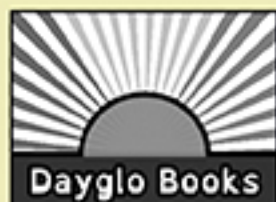


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and of the Rollercoaster Rainbow

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FERNE AND CHOCOLATE AND THE LOWLY LAGOON

CHAPTER 4

Ferne woke to a wild splashing. Leaves were floating and twirling before her eyes. She sat up.

Chocolate had fallen into the bath. One of the plants had lost its fight with her cat's paws and the bath water was cold.

Ferne stood up and picked a wet, bedraggled cat out of the water. She wrapped her in a dry, white towel warming on the radiator and put her gently down on top of the linen box.

Ferne then took off her swimsuit and placed the pink bath towel round her shoulders.

She pulled out the bath plug, watching the water suck and gurgle down the plug hole. When it was nearly empty, she started to collect the leaves from the bottom of the bath.

It was then she noticed two tiny objects wriggling and gasping amongst the debris. One was golden-green, the other silver-blue. Two fish, as identical in shape and size as twins.

She opened the bathroom cabinet, took out a clear plastic beaker, filled it with tap water and put the fish in it. They would look lovely amongst her collection of plants on the window sill.