

Little Princesses: The Whispering Princess

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About the Book

Rosie knows a very special secret. Hidden in her great-aunt's mysterious Scottish castle are little princesses for her to find. And each one will whisk her away to another part of the world on a magical adventure!

Azara, the Whispering Princess, needs Rosie's help to find a magic lamp and outwit a terrible genie.

Join Rosie and meet her exciting new friends, as she discovers all the little princesses.

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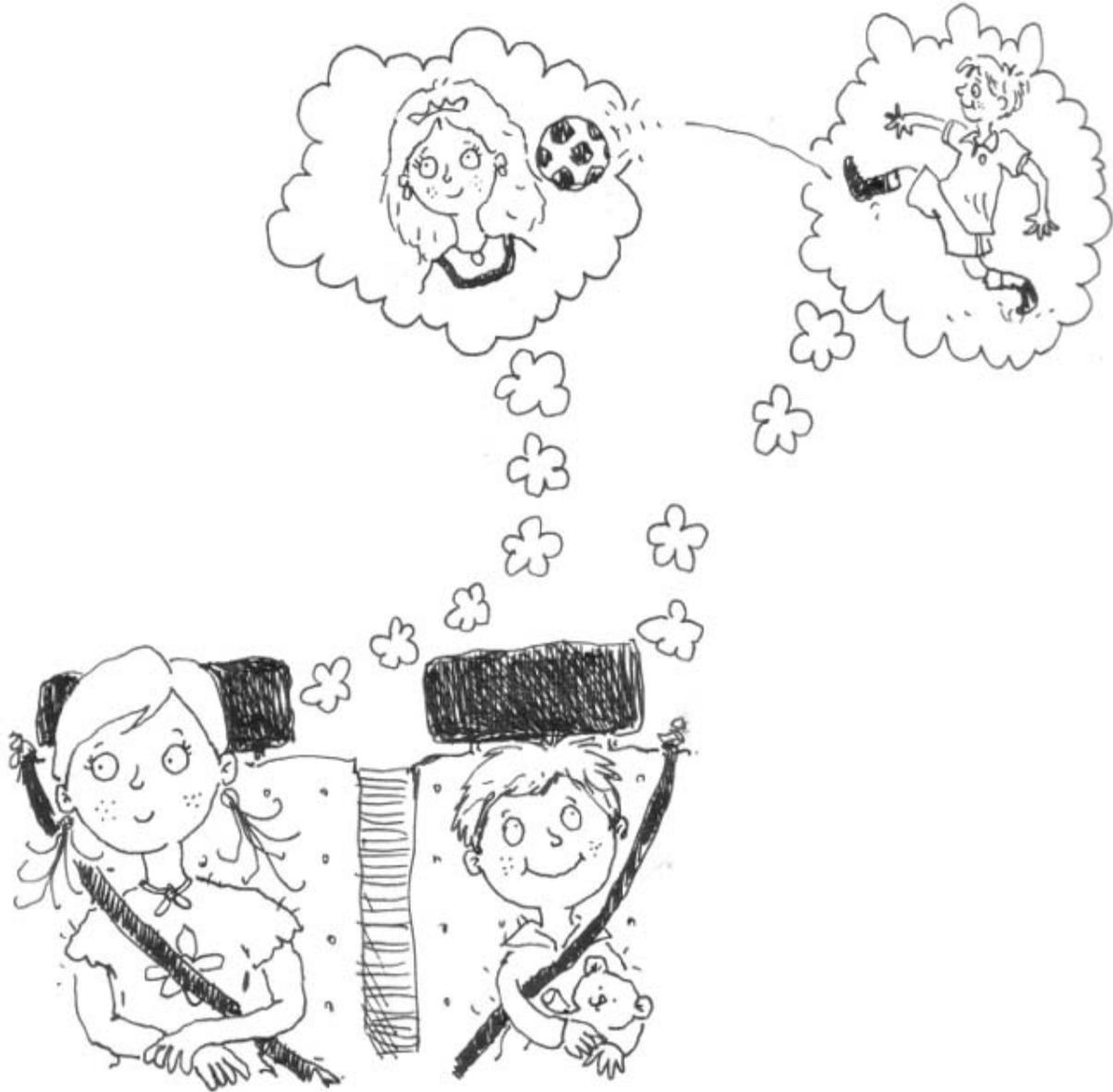
For Alice Buchanan



Chapter One

"I CAN'T WAIT to see the castle!" Rosie exclaimed, pressing her nose against the car window to stare out at the Scottish Highlands as the countryside zipped past. The mountains were purple with heather, their peaks wreathed in curling mist; they looked magical.

"I wonder if Great-aunt Rosamund has decorated the Great Hall?" Rosie continued thoughtfully. "She said she might. It'll be cold now it's autumn, so we'll have to light the fire in there every evening. It will be just like medieval times with the flames leaping and crackling. And I'll be just like a *real* princess!"



Rosie's mum turned round in the passenger seat. "You'll have to start behaving like a real princess from now on, then," she said, smiling.

"Well, Great-aunt Rosamund *does* call me her Little Princess," Rosie reminded her. "Although I don't think princesses have hair like mine," she sighed, as she tried to smooth down her wild, reddish-brown curls.

"Does that mean I'll be a prince?" asked Rosie's five-year-old brother, Luke, pulling a face. "I'd rather be a footballer."