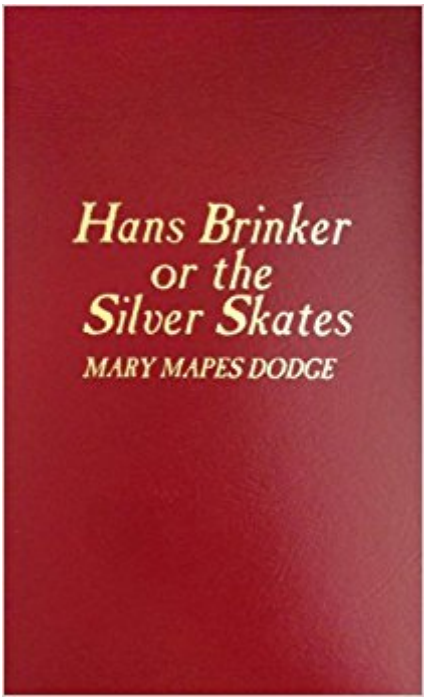
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Hans Brinker: The Silver Skates



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Synopsis

This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1898 edition. Excerpt: ...an image of the professor carved upon it, representing him just as he looked when he was found after the explosion." "What a strange idea I Isn't Boerhaave's monument in Sr. Peter's also?" "I cannot remember. Perhaps Peter knows." The captain delighted Ben by saying that the monument was there, and that he thought they might be able to see it during the day. "Lambert," continued Peter, "ask Ben if he saw Van der Werf's portrait at the Town Hall last night?" "No," said Lambert, " I can answer for him. It was too late to go in. I say, boys, it is really wonderful how much Ben knows. Why, he has told me a volume of Dutch history already. I'll wager he has the siege of Leyden at his tongue'send." "His tongue must burn, then," interposed Ludwig; "for, if Bilderdyk's account is true, it was a pretty hot affair." Ben was looking at them with an inquiring smile. "We are speaking of the siege of Leyden," explained Lain bert. "Oh, yesl " said Ben eagerly: "I had forgotten all about it. This was the very, place. Let's give old Van der Werf three cheers. Hur"--Van Mounen uttered a hasty "Hush I " and explained, that, patriotic as the Dutch were, the police would soon have some thing to say, if a party of boys cheered in the street at mid-day. "What! not cheer Van der Werf?" cried Ben indignantly. "One of the greatest chaps in history? Only think I Didn't he hold out against those murderous Spaniards for months and months! There was the town, surrounded on all sides by the enemy, gTeat black forts sending fire and death into the very heart of the city,--but no surrender I Every man a hero; women and children, too, brave and fierce as lions; provisions giving out; the very grass from between the paving-stones gone, till people were glad to eat horses and cats...

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"Hans Brinker was my best boyhood dream. Could I, if I tried terribly hard, become somebody like him? What a shame that hardly anybody knows Hans Brinker anymore. I am delighted that he is being brought back to life." --Lewis Smedes, Fuller Theological Seminary

American editor and writer, Dodge is best known for her juvenile fiction. She started her career for attaining livelihood. Later a magazine for children, St. Nicholas achieved high standards due to her hard work and attracted great writers.

I think this must be the complete version of the abridged book I read and loved as a child, so part of my affection for it is surely sheer sentiment. Parts of this version wander away from the tale of the silver skates, but I love it anyway.

I have always loved this story. I homeschool and I used this book while teaching world geography to 7th and 8th graders.It was a hit.

It was a good story, but I skipped large sections describing Holland and the morals it was trying to teach to younger readers. this is rather traditional for children’s literature written in this era.

This is a classic. I read it years ago in elementary school. It is just as enjoyable today.

Love this classic! It was one of my favorite childhood stories and is still an enjoyable read as an adult.

It’s great and this is the novel version!

For a 1925 edition, it was in great shape. Thanks so much.

I had never read this story before, even though I had heard some things about it. Honestly, it is wonderful to read the descriptions of the countryside and to read about typical boys during that age.

I wouldn’t want to live there, but the land and the people sound fascinating.

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