



**Series:** The Ocean Fairies

**Book:** Tess the Sea Turtle Fairy

### **A Magical Sandcastle**

“Shall we build another tower, Kirsty?” Rachel Walker asked her best friend, Kirsty Tate. The two girls were kneeling on the beach, making an enormous sandcastle. They’d been working on it all day in the sunshine. The castle had turrets and towers and archways.

“Oh, yes, brilliant idea!” Kirsty said with a grin. She picked up her bucket. “Let’s start decorating the castle, too. We can use those pretty pink and white shells we found earlier.” Carefully, Rachel began to build the tower.

Meanwhile Kirsty tipped the shells out of her bucket and began sorting through them. “Look, Kirsty, the sun’s starting to set,” Rachel pointed out, noticing that people were packing up and leaving the beach. “We’ll have to go back to your gran’s soon.”

The girls were spending the spring school holiday in Leamouth with Kirsty’s gran. Kirsty’s face fell. “I know we’ve had a lovely time on the beach, Rachel,” she sighed, “but we haven’t seen a single magical fairy sparkle all day! I was hoping we were going to find another missing piece of the Magical Golden Conch Shell.”

“Me, too,” Rachel agreed. “But don’t forget what Queen Titania always says – we have to wait for the magic to come to us!”

On the first day of their holiday, the girls had been thrilled to receive an invitation to the Fairyland Ocean Gala. There they’d met their old friend, Shannon the Ocean Fairy, as well as the other Ocean Fairies and their Magical Creatures.

The highlight of the gala was to be the moment when Shannon played the beautiful Golden Conch Shell. This would make sure that there was peace, harmony and order in all the oceans of the world for the next year. But before Shannon had a

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chance to play her magical tune, Jack Frost and his goblins had burst onto the scene.

On Jack Frost's orders, the goblins had grabbed the Golden Conch Shell, but as they argued over it, the Conch Shell had fallen to the ground and smashed into seven shining pieces.

Jack Frost had immediately raised his ice wand and, with a burst of freezing magic, he'd scattered the seven fragments in different hiding places throughout the human world. Shannon, Rachel, Kirsty, and all the fairies had been horrified. They knew that without the Golden Conch Shell, there would be chaos and confusion in the oceans.

"It doesn't look like any magic is going to come to us today, though," Kirsty remarked. She began pressing rows of tiny, creamy shells onto the sides of the sandcastle. "But at least we've helped the Ocean Fairies find three pieces of the Golden Conch Shell so far."

"And we know that four of the Magical Ocean Creatures are still guarding the four missing pieces," Rachel pointed out.

Luckily, Queen Titania had acted quickly to limit the power of Jack Frost's spell. The queen had used her own magic to send the Ocean Fairies' Magical Creatures out into the human world to guard the shell fragments until they were found and returned safely to Fairyland. Then the Golden Conch Shell could magically repair itself and Shannon would be able to play it at last.

"Isn't our castle great, Rachel?" Kirsty said proudly, sitting back on her heels to take a look. There was hardly anyone left on the beach now besides the two girls.

Rachel nodded. "It looks a bit like the Fairyland Palace with all those towers," she replied. "Except our castle isn't so sparkly, of course!"

Suddenly Kirsty gave an excited cry. "Are you sure, Rachel?" she asked with a big smile. "Look in there, under that archway!"

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Rachel bent forward on her hands and knees and peered inside the sandcastle. Then she saw it! A glittering, golden light was shining right in the very centre of the castle. "Kirsty, I think it's a fairy!" Rachel gasped, spotting a tiny figure dancing gracefully through the sandy rooms. "It's Tess the Sea Turtle Fairy!"

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