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Ella is different than most young women in the kingdom. She can quote any Shakespearean play. She befriends every animal she meets, including the scurrying mice living in the walls. She believes in the power of kindness, in changing customs that are not so kind. Ella has faced unspeakable tragedy and loss, and is at the mercy of her cruel stepfamily. And yet, Ella tries to keep a brave face, no matter how difficult this becomes.

Kit has always been deemed a "dreamer." He values peace above all else. He's never understood the point of certain royal traditions and rituals. He'd rather spend time in his mother's garden than learn to fence or sit for a portrait. And as a prince, this has been somewhat problematic.

This is a story about kindness and courage, about love lost and love found, about the power of names. This is the story of Cinderella.

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Branwen Sedai *of the White Ajah* says

"Have courage, and be kind. Where there is kindness, there is goodness. And where there is goodness, there is magic."

I won't lie, I picked this book up for two very shallow reasons; the first being that I was utterly captivated by the beautiful cover, and the second being that I am really excited for the movie to come out this weekend! :P But in any case, I was really happy to have gotten this, because it was a delightful book and I enjoyed every minute of reading it!

It is set up as the same basic Cinderella storyline that we all know and love, but with more details. The character is Ella is just wonderful, and I found myself really caring about her as a person; much more so than in any previous incarnation in which I read/watched.

So all in all, if you love fairytales and happy endings, this is definitely something you would enjoy!

Aamina Ali says

Reasons why I bought this:

- 1) It's a fairytale
- 2) I like almost any fairytale interpretation
- 3) It's basically a written version of the movie which I absolutely loved.

This Cinderella tale is a romantic and beautiful (and heavy!) rendition of the fairytale, with wonderful illustrations. While I enjoy different interpretations of fairytales, I loved the fact that the movie and the book stayed true to the classic Cinderella plot.

I loved the 2 viewpoints from which the story was told: that of Cinderella and the Prince, rather than Cinderella alone. It helped to flesh out the character of the Prince as well as the immediate people around him. Also, the changes in setting and characters as the story moved back and forth between both viewpoints kept the story interesting.

The extra details added depth to the overall story and aided in character development. Although I had seen the movie before and thoroughly enjoyed it, films cannot properly convey the thoughts of the characters and to some extent emotions. I remember when I watched the movie, in the scene where Cinderella arrives at the ball and Kit sees her, I wondered what he was thinking, how he felt. In numerous other scenes too, I wondered, and this book happily satisfied that curiosity.

The Prince in this story is more real, not some cardboard cutout. He struggles with what is expected of him and how he truly feels. He quietly fights to be his own person rather than being controlled by others who seem to have hidden agendas. The effort he puts in and the lengths he goes to to find the "mysterious princess" from the ball shows how deeply he loves her; his determination to find her "even if she didn't love

him, he could live with that", but simply to ensure that she was okay shows his selfless nature.

This tale highlights and explores Cinderella's hardships, the cruelty of her step-family and how she bore her burdens. No matter what they or life threw at her, she did not let her unfortunate circumstances break her spirit. Even in her grey moments, she had a positive outlook on life and always strived to be courageous and kind.

Overall, a truly inspiring and delightful book that children and fairytale-loving adults can enjoy!

Aleta says

Lots of fun. And the cover and artwork were absolutely beautiful.

Sonya Heaney says

Originally posted [HERE](#) .

I don't know why it is I decided to get so interested in Disney's new Cinderella movie. Maybe because the casting was interesting and I loved the director's takes on Shakespeare in the past.

Anyway, I read the junior novelisation, and then I read this more grown-up version of the same story.

What a difference it makes.

I'm not going through it all again, because I've already reviewed this story, but I'm a little sad that this was such a good take on the Cinderella tale, when the watered-down younger version, a novelisation of **exactly the same** film script, removed all the character nuance and made both lead characters irritatingly weak!

Unlike the other version, in this book we get to see and understand how and why Cinderella and the Prince are so taken with each other. We're also given a better background to why the Prince makes the political decisions he does (a children's story, yes, but the few mentions of politics in the junior book were just downright wimpy!). The Stepmother's motivations are better-explained. The friendships and the fun are there.

And what a **fantastic** change to have a Disney princess who admits her favourite colour is blue, not pink!

I don't know how much of this is going to make it onto the screen, but I'm much more satisfied with this take on Cinderella than I was when reading the other book.

Mieke says

Re-read November 18 2018

I literally read this in one sitting with a cup of tea and a snack. This book never fails to make me tear up, laugh, be inspired, grateful and make me feel like I am home. One of my favorite stories to get back to, especially in this beautiful format.

Tip for reading this wonderful book: listen to the Cinderella life-action movie soundtrack! You can just replay some tracks to make them fit for the scene you are reading and it just makes the experience so much better. I am literally writing this review with the last song of the OST playing in the background (Strong by Sonna Rele)

I will definitely re-read this another time.

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My new favorite book. The pictures and The story are just great. I also love the movie; but this is slightly better.

Kylie says

The 2015 version of Cinderella is my happy movie and I watch it about once a month. This book is basically the movie but extended and bringing the characters even more to life. Sweet and beautifully written.

Rani says

this is a good book.

Melissa says

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly.

-English proverb

I ADORED this book. It was so sweet and lovely, and was true to the spirit of the movie. I loved the little added tidbits. Because this book was published by Disney and based on the live action adaptation, I accept this book as canon.

I borrowed this book from the library as an ebook, but if I had money I would definitely buy it.

Some Interesting Tidbits mentioned:

-Ella is a voracious reader (she's very well-read and she reads Shakespeare and the classics (Don Quixote, Paradise Lost). She identifies with characters and often names her pet mice after them. She studied philosophy with her father - Plato, Aristotle. She is also fluent in multiple languages (French, Spanish, Italian). She has books on Mathematics, Philosophy and History. Ella is highly intelligent.

-Names of her mice: Matilda, Edna, Jacqueline, Gus, Jacob, Esau

-Name of horses: Galahad (Ella's), Guildenstern (Kit's)

-Flora is the name of the family's cook! I'm positive that's a nod to one of the fairies from Sleeping Beauty.

-Kit's dad is King Frederick

"Punctuality is the politeness of princes."

I really love the embellishments on the screenplay, how the writer describes Cinderella's black ribbon she wears when she mourns for her father.

There were so many tiny and beautiful embellishments in this book. It is such a treasure.

I'm just re-reading the part where the stepsisters and Lady Tremaine rip Cinderella's dress. I'm not sure which is more painful - watching the scene, or reading about it. When you read the book, you can *truly* see how abusive they are. I can't even type a quotation of what they said to Ella, it is just so, so cruel.

The scene where Fairy Godmother makes Cinderella's dress is so magical in the book, you can just see it happen on the screen.

One thing I have to say about this book that I DIDN'T like. I didn't like how the Princess Chalina was described upon meeting Kit. She is described as being condescending, and her teeth like "a tiger on the prowl".

In the movie, the Princess Chalina was lovely. She wasn't power hungry or anything like that. She was just betrothed to Kit, and she was not his true love. She wasn't a bad person at all. So I felt that description of her in the book was not necessary. We already had Anastasia and Drisella juxtaposed with Cinderella, we didn't need to have another woman to be depicted as "bad" in order to raise Cinderella up.

I liked the little "added" scenes, like where the Grand Duke finds Cinderella in her rags and questions her, knowing that there's something magical about her, all the while, Cinderella is hiding the glass slipper behind her back. I don't know why, but that was lovely. I would have liked that to happen in the movie.

There were actually some very interesting interactions with the Grand Duke and the other characters that would have been nice to see in the movie, between the King, G.D. and Kit, especially.

There is a new verse to Lavender's Blue that Cinderella made up herself. This verse was not in the movie, so it was lovely to read and imagine her singing.

*The sheep are grazing, dilly dilly,
The pretty sparrows soar,
'Nothing will come of nothing' dilly dilly,
So I shall do more.*

A beautiful nod to the quotation from King Lear and how it relates to her father, the requests from the stepsisters, and Ella's request. Also a lovely nod to the quotation game Ella and her father used to play. You can really see that her father, and her mother, are always with her, even when everything is taken away from her (i.e. her stepmother shattering the glass slipper, her mother's dress ripped by her horrible stepsisters, etc.) Kindness is free, love is free, and those two things are not contingent on material possessions, as their very essence is to be free.

The Captain is promoted to the title of Grand Duke, as the previous G.D. is banished for his treachery.

This book is so perfect. I'm just going to put in a few pictures.

There are lots of other pretty pictures, you should totally buy the book to see the rest :) ♥

Kristina Lenarczyk says

I'm not sure if it was the story, the writing, or the nostalgia - but I cried finishing this book. Perfection.

Ambur says

I'm a self-professed Disney fangirl, so I couldn't resist getting a copy of this book! There are a couple of other reasons why I couldn't resist it! First, it was a gorgeous hardcover with illustrations throughout! Second, it's a written version of the new live action adaptation of Cinderella, which I loved!

Now that I've read it, I'm so glad that I bought it. It was a wonderful story and really captured the beautiful feel and message that permeates the film. Even if you're familiar with the story, it's definitely worth reading. I absolutely loved it and will definitely be reading it again! :)

Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says

A fantastic chapter book for middle grade readers! Based on the screenplay by Chris Weitz, this chapter book is perfect for fans of the movie, Cinderella, which was released in 2015. Everything fans loved about the movie, is now in book form. This book is the perfect edition for Cinderella fans of all ages. Also included in this book are the same beautiful illustrations featured in the picture book, which is also based on the movie. I love it when a book reads just like a movie. This is a book we loved, and one we'd highly recommend picking up!

Our favorite quotes from this book:

"We must simply have courage and be kind, mustn't we?"

"Just because it's what's done, doesn't mean it's what should be done".

Krista says

I read this with my 7 year old daughter and we both loved the story. Definitely, a book that you want to bring a tissue box for, because in the first quarter of the book lots of wonderful characters die. I loved the illustrations in this edition, different than I have seen in the passed!

Overall, a good read and different from the movie.

Zane Jones says

Honestly, the writing style wasn't great. I get that the author was trying to make it read like an old fairy tale (and yet she used the word "okay", which kind of surprised me), but it wasn't original at all. I have watched the movie and really enjoyed it, but without the overall gorgeousness of it, it wasn't really as enjoyable. Two and a half stars.

Annette says

It's hard to say when Cinderella became one of my favorite fairytales. It must be at a very young age, when I identified with her. Although my parents and brother were lovely, my classmates were more often not and it felt comforting that even a fairytale princess had to endure such things. And I can't imagine how much impact it would have had if I had read and seen this version when I was still in school.

This book is everything I had hoped it would be and a million things more. Firstly: The hardcover edition is gorgeous. The drawings are beautiful and they really brought the story to life and in everything the book looks and feels like a true fairytale.

But, it's not just the outside that's pretty and beautiful. It's totally the story itself too! The book captures the movie, the dialogues, the scenery and the exchanged looks and then it adds more and more and more. I really loved those extra scenes that we didn't get to see and the depth the thought process of both main characters

added to everything and most of all their relationship.

If I had not already fallen in love with Kit and Ella, I would have fallen in love with them while reading this book. I will certainly read this over and over and over again!

Nessa says

I know that it's not always a good idea to read a film novelization before the film actually comes out, but I knew that this beloved story would be an exception. I have a personal connection to this tale, as I was abused within my family, and could've easily given up or give into the pain and suffering I endured. But the message of "have courage and be kind" resonates with me to this day. It has helped me through some dark periods of my life, and this story reinforces the message to its readers who have also been through tough times as well. The power of courage and kindness goes a long way in this adaptation, and a little magic also helps, too!

Read this adaptation with an open mind and heart. Yes, it's the story we all know and love, but with a new message to take from this fairy tale, this special message will make the story that more timeless than every before.
