Nasrallah**

Genre: **Fiction Book 5+**

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Synopsis: This colorfully illustrated book tells the story of a curious woman called Anda who lived all alone in a hut at the edge of the village. While at first she is laughed at and mocked by the village children, Anda ends up winning their love through laughter and dance. She spreads a universal message of joy and kindness to those around us.

Anda is a real character that marked the childhood of the author.

Biography: Emily Nasrallah (1931-2018) was a Lebanese novelist, a journalist, a teacher, a women's rights activist, and a short story and children's books writer. She received her B.A. Degree in Education from The American University of Beirut in 1958. She started her journalistic and writing career while still at college. Her first novel *Touyour ayloul* (The Birds of September), was published in 1962 and won her three Arabic literary prizes. It was followed by 6 novels, 8 children's books, and 13 short story collections. Her works explore themes such as family roots, heritage, Lebanese village life, the war in Lebanon, emigration, and the struggle of women for independence and self-expression. She has also published 11 non-fiction books. Her works are quoted in Miriam Cooke's *War's Other Voices: Women Writers on the Lebanese Civil War* (Cambridge University Press). On February 6, 2018, the Lebanese President Michel Aoun decorated her with the Cedar Medal of Honor, Commander Rank, in recognition of her literary contributions.

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