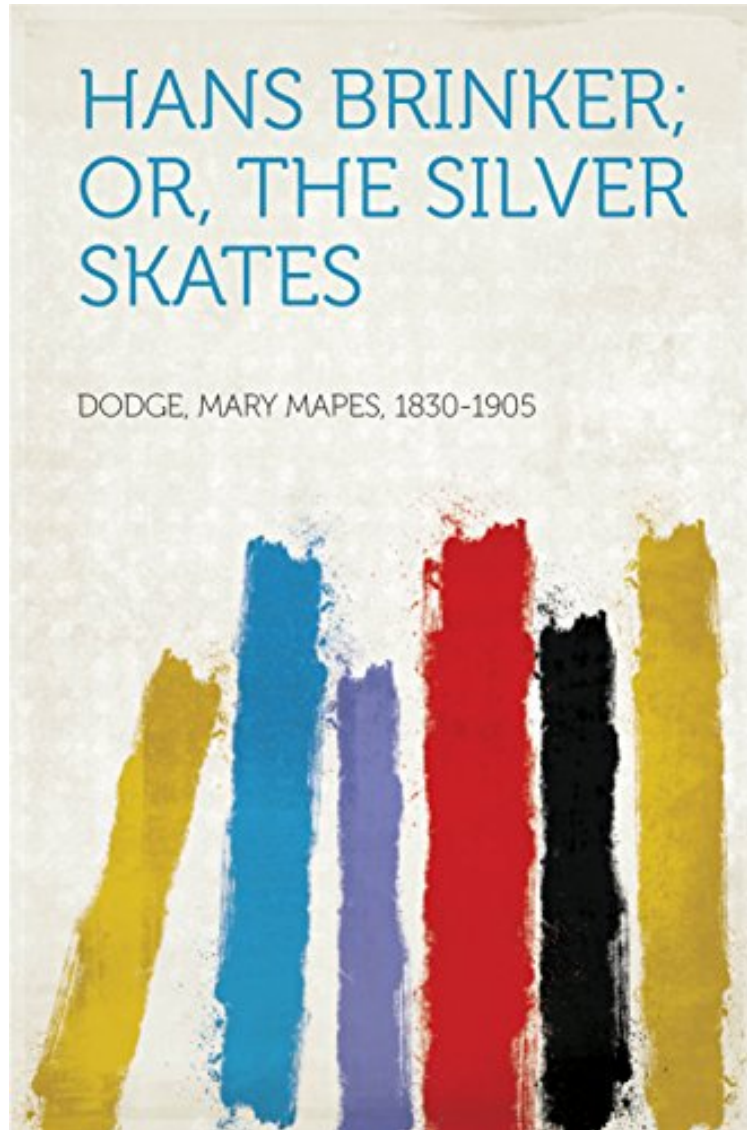


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Von Mary Mapes, 1830-1905 Dodge : Hans Brinker; Or, The Silver Skates before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hans Brinker; Or, The Silver Skates:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Movie is Better! Von Jacki Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates was a good book, but a lot of it is too much like a reference book, which is not something I care to read on my free time. If you want to find out a little about this book, watch Brink! on Disney - a 1990s movie roughly based on the book. You will most likely enjoy the movie much more

because it is general fun...and I promise...no reference books involved.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. WHO WILL WIN THE GREAT RACE? Von Plume45 This classic of American Children's Literature was written in 1865 by a woman who had great respect for Holland, but had never been there herself. Based on meticulous research this book became popular in Europe as well as in America. Mary Maples Dodge, founder of "St. Nicholas Magazine" for children, extolled the patriotism, courage and cultural achievements of its people. Tulips, windmills, dykes and canals are all here in her idyllic re-creation of 19th century Holland. The story itself is interesting: a poor family struggles to survive financially in the ten years since the father fell off a dyke and lost his mind. The boy, 15, and the girl, 12, forego school to help the mother keep them together, despite the callous attitude of many villagers, who refer to "the idiot's cottage," call Hans "the rag picker" and Gretel "the goose girl." But strong family values prevail as the mother never loses faith in her husband's recovery. Fortunately there are several juvenile souls who exhibit Christian charity and peer support. Then there are the mysteries; the missing 1000 Guilders (which would have improved their lifestyle during that grim decade), whose location is locked in the man's frozen mind; and the unknown watch which he bade his wife keep safe just before the tragedy. Unfortunately this heart-warming tale, which culminates in the great skating race, becomes bogged down in many chapters which do nothing to enhance the plot. The author seems determined to share all her research with her unsuspecting readers, resulting in a book that is half fiction, half travelogue. Children want action and saucy dialogue, not lectures on Dutch history and culture, or long descriptions of museums. It is unrealistic for teenage boys to expound on military heroes and famous artists while they are enjoying their holiday on ice, even to show off for a foreign visitor. I suspect that many children during the past 150 years have given up on this otherwise-delightful book, because over a dozen chapters seem more like an encyclopedia. Who cares about Holland's struggles with foreign nations in previous centuries, when we are worried about what new tragedy is happening in the Brinker cottage? Happily there now exists an abridged version (only 256 pages instead of my 319) which may make this charming tale more palatable to modern readers. And the burning question remains: who will win those coveted silver skates? 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. What Did Dodge Do? She Wrote A Fantastic Book! Von Ein Kunde How would you feel if you lived in a very poor family? Or your Father was hurt and couldn't work? This is the situation for Hans and Gretel Brinker in Mary Mapes Dodge's, Hans Brinker. Hans is a sixteen year old boy and Gretel is his eleven year old sister. They live with their Mother and Father in Holland, in the 1840's. When Hans was only six, his Father got badly hurt on the head and it effects his mind ever after. One day on his way to the marketplace, Hans sees the most famous doctor in Holland! Hans tells the doctor his Father is sick and needs his help. The doctor promises to visit. Will he make Hans's Father well again? You'll have to read Hans Brinker to find out! This book is fabulous! You won't be able to put it down! It's so exciting!

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