

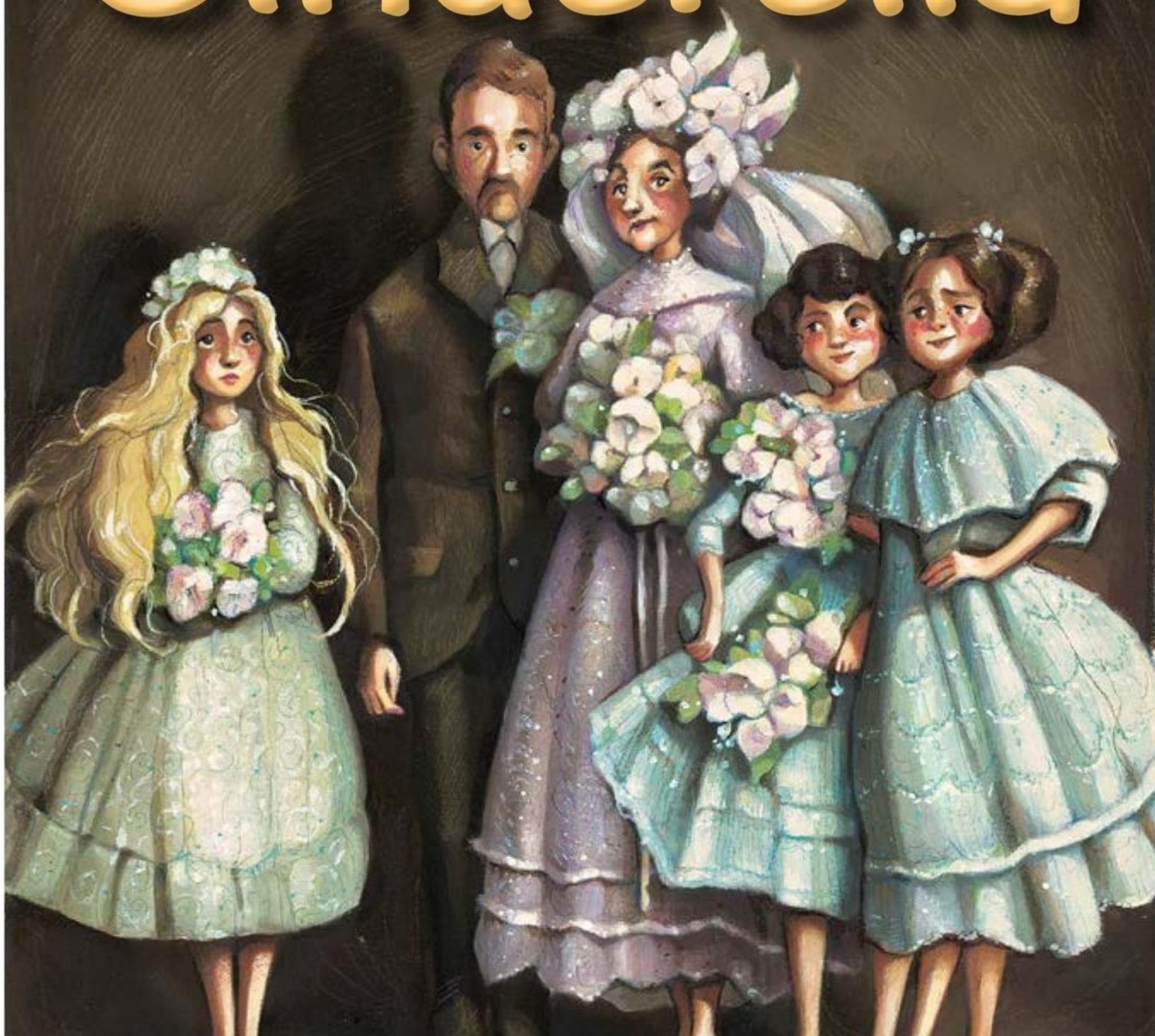
LEVELED BOOK • K

# Cinderella

MULTI  
level  
H•K•N

Written by Edie Evans  
Illustrated by Fatemeh Haghnejad

# Cinderella



Written by Edie Evans  
Illustrated by Fatemeh Haghnejad

[www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com)

## Focus Question

How does Cinderella find happiness?

## Words to Know

ball

fit

maiden

slippers

twig

wish

Cinderella

Level K Leveled Book

© Learning A-Z

Written by Edie Evans

Illustrated by Fatemeh Haghnejad

All rights reserved.

[www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com)

### Correlation

LEVEL K	
Fountas & Pinnell	J
Reading Recovery	17
DRA	18



Once upon a time, in a  
land far away, there lived  
a fair young **maiden**.



When winter came, her mother grew ill and died.

Soon after, the girl's father remarried. His new wife had two daughters.

The stepsisters were beautiful but mean. Yet the father was away often, so he did not see this.

Every day, they made the girl do all the chores.





They called her “Cinderella”  
because she was always so dirty.

One day, their father was going to the fair. He asked his daughters what they would like.

“A beautiful gown,” said one.

“A lovely ring,” said the other.

“I only want a **twig**,” said Cinderella.

The father brought home the dress and ring for the stepsisters, and a twig for Cinderella.





Cinderella planted the twig at her mother's grave. She watered it with her tears. Soon, it grew into a large tree.

Whenever Cinderella visited the tree, she'd **wish** for a song. A white bird would appear and sing.

Several years passed. Then came an announcement from the king. A ball would be held to find a wife for the prince.

Cinderella begged her stepmother to let her go with her stepsisters.

“No! You have no nice clothes,” she replied.

The stepsisters laughed at Cinderella on their way to the ball.



Cinderella ran to her mother's grave.

She sat down under the tree and sang, "Shake and quiver, little tree. Throw gold and silver down to me."

The white bird appeared, throwing down a silver dress and golden **slippers**. Then the bird warned, "Gold and silver, time will pass. By midnight, riches turn to ash."





Cinderella dressed and ran to the ball. She looked so different that even her stepsisters did not know her.

At the ball, the prince was amazed by Cinderella's beauty. "You are the only one I will dance with," he said.



When the clock struck midnight,  
Cinderella ran home. In her hurry,  
she lost a slipper.

The prince took the slipper and searched for his dance partner all the next day. He had every maiden try it on. It fit no one. His final stop was Cinderella's house.

The stepsisters tried on the slipper. No matter how hard they pushed, it wouldn't fit their feet.



Then the prince saw Cinderella.  
“Who is she?” he asked.

“That’s just the maid,” replied  
the stepmother.

The prince insisted Cinderella  
try on the slipper.





It fit perfectly! When the prince gazed into Cinderella's eyes, he knew she was the maiden he was looking for.

The prince and Cinderella married and lived happily ever after. And the stepsisters? They lived unhappily ever after, just as they should.

## Glossary

<b>ball</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a large formal party that includes dancing (p. 9)
<b>fit</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	to be, measure, or make the proper size and shape (p. 13)
<b>maiden</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a young girl, especially one who is unmarried (p. 3)
<b>slippers</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	light indoor shoes that slip on easily and are worn for dancing (p. 10)
<b>twig</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a little piece of wood that grows from a branch (p. 7)
<b>wish</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	to hope that something will happen or be true (p. 8)

# Cinderella

A *Reading A-Z Level K Leveled Book*

Word Count: 440

## Connections

### Writing

Use a Venn diagram to compare this version of the Cinderella story to another version. Write sentences telling how they are alike and how they are different.

### Science

Do you think a tree could grow from planting a twig? Why or why not? Share your ideas with a partner.

The logo for Reading A-Z features the word "Reading" in a large, bold, red sans-serif font. The letter "R" is stylized with a small sun-like icon above it, having rays extending upwards. To the right of "Reading", the letters "A-Z" are written in a smaller, red, bold, sans-serif font.

Visit [www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com)  
for thousands of books and materials.