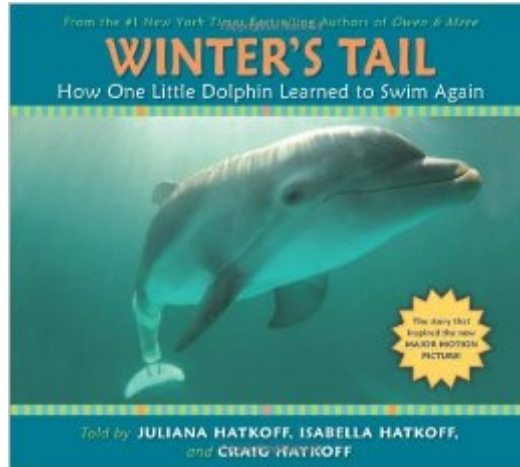


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# Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned To Swim Again



## 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.!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The ropes from the crab trap quickly ensnared the young dolphin. It was useless to struggle because there was no escaping the treacherous situation, but Jim Savage, a fisherman, spotted her and quickly came to her aid. Her tail was badly mangled and if he did not call for assistance there would be no chance for survival. A few hours later, Winter, as she was soon named was heading to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. It was December 10, 2005 and it was just the start of Winter's struggle to survive. She was estimated to be "only two or three months old," but because she struggled, the many people dedicated to helping her thought she "still had the heart and energy to

try to protect herself."Winter's tail quickly deteriorated and fell off. The question was, would she be able to survive without it? It became a round the clock vigil to keep her blowhole above the water so she wouldn't drown. Because she was so young, feeding her was problematic. She couldn't eat fish, her mother was not in place to nurse her . . . how and what would they feed her? Survival was a key issue, but there would be many hurdles for her to jump. She would be disabled at best, but there would be a man looking at her from afar. Kevin Carroll had an idea that might enable this little dolphin to swim again. Would he be able help her?This heartwarming story will thrill not only the dolphin lover, but inspire young and old alike. I had never heard of Winter, but was thoroughly captivated by her and the many people who were dedicated to her survival efforts. This story was documented by photographs from her struggle in Mosquito Lagoon to her present home at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. This story is aimed at a younger audience, but will appeal to readers of all ages.

The Hatkoffs' Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship was a popular choice for school libraries with its theme of survival and friendship between two unlikely companions, a baby hippo and a giant tortoise.Like Owen the hippo, Winter the baby dolphin, was also in distress when she was found, entangled in the ropes of a crab trap. Although she was rescued and well cared for, Winter eventually lost her tail because of her injuries. Kevin Carroll and the experts from Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics worked to design a prosthesis for Winter so she could swim properly and avoid damage to her backbone. The need for the prosthesis was medical, for Winter's health--not for appearance. I appreciated that this point was emphasizedWinter has generated a great deal of interest among children and veterans with prostheses and other medical devices. Whether the need for these devices is the result of accident, illness or a grievous war injury, coping with the aftermath can be challenging and emotionally difficult.There is reassurance in a story of adults who will go to extraordinary lengths to care for these animals. A child can see themselves in both roles, the child needing help and the kind and caring expert who provides it.I was interested in reviewing this title because of my library "dolphin girls." Every year there are one or two girls who want to read and reread every nonfiction book in the school library on dolphins. This book is an excellent choice for them. It includes facts and information about these mammals, their physiology, their care, socialization and training.

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