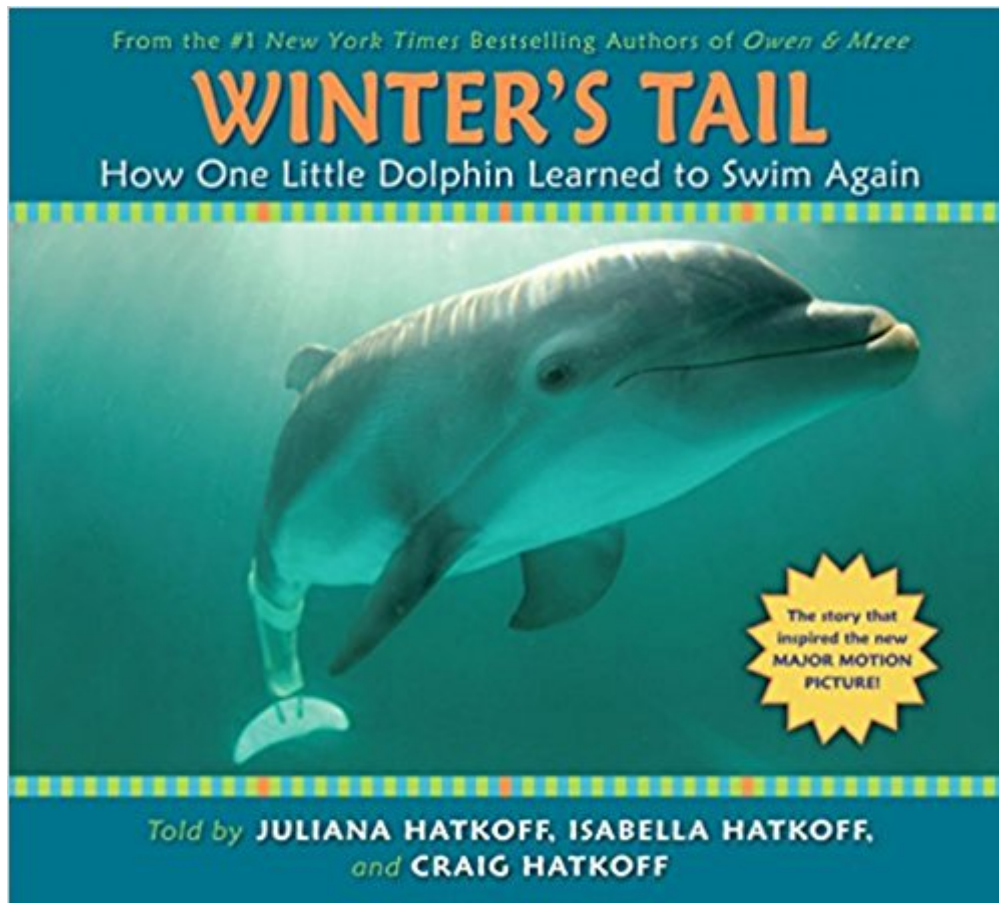




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Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned To Swim Again



Synopsis

The story that inspired the new MAJOR MOTION PICTURE! When Winter was a baby, she was rescued from a crab trap, her tail seriously damaged, and rushed to Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Winter survived, but eventually her tail fell off. Then Winter received a prosthetic tail. It was very challenging but now Winter is thriving and using her new tail with great command. Every year, thousands of visitors travel to visit Winter who has become an inspiration to adults and children alike, especially to children who are amputees themselves. And now Winter's story is soon to be a major motion picture starring Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, and Harry Connick Jr.!

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

Hatkoff and his daughters continue their nonfiction series (Owen & Mzee, 2006; Knut, 2007) highlighting animals that overcome adversity. Here they follow a baby Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphin that lost her tail after becoming entangled in a crab trap. Rescued by Florida wildlife conservationists, she was nursed back to health and later fitted with an artificial tail. The main narrative is informal and conversational, well suited to a younger audience. Readers learn about Winter's improvised, tail-free swimming techniques and how trainers helped her to adjust to the new device. An afterword provides further information about the Clearwater Marine Aquarium

(where Winter lives), dolphins and their training, and Kevin Carroll, whose company developed the prosthetic tail. Most of the photographs are crisp and clear, depicting Winter's dramatic rescue and several training routines. Designed for a dual audience (animal lovers and humans who have overcome physical adversity), this will make an inspirational choice for browsers. For another look at dolphins in captivity, point readers to Twig C. George's A Dolphin Named Bob (1996). Grades 1-3. --Kay Weisman --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Praise for Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again
• Readers will be most drawn to Winter's resilience and the dedication and ingenuity of those helping her.
• Publishers Weekly
• The story offers an important message of hope, friendship and universal acceptance.
• Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Pros:- My son loves this book- The story in this book follows the movie (mostly) and the real story. My son notices a few discrepancies and asks which is the "real" story, but I have to explain that Morgan Freeman isn't REALLY a doctor and didn't REALLY make a tail for Winter. What is real is confusing to a 5 year old.- Great photography and printing.- We got the hardback, but before that, we borrowed the paperback from the library and it is awesome too. Large, clear photos in both.
Cons:- This isn't a con for US, but I want to say that this is a scientific type of story.... a TRUE story. It doesn't hold my 2 year old's attention. He would much rather read a book about funny characters that rhymes and has farm animals in it or something like that. So, maybe it's for older children (my son who loves it is 5).

SAD to SEE What a RIP OFF this BOOK WAS :o((It's the " THICKNESS of a QUARTER " and LOTS of " BLANKS PAGES " (White OR Green) !!! They DON'T even " NUMBER the PAGES " ??? I LUV the SUBJECT MATTER But , NOT PAYING .50 perPAGE !!!!!!!

Wonderful heartwarming uplifting book of hope and encouragement for any of life's challenges that we face. The Hatkoff authors are creating a series of beautiful stories that have helped many many children and adults face issues that are so difficult. This is also very educational in the material presented. It is the story of how Kevin Carroll who designed Winter's Tale worked miracles with Winter as he does with human's and their prosthetics all over the world. He is presently working on Chrissie, a beautiful sandhill crane (almost 50" tall bird) who lost her lower leg on a golf course. Chrissie lives at Save Our Seabirds ([...]). in Sarasota, Florida which is only an hour away from

Winter's home in Clearwater, Florida! She is now going through the fittings that Winter did for her tail! She was named "Chrissie" short for Christmas because that was the first day she strutted in her initial prosthetic! True stories of hope are excellent gifts for those overcoming adversities in their lives. This little girl dolphin has definitely done that! The writing and stunning photography are beautiful and simple but so powerful in their message. All ages from very young to adult will enjoy this story of the people surrounding this adorable dolphin who is now thriving in her own new home. She just celebrated her 5th birthday and is doing great --learning new tricks and skills all the time. Encouragement galore for us all!! Don't hesitate!! Definitely buy the book today for yourself and grab a copy for a big or little friend. You won't be disappointed. A great children's or adult's non-fiction book to add to any and all collections. Also, when in Florida, definitely come visit Winter AND Chrissie! They'd love to see you!

It is a good story about Winter's life!

This book is everything that I thought and hoped it would be. It is poignant as it touches your heart in every aspect--taking us from the initial rescue through to a happy ending. I am a former teacher and I can see its value in reaching out to children and drawing them into the story--helping them to experience their own feelings while relating to Little Winter. As an introduction to the precarious world of innocent animals and their vulnerabilities, the book also shows how mankind can and does help. The pictures of all the different loving volunteers who pitch in wholeheartedly to help Winter are unforgettable. I have a few grandnieces and nephews who will find this true story every bit as wonderful a testament to good, caring people and sweet animals--as I do. I bought this book after I saw on PBS a brief mention of Winter's story. I decided to research it here on and learned enough that I went through with the purchase. It is everything I'd hoped it would be.

Precious book.

Bought this and follow up book about Winter. We visited the real Winter while in Florida. Regardless, the videos Winters Tale, Nims Island, and other ocean, island, creatures of the oceans, children who show courage and overcome through perseverance all have value. We loved the story of Winter...be inspired.

Great Gift

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