



***CINDER* by Marissa Meyer**

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*Age Range: 12-18

Grade Range: 9 and up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

The first book in the #1 New York Times- and USA Today-Bestselling Lunar Chronicles series by Marissa Meyer like you've never seen it before, now with new cover art! See where the futuristic YA fairytale saga all began, with the tale of a teenage cyborg who must fight for Earth's survival against villains from outer space.

Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. From space, a ruthless lunar people watch, waiting to make their move. No one knows that Earth's fate hinges on one girl. . . .

Cinder, a gifted mechanic, is a cyborg. She's a second-class citizen with a mysterious past, reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's illness. But when her life becomes intertwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, she suddenly finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle, and a forbidden attraction. Caught between duty and freedom, loyalty and betrayal, she must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect her world's future.

With high-stakes action and a smart, resourceful heroine, *Cinder* is a Cinderella retelling that is at once classic and strikingly original.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Meyer's far-future Earth is richly imagined, full of prejudice and intrigue, characters easy to get invested in, and hints of what might await in future books." – [Publishers Weekly](#), **starred review**

"Meyer brings a good deal of charm and cleverness to this entertaining, swiftly paced read." – [Booklist](#)

"A sci-fi/fairy tale mash-up that is out-of-this-world fantastic." – [The Horn Book](#)

"A mashup of fairy tales and science fiction... a cross between Cinderella, Terminator, and Star Wars."
—*Entertainment Weekly*

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"Prince Charming among the cyborgs." — *The Wall Street Journal*

"Terrific." — [Los Angeles Times](#)

"Marissa Meyer rocks the fractured fairytale genre." — *The Seattle Times*

"Epic awesome." — *Bustle*

"A binge-reading treat." — *MTV*

"Takes the classic to a whole new level." — [NPR](#)

"If you're looking for a fun, action-packed and wholly unique sci-fi adventure which stands out from the crowd, Cinder is the book for you." — [The Guardian](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- #1 *New York Times*-Bestselling Series
- *USA Today* Bestseller
- *Publishers Weekly* Bestseller
- Capitol Choices Noteworthy Titles for Children and Teens
- California Young Reader Medal
- CO Blue Spruce YA Book Award
- Minnesota Maud Hart Lovelace Book A ML
- ABC New Voices Title
- YALSA Teens' Top Ten
- Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year
- IRA Young Adult Choices
- Tri-State Reviews Committee Books of Note - Master List
- Arizona Grand Canyon Young Readers Maste
- Florida Sunshine State YR Award ML
- IL Abraham Lincoln High School Book Master
- Indiana Young Hoosier Award Master List
- MO MASL's Readers Awards - MASTER LIST
- Maine Student Book Award Master List
- Nebraska Golden Sower Award Master List
- New York Charlotte Award Master List
- Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice A. ML
- TN Volunteer State Book Award Primary ML
- Oklahoma Sequoyah YA Book Award ML
- YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Discussion Guide](#)
- [Teen Librarian Toolbox "The Lunar Chronicles as a Reflection of Current U.S. Political Climate"](#)

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***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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