



Series: The Rainbow Fairies

Book: Amber the Orange Fairy

A Very Unusual Shell

“What a beautiful day!” Rachel Walker shouted, staring up at the blue sky. She and her friend Kirsty Tate were running along Rainspell Island’s yellow, sandy beach. Their parents walked a little way behind them.

“It’s a *magical* day,” Kirsty added. The two friends smiled at each other.

Rachel and Kirsty had come to Rainspell Island for their vacations. But they soon found out it really *was* a magical place!

As they ran, they passed tide pools that sparkled like jewels in the sunshine.

Rachel spotted a little *splash!* in one of the pools. “There’s something in there, Kirsty!” She pointed. “Let’s go look.”

The girls jogged over to the pool and crouched down to see.

Kirsty’s heart thumped as she gazed into the crystal-clear water. “What is it?” she asked.

Suddenly, the water rippled. A little brown crab scuttled sideways across the sandy bottom and disappeared under a rock.

Kirsty felt disappointed. “I thought it might be another Rainbow Fairy,” she said.

“So did I.” Rachel sighed. “Never mind. We’ll keep looking.”

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“Of course we will,” Kirsty agreed. Then she put her finger up to her lips as their parents came up behind them. “*Shhh.*”

Kirsty and Rachel had a big secret. They were helping to find the seven missing Rainbow Fairies. Jack Frost put a wicked spell on the fairies and trapped them on Rainspell Island. The Rainbow Fairies made Fairyland bright and colorful. Until they were all found, Fairyland would be dark and gray.

Rachel looked at the shimmering blue sea. “Do you want to go swimming?” she asked.

But Kirsty wasn’t listening. She was shading her eyes with her hand and looking farther along the beach. “Look over there Rachel – by those rocks,” she said.

Then Rachel could see it, too – something glittering and sparkling in the sunshine. “Wait for me!” she called, as Kirsty hurried down the beach.

When they saw what it was, the two friends sighed in disappointment.

It’s just the wrapper from a chocolate bar,” Rachel said sadly. She bent down and picked up the shiny purple foil.

Kirsty thought for a moment. “Do you remember what the Fairy Queen told us?” she asked.

Rachel nodded. “*Let the magic come to you,*” she said. You’re right, Kirsty. We should just enjoy our vacation, and wait for the magic to happen.”

Read the rest of *Amber the Orange Fairy* to find out what magic happens next!

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