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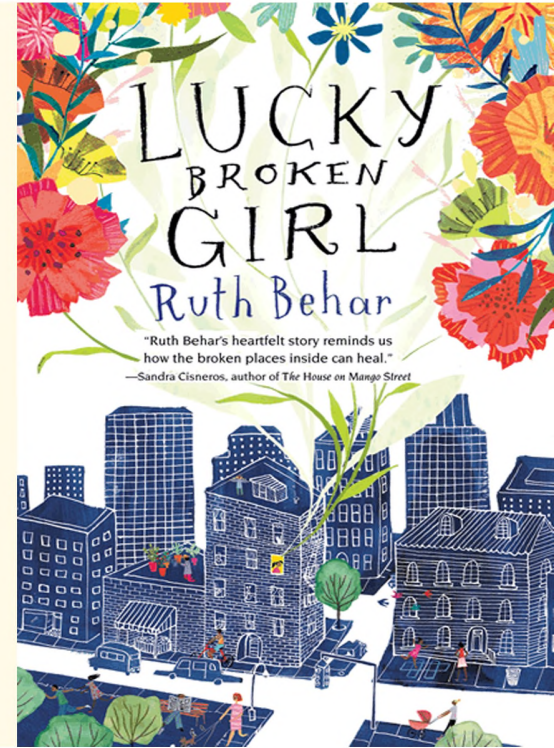
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In this unforgettable multicultural coming-of-age narrative—based on the author's childhood in the 1960s—a young Cuban-Jewish immigrant girl is adjusting to her new life in New York City when her American dream is suddenly derailed. Ruthie's plight will intrigue readers, and her powerful story of strength and resilience, full of color, light, and poignancy, will stay with them for a long time.

Ruthie Mizrahi and her family recently emigrated from Castro's Cuba to New York City. Just when she's finally beginning to gain confidence in her mastery of English—and enjoying her reign as her neighborhood's hopscotch queen—a horrific car accident leaves her in a body cast and confined her to her bed for a long recovery. As Ruthie's world shrinks because of her inability to move, her powers of observation and her heart grow larger and she comes to understand how fragile life is, how vulnerable we all are as human beings, and how friends, neighbors, and the power of the arts can sweeten even the worst of times.

Dr. Ruth Behar was born in Havana, Cuba, and grew up in New York. She is the Victor Haim Perera Collegiate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Michigan. A recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Award, she has many publications in anthropology, poetry, and short fiction. She is the editor of the pioneering anthology, *Bridges to Cuba*, and coeditor of *The Portable Island*. Her books, *An Island Called Home* and *Traveling Heavy*, chronicle her journeys to Cuba.

Richard Blanco is a Cuban-American poet and award-winning author. A graduate of FIU's School of Engineering and Creative Writing Program, he was the first Latino, first immigrant, first openly gay, and youngest person to be the inaugural poet for the United States.

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