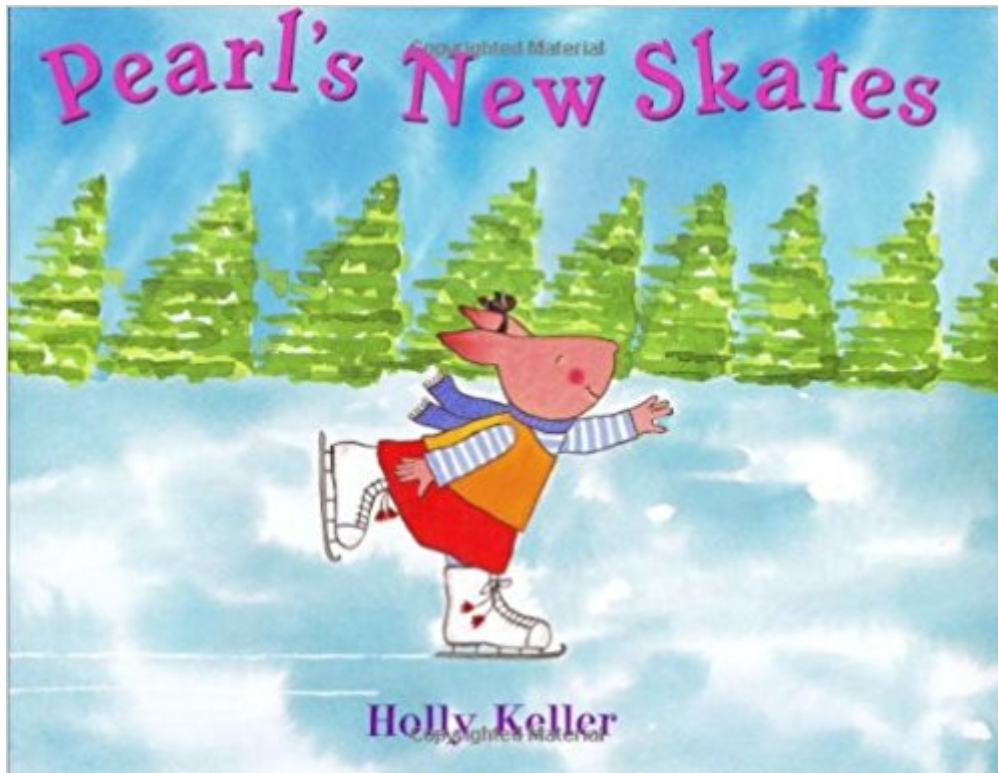




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Pearl's New Skates



Synopsis

Pearl has new skates. They are real skates (not double runners), and she can't wait to try them. Pearl inches out onto the frozen pond. But instead of twirling, she topples. Instead of spinning, she falls -- splaaat! Pearl has new skates. They are shiny white with red tassels, and she loves them. Will Pearl ever skate in real life the way she skates in her dreams? --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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When Pearl receives a pair of grown-up single blade skates for her birthday, she can hardly wait for the ice to form on the nearby lake. The cheerful, optimistic bunny puts on a red skating skirt that Grandma made her, and practices twirls and jumps on the floor. There's a big, confident look on her face-she's very proud of herself! Pearl's pride turns into snobbery, however, when the lake finally freezes over. She turns down her good friend Thistle's invitation to skate, because Thistle is wearing plain skates with double blades. Pearl, also refuses her Uncle Jack's gentle offer to help her: "'No thank you,' said Pearl. 'I don't need any help.'" But Pearl is soon skating on thin ice because she counted her eggs before they hatched (a doubly mixed metaphor), so to speak... Twirling on imaginary blades is one thing, but skating is entirely different. But instead of going forward, Pearl lost her balance. She swayed back and forth. Her arms went around like pinwheels. Her bottom hit the ice

with a thump...Dejected, Pearl goes home, not listening to her Mom's words that becoming an ice ballerina takes time. And the next day, Pearl doesn't want to skate...or read, or draw. Her Uncle Jack suggests that they practice together the next morning, before anyone else is there. At first she refuses, but her uncle has such a nice smile that she decides to go, warning that she "might not stay very long." Her mom also makes a thermos of hot chocolate for them to share. .

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