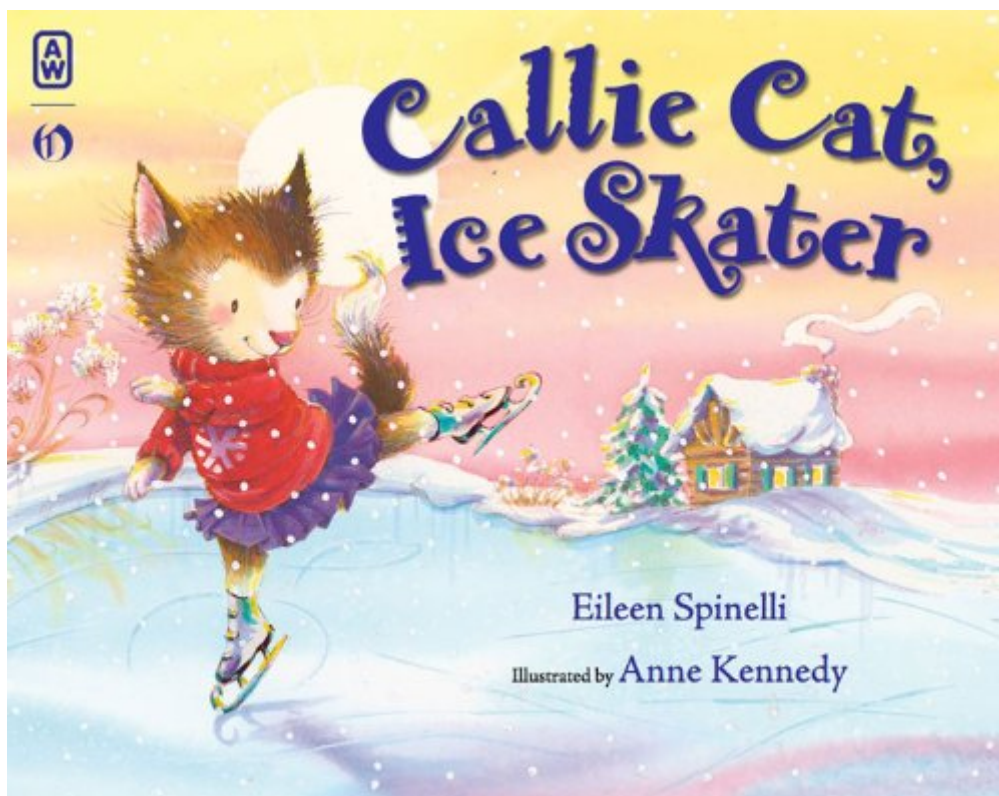


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## Callie Cat, Ice Skater



## Synopsis

Day and night, Callie Cat ice skates on the pond in her backyard. She loves to ice skate, loves it more than chocolate cake, more than going to the mall "more than her friends can understand. That is, until the Honeybrook Ice Rink announces a contest, and everyone thinks it could be Callie's big chance! Now Callie practices day and night. She wants to win the big prize . . . doesn't she? This is a fixed-format ebook, which preserves the design and layout of the original print book.

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## Customer Reviews

Callie Cat, Ice Skater is a children's picturebook about the joy of doing something one loves for its own sake. Young Callie Cat enjoys ice skating on the pond in her backyard, more than chocolate cake or going to the mall. When the Honeybrook Ice Rink announces a contest, it could be Callie's big chance to win the prize - but is winning the prize what she really wants to do? When another skater achieves an even better performance, she's heartbroken at first, until she remembers that skating can be joyful fun for its own sake. The enthusiastic artwork of a playful cat and her animal friends adds the perfect touch to this heartwarming story.

Every child should have this book. Callie the ice-skating cat enters a competition, and receives something even more valuable than a trophy. Beautifully illustrated. Perfect ending! (Have a Kleenex ready, in a good way.)

This book was filled with beautiful, poetic language that is still very accessible to the children, had cute character illustrations set against lovely colors and landscapes, and has an amazing message: when you do something that you love, it isn't about the winning or competing, but the doing. If you are doing something you want to do, you'll get to experience a "melting sweetness" named joy, and no prizes or acclaim can be better than that! What an awesome thing for kids to be exposed to in a world where everything is about either doing what you should do or doing better than everyone else--and sometimes both. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone (although I am sure there are some boys who would be "turned off" of the book because there are no little boys featured in it).

My five-year old daughter checked this book out of the library and I expected it to be just another picture book. Instead, I swear, I cried at the ending. Then I went right to [Amazon](#) and ordered two copies. One for myself and one for a writer friend. This is a must read for not only kids, but for anyone who has ever played sports, sent something into a publisher, or checked their book's stats on [Goodreads](#). (sigh) Thank you for writing this book! Janette Rallison

In our world of competitive skating, gymnastics, baseball, football, track, swimming, etc. here is a story this is well worth its gold in reading. Yes, there are children who want to be the winners and are so competitive that even their parents are part of their push to win. This story is such a breath of fresh air within all that competitiveness. It speaks of total joy of a little cat who loves to skate. She is encouraged to compete but when she does not win she is not upset. She is just happy to return to her pond and skate with her love for her skating. To me this is a lesson for all those competitive people out there. Don't forget the JOY.

My daughter is an ice skater, and I thought she would enjoy this sweet story about a little skater who learns that she is skating not to win competitions but for the joy of it. The illustrations are humorous and fun.

"Callie Cat, Ice Skater" Written by Eileen Spinelli Illustrated by Anne Kennedy (Albert Whitman & Co.,

2007)-----Do what you love - because you love it! A nice story with a nice message, about a young girl (an anthropomorphized cat) who loves ice skating, gracefully gliding on the frozen pond near home anytime she can. When a skating contest is announced, her schoolfriends urge Callie to enter, and convince her that she just \*has\* to win. Although she becomes nervous, after Callie sees several other contestants fail, she starts to believe that, hey, maybe she will win! And yet, first place goes to another girl, and Callie is crushed. On the way home, her parents are appropriately supportive, telling her that what matters is that she tried her best, although her friends emphasize how disappointed she must feel. Callie keeps quiet, though, and the next day, she puts her skates back on, and goes back out on the ice, once again skating just for fun. This book deals with several important issues in a nice, gentle way -- peer pressure, learning to be resilient and deal with failure, and also learning to appreciate and enjoy things just for what they are, not for what they can get you. A nice parable for parents and kids dealing with competitive sports and other intense, passionate interests. Recommended! (Joe Sixpack, ReadThatAgain children's book reviews)

I bought this for my 6 year old daughter who has a passion for skating. As another reviewer said, the first time I read this to my daughter I actually cried at the end! This book truly captures the feeling of doing something for the pure joy of it. Although it is written about ice skating, the feeling it describes and the wonderful message of the book will ring true to people outside the sport.

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