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DOGERELLA SPENDS HER days scratching the fleas and fluffing the tails of her ungrateful stepdog mother and mean stepdog sisters. At night, she dreams of a home where she is loved. In a nearby castle lives Bea, a sweet, slightly spoiled princess whose fondest wish is for a loyal pet to call her own. A dog's dream and a princess's wish come true in this funny fairy tale.

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Kristina says

I thought that this was an OK book. we've all read a ton of versions of Cinderella. this definitely wasn't the best one but it wasn't the worst either.

Blue says

This started well and cute. What turned me off was how the book went from play to the collar fittings - I swore a page was missing. It did not make sense, the dog was right there but she wondered off to see if the collar fit other dogs? Even if she did not think it could belong to a mutt that ought to have been granted a page, and maybe some line about the other dogs hiding collars to pretend they lost theirs. One extra page and it could have been a 3-star book.

Vanessa says

If you have a girl who is crazy about dogs (particularly Pugs) AND the Cinderella story, as I do, you couldn't find a more perfect book than this! Dogerella is a sad little pug who must take care of her mean, high-maintenance step-dogmother and step-dogsisters (a poodle, an Afghan hound, and a Chow Chow) until she gets chosen out of all of the dogs in the kingdom by Princess Bea to be her best friend and beloved pet. It was the first book I have ever read with my dog-crazed 5-year-old where she sighed afterward and said "Mommy, that was the best book EVER."

Saffron Jeffries says

It is an amazing book! It is the best dog book ever!

Carol says

Most children love pets so this variation on the Cinderella fairy tale is very appealing. A small dog is used as a slave by her stepmother and stepsisters and denied access to the ball where Princess Bea hopes to find her new pet dog, a birthday gift for her 7th birthday. There are a few humorous twists like when the Fairy Dogmother appears to transform Dogerella for the ball, but has to put new batteries in her magic wand. Another twist in the plot is that Dogerella is refused entrance to the palace because she is a mutt. Luckily Princess Bea is disappointed in all of the self-absorbed dogs and goes to the royal backyard where Dogerella has been sent. They make friends and end up together. The language is simple and the illustrations are amusing, especially the facial expressions of all of the characters. This adds humor to the story experience.

Ages 7-9 years

Writing - comparison of this to Cinderella

Discussion of what makes a good pet and what makes a good person, for that matter

Jaden-Ciera says

Beginning Reader - This is a retelling of Cinderella, but with dogs. It has a slight twist in the middle where the princess is looking for a puppy, not a dog looking for another dog. This would be a really fun book for some 2nd or 3rd graders.

Kate says

PRECIOUS DOGERELLLLLLAAAAA

Hαα???? ?i???? says

Super cute take on Cinderella!

R. G. Nairam says

that happened

Alex says

I enjoyed this book because it reminded me of Cinderella (even though I don't like Cinderella). I also enjoyed this book because I like golden bones. The golden bone was given to Dogerella.

Cmeiss330 says

This book is absolutely precious and I love how they adapted the story into a young princess looking for a dog. So sweet!

Cosette says

This is super cute and I don't like dogs or Cinderella!

Holly Letson says

This was a really cute and sweet *Cinderella* retelling that features dogs.

Princess Bea, a cute redhead, wants a dog for her birthday, so the Queen and King--her parents--throw a ball for all the dogs. Princess Bea is supposed to choose one, but none of them seem like the type that would be her friend.

So, Princess Bea leaves the ball, and tosses the golden bone into the pond in her backyard. Dogerella quickly retrieves it, and they become friends. But, she flees, leaving behind only her sparkly collar to identify her by. After trying it on both the stepdogs, Bea finds that the collar fits Dogerella and keeps her.

Meg McGregor says

The girls wanted to give this book "ten stars!"

They love fairy tales, dogs, Cinderella, dogs, books, dogs... are you sensing a theme, perhaps?

A precious story to share with your little one; Dogerella is just purrfect.... (sorry, I couldn't resist!)

We had just finished reading, another of Ms. Boelts wonderful pet/fairy tales: Sleeping Bootsie!

Maggie says

Cute book. My six year old niece liked it a lot.
