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## Roller Skates

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When ten-year-old Lucinda's parents decide to travel to Italy for a year, they drop Lucinda off at a sort of temporary orphanage in New York. Undaunted, Lucinda straps on her roller skates and begins skating around the city, making friends as she goes. Most of these friends would be frowned upon by her stuffy Aunt Emily (who Lucinda must spend every Saturday sewing with) because of either their age or their status in life, but cheerful Lucinda doesn't mind, and befriends anyone she meets.

Lucinda's cheerful nature and desire for every single one of her friends to experience happiness and good fortune seeps off the page and into your heart in this beautifully told 1937 Newbery winner.

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