

Ruthie Mizrahi hasn't lived in America long, but it's finally starting to feel like home. In the months since she's arrived from Cuba, she's begun mastering English, has her first pair of go-go boots, and is her neighborhood's hopscotch queen.

Then one night everything changes when Ruthie's in a car accident. Is she really going to have to lie in bed in a body cast for months? At first Ruthie feels like a baby in diapers again. But then some surprising things happen. All kinds of interesting people walk through her door, bringing stories and gifts that help make her feel less alone and afraid.

Full of color and light, humor and hope, Ruth Behar's sparkling debut celebrates our beautifully diverse world and shows how friends, neighbors, books, and art can sweeten even the worst days.

RUTH BEHAR is an acclaimed author of travel stories, memoir, and poetry, and *Lucky Broken Girl* is her first novel for young readers. Born in Havana, Cuba, she grew up in New York, and has also lived in Spain and Mexico. Her recent books, *An Island Called Home* and *Traveling Heavy*, explore her return journeys to Cuba and her search for home as an immigrant and a traveler. She was the first Latina to win a MacArthur "Genius" Grant, and her honors also include a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, a Distinguished Alumna Award from Wesleyan University, and an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from the Hebrew Union College. She is an anthropology professor at the University of Michigan and lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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