



**Series:** The Sporty Fairies

**Book:** Zoe the Skating Fairy

### Skating Struggles

Rachel Walker held on tightly to the park railings as she stood up on her in-line skates. 'Whoa-a-a!' she laughed, as her feet moved slightly in different directions. 'How are you getting on Kirsty?'

Kirsty Tate, Rachel's best friend, was still sitting on the grass, tying the laces on her skates. She fastened the top straps, then smiled up at Rachel. Kirsty was staying with Rachel's family for a week during the Easter holidays, and today the girls had come to Oval Park, near the Walkers' house.

'All right...I think,' Kirsty replied, clutching Rachel's hand and standing up. Then she grinned. 'We must be mad to be skating today after everything that's happened to the Sporty Fairies,' she said, wobbling on her wheels.

'At least we're well-protected,' Rachel reminded her, tapping on Kirsty's helmet. 'And this is such a good place to skate, I'm sure we'll still have fun.'

The girls certainly were well protected – with helmets, knee pads and elbow pads, just in case either of them took a tumble. And Rachel was right, the park was perfect for skating, with its wide path looping around the edge, where lots of skaters and skateboarders were trying out their skills. It was a warm and sunny day, with a fresh breeze just rustling through the leaves in the trees, and making the daffodils nod their yellow heads.

Unfortunately, there seemed to be a lot of bumps and falls taking place amongst the skaters today. Kirsty and Rachel watched as a boy on a skateboard tried to do a jump, mis-timed it, and fell off his board onto the grass nearby. He got up, unhurt but looking puzzled. 'Why isn't that jump working today?' they heard him mutter to himself.

The girls exchanged glances. They knew why he was struggling to make the jump.

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