**The Wonderful Worlds of Cinderella** (adapted from Mary Northup)

The story of Cinderella, perhaps the best-known fairy tale, is told or read to children of very young ages. But Cinderella is not just one story; more than 500 versions have been found—just in Europe! The tale’s origins appear to date back to a Chinese story from the ninth century, “Yeh-Shen.” Almost every culture seems to have its own version, and every storyteller his or her tale. Charles Perrault is believed to be the author, in the 1690s, of our “modern” 300-year-old Cinderella, the French Cendrillon. Most renderings of the story include an evil stepmother and stepsister(s), a dead mother, a dead or ineffective father, some sort of gathering such as a ball or festival, mutual attraction with a person of high status, a lost article, and a search ending with success.

Climo, Shirley. The Egyptian Cinderella. Illus. by Ruth Heller. 1989. 32p. HarperCollins, $15 (0-690-04822-X); paper, $5.95(0-06-443279-3). K–Gr. 3.

Onyefulu, Obi. Chinye: A West African Folk Tale. Illus. by Evie Safarewicz. 1994. 32p. Viking, $14.99 (0-670-85115-9); Puffin, paper, $5.99 (0-14-055760-11). K–Gr. 3.

Phumla. Nomi and the Magic Fish: A Story from Africa. Illus. by Carole Byard. 1972. 32p. Doubleday, o.p. K–Gr. 3.

Steptoe, John. Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. 1987. 32p. Lothrop, $16 (0-688-04045-4); paper, $5.95 (0-688-12935-8); HarperCollins, Spanish, $16 (0-688-15548-0); Spanish paper, $5.95 (0-688-15481-6). K–Gr. 3.

Martin, Rafe. The Rough-Face Girl. Illus. by David Shannon. 1992. 32p. Putnam, $15.95 (0-399-21859-9); paper, $5.99 (0-698- 11626-7). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Pollock, Penny. The Turkey Girl: A Zuni Cinderella Story. Illus. by Ed Young. 1996. 32p. Little, Brown, $16.95 (0-316-71314-7). Preschool–Gr. 3.

San Souci, Robert D. Sootface: An Ojibwa Cinderella Story. Illus. by Daniel San Souci. 1994. 32p. Dell, paper, $6.99 (0-440-41363-X). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Compton, Joanne. Ashpet: An Appalachian Tale. Illus. by Kenn Compton. 1994. 40p. Holiday, $15.95 (0-8234-1106-0). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Domitila: A Cinderella Tale from the Mexican Tradition. Adapted by Jewell Reinhart Coburn. Illus. by Connie McLennan. 2000. 32p. Shen’s, $16.95 (1-885-00813 9). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Hayes, Joe. Little Gold Star / Estrellita de oro: A Cinderella Cuento Retold in Spanish and English. Illus. by Gloria Osuna Perez and Lucia Angela Perez. 2000. 32p. Cinco Puntos, $15.95 (0-938317-49-0). Preschool–Gr. 5.

Hooks, William H. Moss Gown. Illus. by Donald Carrick. 1987. 48p. Houghton, paper, $6.95 (0-395-54793-8). K–Gr. 4.

San Souci, Robert D. Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella. Illus. by Brian Pinkney. 1998. 40p. Simon & Schuster, $16 (0-689-80668-X). K–Gr. 4.

Schroeder, Alan. Smoky Mountain Rose: An Appalachian Cinderella. Illus. by Brad Sneed. 1997. 32p. Dial, $14.99 (0-8037-1733-4). K–Gr. 4.

Climo, Shirley. The Korean Cinderella. Illus. by Ruth Heller. 1993. 48p. HarperCollins, $15 (0-06-020432-X); paper, $5.95 (0-06-443397-8). K–Gr. 3.

Coburn, Jewell Reinhart. Angkat: The Cambodian Cinderella. Illus. by Edmund Flotte. 1998. 32p. Shen’s, $16.95 (1-885008-09-0). Gr. 1–3.

Coburn, Jewell Reinhart, and Tzexa Cherta Lee. Jouanah: A Hmong Cinderella. Illus. by Anne Sibley O'Brien. 1996. 32p. Shen's, $15.95 (1-885008-01-5). Gr. 2–6.

Han, Oki S., and Stephanie Haboush Plunkett. Kongi and Potgi: A Cinderella Story from Korea. Illus. by Oki S. Han. 1996. 32p. Dial, $14.99 (0-8037-1571-4). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Louie, Ai-Ling. Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China. Illus. by Ed Young. 1982. 32p. Putnam, paper, $5.99(0-698-11388-8). Preschool–Gr. 2.

Lum, Darrell. The Golden Slipper: A Vietnamese Legend. Illus. by Makiko Nagano. 1997. 32p. Troll, $18.60 (0-8167-3405-4); paper, $4.95 (0-8167-3406-2). Preschool–Gr. 2.

Mehta, Lila. The Enchanted Anklet. Illus. by Neela Chhaniara. 1985. 32p. Lilmur, o.p. K–Gr. 3.

Schroeder, Alan. Lily and the Wooden Bowl. Illus. by Yoriko Ito. 1994. 32p. Dell, paper, $5.99 (0-440-41294-3). Gr. 1–5. in which the story may be found and itemizes the changes Schroeder made when retelling the tale.

Wilson, Barbara Ker. Wishbones: A Folk Tale from China. Illus. by Meilo So. 1993. 28p. Simon & Schuster, $14.95 (0-02-793125-0). Preschool–Gr. 2.

Greene, Ellin. Billy Beg and His Bull. Illus. by Kimberly Bulcken Root. 1994. 32p. Holiday, $15.95 (0-8234-1100-1). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Steel, Flora Annie. Tattercoats: An Old English Tale. Illus. by Diane Goode. 1976. 32p. Bradbury, o.p. K–Gr. 3.

Huck, Charlotte. Princess Furball. Illus. by Anita Lobel. 1989. 40p. Greenwillow, $16 (0-688-07837-0); Morrow, paper, $5.95 (0-688-13107-7). Preschool–Gr. 2.

Innocenti, Roberto. Cinderella. 1987. 32p. Harcourt, o.p. Preschool–Gr. 3.

Jaffe, Nina. The Way Meat Loves Salt: A Cinderella Tale from the Jewish Tradition. Illus. by Louise August. 1998. 32p. Holt, $15.95 (0-8050-4384-5). K–Gr. 2.

Silverman, Erica. Raisel’s Riddle. Illus. by Susan Gaber. 1999. 40p. Farrar, $16 (0-374-36168-1). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Climo, Shirley. The Persian Cinderella. Illus. by Robert Florczak. 1999. 32p. HarperCollins, $15.95 (0-06-026763-1). Preschool–Gr. 4.

Hickox, Rebecca. The Golden Sandal: A Middle Eastern Cinderella Story. Illus. by Will Hillenbrand. 1998. 32p. Holiday, $15.95 (0-8234-1331-4); paper, $6.95 (0-8234-1518-9). K–Gr. 3.

Cole, Babette. Prince Cinders. 1987. 32p. Putnam, paper, $5.99 (0-698-11554-6). Gr. 1–3.

Edwards, Pamela Duncan. Dinorella: A Prehistoric Fairy Tale. Illus. by Henry Cole. 1997. 32p. Hyperion, $15.45 (0-7868-0309-6); paper, $5.99 (0-7866-1173-0). K–Gr. 4.

Jackson, Ellen. Cinder Edna. Illus. by Kevin O'Malley. 1994. 32p. Lothrop, $16 (0-688-12322-8); Morrow, paper, $4.95 (0-688- 16295-9). Gr. 3–5.

Johnston, Tony. Bigfoot Cinderrrrrella. Illus. by James Warhola. 1998. 32p. Putnam, $15.99 (0-399-23021-1). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Karlin, Barbara. Cinderella. Illus. by James Marshall. 1987. 32p. Little, Brown, paper, $5.95 (0-316-49303-6). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Ketteman, Helen. Bubba the Cowboy Prince: A Fractured Texas Tale. Illus. by James Warhola. 1997. 32p. Scholastic, $15.95 (0-590-25506-1). K–Gr. 3.

Lattimore, Deborah Nourse. Cinderhazel: The Cinderella of Halloween. 1997. 32p. Scholastic, $15.95 (0-590-20232-4). Gr. 1–3.

Meddaugh, Susan. Cinderella’s Rat. 1997. 32p. Houghton, $15 (0-395-86833-5). Preschool–Gr. 3. T

Minters, Frances. Cinder-Elly. Illus. by G. Brian Karas. 1994. 32p. Viking, $14.99 (0-670-84417-9); paper, $4.99 (0-614-28895-9). Preschool–Gr. 3.

Takayama, Sandi. Sumorella. Illus. by Esther Szegedy. 1997. 24p. Bess, $9.95 (1-57306-027-5). Preschool–Gr. 5.

**Activities**

* On a map of the world, find the countries or geographic areas where the Cinderella stories the class has read are based.
* Compare illustrations in different versions of the story. How do they capture the mood? Do they add to the story by showing details or action not mentioned in the text?
* Make a chart of the differences and similarities in versions of the Cinderella stories. Let the class select a favorite version and act out the story.

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| **Cinderella Activity** |
| Story Title | Author | Setting |
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| Characters | Hero/Heroine | Villian |
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| Problem | Solution | Magic by |
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| Cultural Aspects | Cultural Aspects | Words |
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**Additional Resources**

* Cinderella Resources of multiple versions: <http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/type0510a.html>
* Grimm’s Cinderella: <http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/grimm021.html>
* Cinderella Online Resources: <http://childrensbooks.about.com/cs/fairytales/a/cinderella.htm>
* Cinderella Curriculum: <http://www.teachingheart.net/cinderellaunit.html>
* Multicultural Cinderella Stories: <http://www.ala.org/offices/resources/multicultural>