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Six-year-old Ollie is given his first pair of real skis. As soon as the snow begins to fall, he sets off on an adventure by himself to the palace of King Winter.

Along the way, he meets Jack Frost, who makes everything sparkle, and Mrs. Thaw, who makes everything melt. At the palace, Ollie meets children helping to make Christmas presents--that is, until breaktime, when they rush outside for a big snowball fight.

Finally, Mrs. Thaw gets her way, and the lovely snow starts to disappear. Ollie is very upset and wishes it could be winter forever--until Spring arrives one lovely day when in her carriage, pulled by butterflies.

A new **mini edition** of this popular book is now available for small hands.

(Ages 3-5)

## **Ollie's Ski Trip Details**

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## From Reader Review Ollie's Ski Trip for online ebook

### Judy says

I do love Beskow's art and her skill at telling a tale that intertwines play and nature. Jack Frost is one of my favorite postcard subjects (where he's usually engaged in some mischievous activity), so I was pleasantly surprised when he surfaced in this story (albeit with a much more serious demeanor). "Mrs. Thaw" was new to me, however. Does she appear in other Scandinavian tales?

Six-year-old Ollie was given quite a bit of freedom for his young years, but I suspect my 4.5 year old nephew will readily identify with him and will envy his adventures.

This is a keeper, for sure!

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### Abigail says

When six-year-old Ollie is finally given his first pair of real skis - something he has long anticipated - he can't wait for it to snow, so he can try them out. Setting out into the snowy woods, the first opportunity he gets, Ollie is befriended by Jack Frost, sees Mrs. Thaw (who is quickly driven away), and is taken on a visit to the icy, polar bear-guarded palace of the Winter King. Here he spends a day watching the king's assistants make everything from ski boots to skate blades, and joining in the workers' break-time play, before heading home. The story concludes with the eventual coming of Spring - as heralded by the reappearance of Mrs. Thaw - which is at first resisted by Ollie and his little brother (who want to keep playing in the snow), and then accepted and celebrated.

It's hard to say, really, why I enjoyed Ollie's Ski Trip - first published as Olles Skidfärd in 1907 - so much more than the other Elsa Beskow picture-book (Woody, Hazel and Little Pip) I read today. Perhaps Ollie's tale felt more real to me, not because he was a "real" boy (as opposed to a forest brownie), but because his longing for a specific event - the coming of the snow - resonated with me? Didn't we all, as children, look forward to certain specific seasonal markers? Whatever the case may be, I found this a charming book, one which paired an engaging Winter story with delightful illustrations. Highly recommended to any young skiers and winter lovers, as well as to Elsa Beskow fans.

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### Dana says

Beautifully illustrated, simple story.

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### Sarah Middlestead says

Sweet illustrations. First published in Swedish in 1907.

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## **Kris says**

Join Ollie on his winter ski adventure as he meets Jack Frost, King Winter, and Mrs. Thaw.

Wonderful story and lovely artwork.

Elsa Beskow is one of my favorite childrens authors and illustrators. I own a number of her books--some in Swedish, others in English.

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## **madziar says**

6-letni Olle wyrusza na całonocną wyprawę na nowych nartach, z dwoma kanapkami w kieszeni od mamy.

Spotyka Wujka Szrona, który prowadzi go do Króla Zimy. Po drodze przeganiają Ciotkę Odwil?

Nastrojowo zilustrowana przez autorkę opowieść, nawiązująca do starych rosyjskich opowieści o zimie.

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## **Cheryl says**

Sorry to be contrary, but Beskow is too old-fashioned and twee for me, this book being no exception to the others that I've been disappointed by.

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## **Laura says**

I just love Beskow's books, and this one is especially charming. Ollie reminds me so much of my husband--he's the only person I've met who is sad when Spring arrives. A great book to snuggle into as the cold weather approaches.

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## **Rachel says**

The book was a cute winter story...King Winter, Jack Frost and Mrs Thaw. Shows lots of fun things to do outside during the winter snow. However my own issue with the book is the author used the word 'stupid' in the story. There are lots of other words that would've been appropriate to put in that sentence.

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## **Jaime says**

Quaint illustrations accompany a story of King Winter and Mrs. Thaw. A great book about appreciating all types of weather.

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## **Jen says**

Elsa Beskow, your illustrations KILL ME. So freaking good.

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### **Philippa N says**

Elsa Beskow's book, Ollie' Ski Trip, is a gentle and magical journey through Winter and into Spring which is brought to life with her beautiful illustrations.

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### **Darlene says**

A beautiful story of winter into spring. Really brings to life the joys of winter. Then Mrs Thaw comes along and Spring comes to life. Really nicely done my3 1/2 yr old boy loves it.

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### **Lisa Vegan says**

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This is a delightful winter and winter into spring themed story. Ollie receives his first pair of real skis when he turns six and waits for the season's snow to start falling so that he can use them, which eventually happens and he has a wonderful adventure. This story captures so well the feelings of delicious anticipation and the joy of an independent adventure, both of which I remember experiencing as a child. The wonder of nature (via skiing, sledding, etc., and such characters as King Snow, Jack Frost, Mrs. Thaw, and the other "children" Ollie plays with, and Spring too) shines through.

Charming Illustrations! I particularly liked the polar bears that sniff as dogs would do. The skis Ollie uses seem more like cross country skis than the downhill variety.

This is a long story as picture books go, but I think readers and listeners in a wide age range can enjoy it.

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### **Connie says**

calling all Waldorks. . . Waldorf inspired magic abounds in this one. Lovely take on the seasons as Winter seems to not want to let go but is overtaken by Spring. . . and her butterfly driven chariot is to die for!

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