

Little Princesses: The Fairytale 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!

Isabella, the Fairytale Princess, fears that her pet dragon, Cedric, will be banished from the kingdom because of his fiery hiccups! Can Rosie help her new friend before it's too late?

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

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Princess

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Red Fox

For Tonia Coney, a dear cousin and a dear friend



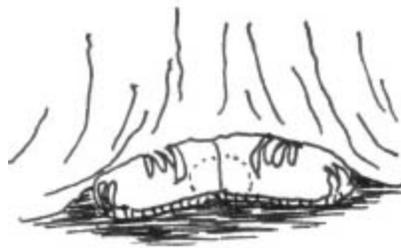
Chapter One

ROSIE STOOD AS still as she could behind the heavy velvet curtain. She could hear footsteps coming along the corridor towards her.

“Got you!” Rosie’s little brother Luke pulled the curtain aside and grinned at her. “My turn to hide now.”

“How did you know I was there?” Rosie laughed as they turned and walked back towards the Great Hall.

“I saw your trainers sticking out under the curtain,” Luke replied. “Now, I’m going to find a really *brilliant* place to hide.”



“Go on, then,” Rosie said with a smile, turning away to face the roaring fire in the huge stone fireplace of the Great Hall and enjoying the heat from the orange flames. The castle could sometimes feel very cold now that it was autumn.

“Count to one hundred, Rosie, and no cheating,” Luke ordered.

“What a cheek!” Rosie replied. “I *never* cheat!” She began to count. “One, two, three ...”

Rosie heard Luke’s footsteps disappear into the distance as he raced out of the Great Hall. As she counted higher, Rosie thought how lucky she and Luke were. Not many people got the chance to play hide-and-seek in a *real* castle!

The castle in the Scottish Highlands belonged to Rosie’s Great-aunt Rosamund, who loved to travel. She had been all over the world, collecting curious treasures and antiques, which now furnished the castle.



At the moment, she was away for two years on another trip, so she’d asked Rosie and her family if they would move in and look after her home while she was gone. Rosie was thrilled. She loved her great-aunt, who always called Rosie her “Little Princess”, and the castle was one of her favourite places in the whole world. It wasn’t quite the same without Great-aunt Rosamund around, but she had left behind a wonderful secret for Rosie to discover.

“Forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one ...”