

Blizzard ...the magical Reindeer

When ten-year-old Jess's very best friend Bobby moves away, she is inconsolable in her grief. Her globetrotting, eccentric Aunt Millie decides the best medicine is to tell her a story about another ten year-old girl, Katie, from another time and place, who wanted only one thing...to ice-skate. Using her brother's old hockey skates, Katie practices on an outdoor rink near her home in the country. There, she is befriended by Otto Brewer, a former Olympic skating champion, who offers to teach her "proper skating", and under Otto's tutelage, Katie blossoms into a magnificent skater. However, Katie's father loses his job and the family is forced to move to the big city. Far from her beloved Otto, with no ponds for her to skate on and no friends, Katie is devastated.

Jess begs Aunt Millie to stop telling this story. It is too sad! However, Aunt Millie continues with news from the North Pole where Santa and his elves are celebrating the birth of Blizzard, a baby reindeer born to Blitzen and Delphi. It quickly becomes apparent that Blizzard possesses all three magical reindeer gifts: the ability to fly, the power to make herself invisible, and the gift of empathic navigation – being able to see with her heart.

Using her empathic ability, Blizzard feels Katie's sadness and flies to Katie's home to investigate. Katie and Blizzard quickly become friends. Blizzard helps Katie get into the local skating club and win over Erin, a sharp-tongued classmate who snubs Katie at every turn. However, in the service of her friendship with Katie, Blizzard breaks many reindeer rules, incurring the wrath of Archimedes, Santa's strict head elf, who convinces Santa that the only appropriate punishment for Blizzard is banishment for life. A Council Of Elders is convened to decide Blizzard's fate.

In an act of true friendship, Katie comes to Blizzard's defense and beseeches Santa to give Blizzard another chance. In a stunning decision, Santa grants Katie's Christmas wish, but forbids the two friends from ever seeing each other again.

As Aunt Millie's story comes to an end, Jess comes to appreciate that, like Katie and Blizzard, her friendship with Bobby won't fade if she keeps it alive in her heart.















