

# Little Princesses: The Peach Blossom 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!

Hana, the Peach Blossom Princess, is in terrible trouble. An evil water sprite has taken Hana's place and cast a spell so that no one can see or hear the real princess. Will Rosie be able to help or will Hana have to stay invisible for ever?

Join Rosie and meet her exciting new friends as she discovers all the *Little Princesses*.

*Little Princesses*  
The Peach  
Blossom Princess

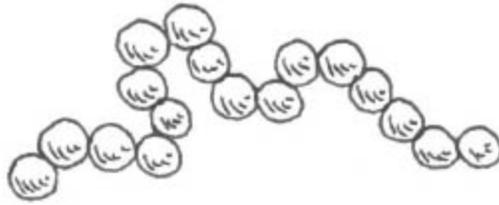
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Red Fox

For David, my best friend



## Chapter One

“HI, MUM.” ROSIE said, jumping into the front seat of the car, and beaming at her mother and her younger brother. “Hi, Luke.”

“You look happy,” Mrs Campbell said with a smile as she pulled away from the kerb. “So your first day at your new school went OK then?”

Rosie nodded. “It was great!” she said eagerly. “There are some nice girls in my class - I’m sitting next to one called Megan. And I really like my teacher, Miss Murray.” She turned round to glance at her brother. “Did you like your teacher too, Luke?”

Luke pulled a face. “My teacher’s OK,” he said. “But some of the other boys said I talk funny!”

Rosie and her mum couldn’t help laughing. “That’s because you don’t have a Scottish accent,” Mrs Campbell remarked, as she drove out of the village. “I’m sure they’ll get used to you.”



“Oh, I made friends with the boys who were laughing at me,” Luke replied cheerfully. “We played football at lunchtime.”

“Mum, Miss Murray says our class is putting on a show for the rest of the school,” Rosie went on, excitedly. “It’s about different countries of the world. We’ve each been given a country and we have to do a song, poem, dance or reading from that country.”

Luke leaned forwards, looking interested. “What’s your country?”

“Japan,” Rosie replied. “And I don’t know *anything* about Japan!”

“Japan,” Luke repeated. “Is that near Scotland?”

“No, it’s on the other side of the world!” Rosie laughed. “Miss Murray told everyone to look around at home for things that might be useful for the show. I bet Great-aunt Rosamund will have something!”

Rosie’s Great-aunt Rosamund had travelled all over the world and she’d filled her Scottish castle with beautiful antiques and treasures from the countries she had visited. She was now away on another long trip, and she had asked Rosie and her family to move into the castle and look after it while she was gone. She had also left a wonderful secret behind for Rosie to discover.

“Oh, yes, your great-aunt is bound to have visited Japan at some point,” Mrs Campbell agreed, as she turned into