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### Twelve Kinds of Ice

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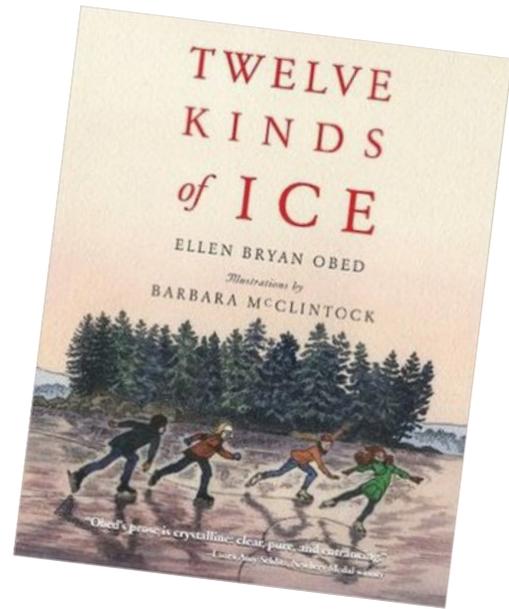
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# Book Review

**Title:** Twelve Kinds of Ice  
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**Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
**Publication Year:** 2012  
**ISBN:** 9780618891290  
**Number of Pages:** 64  
**Interest Level:** Primary, Intermediate, Young Adult  
**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

*Twelve Kinds of Ice* is a beautifully written book that takes you through seasons by introducing you to the different ices and how they are enjoyed. Starting with the thinnest ice in the sheep pails and the excitement it starts as anticipation grows for the upcoming skating ices and the activities they bring. The world is theirs to explore on roads of ice. But as spring time comes the ice continues to change. The skating days are counted, the last ice is enjoyed until the day it is gone. But even though it's gone, the ice is smooth in their dreams where spins are perfect and any surface can be skated upon.

The writing of this book is magical and exciting. Each kind of ice has its own emotion, from the anticipation of the first ice, the excitement of the first skate on field ice, the calm of perfect ice and moonlit skates, fun skating parties, and the disappointment of thaws. The writing is easy enough for early readers but exciting enough for adults. The simple but detailed black and white illustrations add to the story. *Twelve Kinds of Ice* is written so that each time you are read it, even though you know what is going to happen, you are in anticipation of the next kind of ice.