



Series: The Rainbow Fairies

Book: Ruby the Red Fairy

The End of the Rainbow

“Look, Dad!” said Rachel Walker. She pointed across the blue-green sea at the rocky island ahead of them. The ferry was sailing toward it, dipping up and down on the rolling waves. “Is that Rainspell Island?” she asked.

Her dad nodded. “Yes, it is,” he said, smiling. “Our vacation is about to begin!”

The waves slapped against the side of the ferry as it bobbed up and down on the water. Rachel felt her heart thump with excitement. She could see white cliffs and emerald-green fields on the island. Even golden sandy beaches, with tide pools here and there.

Suddenly, a few fat raindrops plopped down onto Rachel’s head. “Oh!” she gasped, surprised. The sun was still shining.

Rachel’s mom grabbed her hand. “Let’s get under cover,” she said, leading Rachel inside.

“Isn’t that strange?” Rachel said. “Sunshine *and* rain!”

“Let’s hope the rain stops before we get off the ferry,” said Mr. Walker. “Now, where did I put that map of the island?”

Rachel looked out of the window. Her eyes opened wide.

A girl was standing alone on the deck. Her dark hair was wet with raindrops, but she didn’t seem to care. She just stared up at the sky.

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Rachel looked over at her mom and dad. They were busy studying the map. So Rachel slipped back outside to see what was so interesting.

And there it was.

In the blue sky, high above them, was the most amazing rainbow that Rachel had ever seen. One end of the rainbow stretched far out to sea. The other seemed to fall somewhere on Rainspell Island. All of the colors were bright and clear.

“Isn’t it perfect?” the dark-haired girl whispered to Rachel.

“Yes, it is,” Rachel agreed. “Are you going to Rainspell on vacation?”

The girl nodded. “We’re staying for a week,” she said. “I’m Kirsty Tate.”

Rachel smiled as the rain began to stop. “I’m Rachel Walker. We’re staying at Mermaid Cottage,” she added.

“Oh! We’re at Dolphin Cottage,” said Kirsty. “Do you think we might be close to each other?”

“I hope so,” Rachel replied. She had a feeling she was going to like Kirsty.

Read the rest of *Ruby the Red Fairy* to find out what adventures await Rachel and Kirsty!

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