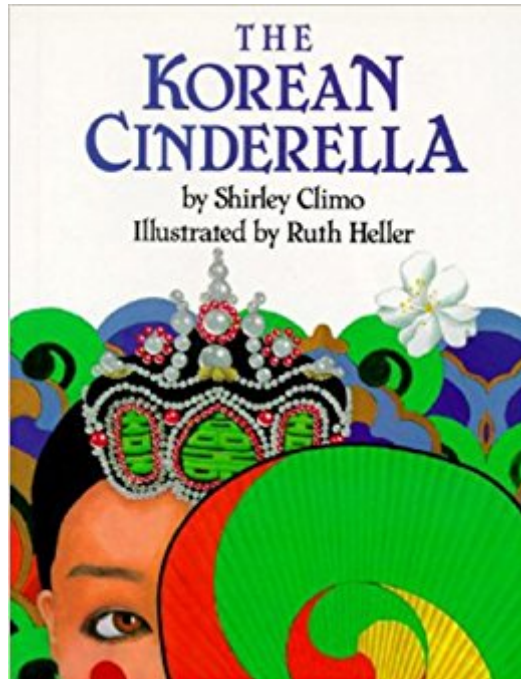




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# The Korean Cinderella (Trophy Picture Books)



## Synopsis

"This masterfully retold version of Cinderella presents real Korean customs and includes dramatic, brightly colored illustrations" (Children's Literature). This is an enchanting and magical variant of the favorite fairy tale. Publishers Weekly noted that "the text is especially noteworthy for its instructive but unobtrusive incorporation of Korean words." Children's Literature pointed out that "it should be noted that all the illustrations—from those depicting Korean rituals to the smallest clothing details—are the result of the illustrator's extensive research and passionate interest in Korean culture." Like the tree planted to honor her birth, Pear Blossom is beautiful, and the pride of her elderly mother and father. But then her mother dies, and her father remarries. Pear Blossom's stepmother resents her new daughter's beauty. Out of jealousy, she makes Pear Blossom perform impossible chores while her own daughter, Peony, watches idly. But fortunately, Pear Blossom is not alone. With the help of magical creatures—togkabis—she can accomplish each task, and triumph over her stepmother's cruelty. Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies (NCSS/CBC)

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Conflating several Korean variants of Cinderella, this story is "at once comfortingly familiar and intriguingly exotic," said PW, with "lavish" and extensively researched art. Ages 5-9. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Climo and Heller conflate several Korean variants of Cinderella to offer up the story of Pear Blossom, a lovely girl who is sorely mistreated by her nasty stepmother and stepsister. At once comfortingly familiar and intriguingly exotic, the text is especially noteworthy for its instructive but unobtrusive incorporation of Korean words. Publishers Weekly. Heller's paintings are exotically lush and colorful as well as engaging. An agreeable retelling of the Cinderella story. BL. Notable 1994 Children's Trade Books in Social Studies (NCSS/CBC)

Great story, beautifully illustrated, but a little harsh for young readers. I read it aloud to 1-3 graders and one of the girls was very concerned about the way the Cinderella character was treated. Probably fine for most kids, but know your audience

Easy for young girls to read and the illustrations are great!

The illustrator tried to capture traditional Korean culture by imitating Korean temple art, the book has dynamic traditional art patterns and has a quality of movement throughout the book. The cover image and final image of the Korean Cinderella are beautiful, and made me want to buy the book, however she is drawn crudely and looks ugly throughout the rest of the book. If I had seen this book in person, I might not have bought it, that's how ugly the faces are, but it's not worth returning the book.

Great story we use with our "in search of Cinderella" unit

They did a good job with the Korean references.

My granddaughter likes it

Written in English. Not the same story as told to children growing up in Korea. The writer took

liberties to make up their own version. Not bad, just not the same.

My students from Korea appreciate this book that has cultural ties, and my students from other countries like to learn about their classmates' culture. With Cinderella as the common thread, this is easier.

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