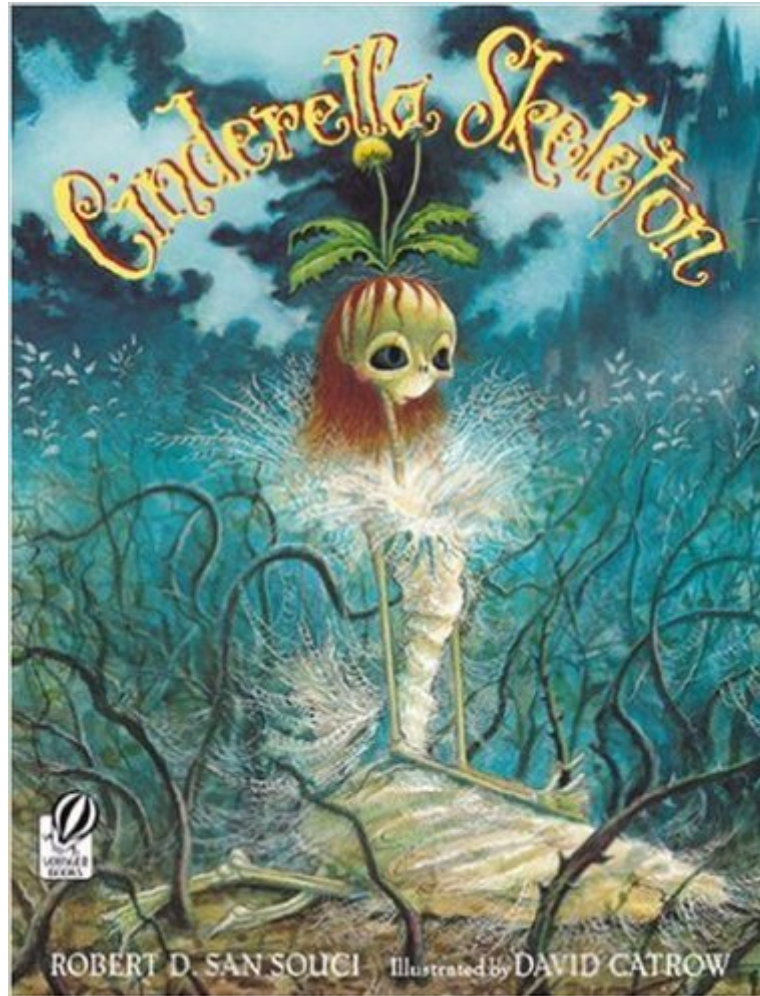


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# Cinderella Skeleton



## Synopsis

Meet Cinderella Skeleton, as sweetly foul as only a ghoul can be. Poor Cinderella has no one to help her hang the cobwebs and arrange dead flowers--certainly not her evil stepsisters. But the Halloween Ball is just around the corner. . . . Will Cinderella find happiness at last?

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This book is wonderfully written in a fresh rhyming verse. It is an excellent re-telling of the too well-known story of Cinderella. The illustrations are colorful and over-the-top! Lots of laughs everytime you look closer and see more in the intricate and colorful pictures. Kids of all ages will love this book. It certainly gives a fun and creative spin to a tired old tale. I love the story of Cinderella, but there are not many new ways to tell it. This story proves that theory absolutely wrong! I agree with the observation that the drawings are very Tim Burtonesque. It reminded me of The Nightmare Before Christmas, and yet it has it's very own identity. If you like Halloween or gothic humor, you will love this story.

Cinderella Skeleton is a great and simple children's book with a setting like a Tim Burton film. Set in a graveyard, Cinderella Skeleton is the classic tale of Cinderella retold with an undead cast of characters. The story is full of wonderful and mildly creepy rhymes and great word choice. An example of the great word choice is, "Her build was long and lean and lank; her dankish hair hung

down in hanks." The book offers lots of wonderful illustrations and plenty of interesting twists in the story. One such example is when Cinderella is running away from the prince and instead of her shoe falling off, her whole foot just snaps off. All of the illustrations are wonderful and wonderfully creepy, too. In closing any early or starting reader would love Cinderella Skeleton; it also makes a great book to read out loud to your kids or class, too! This review written by a poor child forced to write this for his reading class...who still liked the book even though he's in 7th grade

Reminiscent of Tim Burton's "The Corpse Bride" this book appeals to adults and older children. It's a sardonic, witty version of the Cinderella story. The illustrations are lush and colorful, but a bit too scary for young children. The text is also too wordy for beginning readers. But the humor and pictures will not be lost on adolescents. I recommend this book for older kids or maybe that slightly morbid 4th grader. Great for anyone who has read the Disney version too many times. Boys and cynical babysitters love this one.

This is a really cute story for any child who likes a little horror with their fairy tales. The cons, however, are that the stanzas don't really flow well and the story, while imaginative, is pretty wordy. I'd even go so far as to say unnecessarily so. Regardless, it *is* a cute story, and your child will likely enjoy it. Mine did!

I have been collecting cinderella spoofs for years so when I see a new one I grab it. I use them in a language arts lesson and the students just love them. I thought this might be a little scary to use in school but still love it.

If you have a little girl, you may be in the same boat as me! You may be struggling for air under a giant pile of princess books, clothes, accessories, stickers and other such frill-a-palooza. And yes, your daughter is the most adorable sparkly pink princess in the world, but you worry a bit that she might become too dainty or passive or obsessed with looking "prettier" (à la sleeping beauty) by believing it to be an unconditionally good thing. That's where Cinderella Skeleton comes in. The ghoulish tale follows the same storyline as Perrault's Cinderella. A kind and gentle girl who is abused by her stepsisters and stepmother, attends the prince's ball thanks to some magical help, and the prince instantly falls in love with her due to her beauty. She flees when the sun starts to rise, but the prince finds her again thanks to a slipper (and foot!) that she leaves behind. What makes Cinderella Skeleton brilliant is that the whole story is set in the dark

world of the undead and comically shows us that beauty truly is in the eyes of the beholder. Moldy green teeth, dankish damp hair and skeletal faces are considered the qualities of a beautiful maiden! When Cinderella Skeleton is transformed for the ball, she gets a dandelion on her head as decoration (instead of tiaras or jewels). And as an extra special touch, Cinderella Skeleton is the one who is determined and looks for a way to attend the ball instead of passively waiting for help to arrive (I do like a spunky empowered heroine!). My daughter was immediately engaged by the book, just by the fact that it was a "cinderella" story, and she could search for familiar characters like the evil stepsisters and the prince. What kept her glued to the book was the deliciousness of knowing the "real" cinderella story and being able to match up the elements to this version; it was as if she was privy to an inside joke, and she could chuckle and appreciate the playful deviations. I personally enjoyed a break from the pouffy twirly toothache-y sweetness of the princess world. And I can't say I wasn't gratified that my daughter was able to love and enjoy the skeletal Cinderella as much as she enjoyed Perault's.

I read this to children at summer camp and some as young as 4 y/o could not get enough of it, asked me to read it to them over and over again. Great concept and was just as appealing to boys as girls. Awesome picture book. Highly recommend!

The students where I worked loved this Cinderella version. We read it a lot especially during the Halloween season. We all liked the illustrations a lot. It was a very popular book. I liked it for its creativity and uniqueness. It is another one to add to the Cinderella collection and the Halloween collection, too.

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