

To Esther O'Byrne, with love

Special thanks to Rachel Elliot

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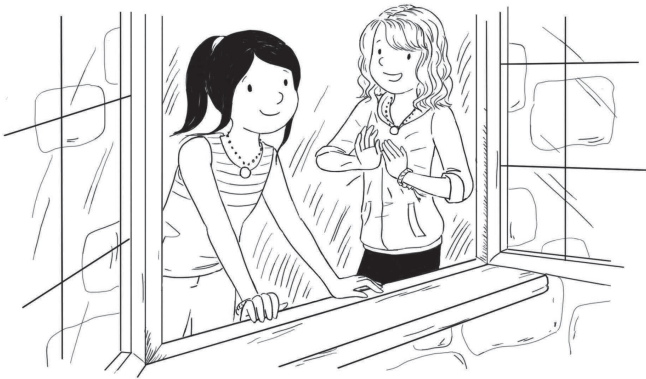
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The Start of Summer



“It’s so amazing to be back on Rainspell Island again—*together!*” said Kirsty Tate, leaning out her window and taking a deep breath of sea air.

Her best friend, Rachel Walker, clapped her hands and bounced up and down on her tiptoes.

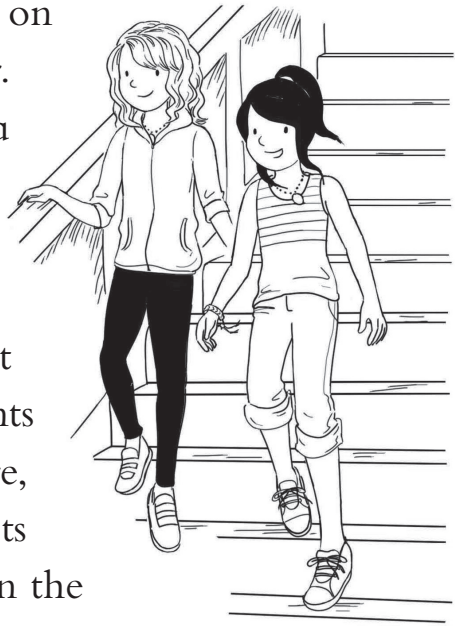




“Today is the start of the most amazing summer vacation ever,” she said. “I’m sure of it!”

They were sharing a room at the Sunny Days Bed & Breakfast on the island where they had first met and become best friends. They were so happy to be there again on vacation together.

The girls shared a quick hug before rushing down the narrow stairs to the cozy breakfast room. Their parents were already there, poring over leaflets about activities on the island.





“I’m sure we can find some new things to do,” said Mr. Walker, “even though we have visited this island so many times before.”

“How about a nice long hike?” suggested Mr. Tate as the girls slipped into their seats and poured some cereal. “It’d be interesting to explore more of the island—we all love seeing its beautiful plants and trees.”

