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Jimmy Evans has less than a year left to graduate from high school and move into his dream college, but relies on his stepfather's support to achieve his dream.

In his struggle to enter college, he comes across a special book, and a gorgeous girl. These two are linked in a way even young Jimmy doesn't know, until he finds himself in need of both of them.

The Enchanted Book is a typical Cinderella story with a twist.

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pinK says

Sometimes even free books should have a refund option. This book was horrible. No one could be nearly as slow as the author made the stepfather shy of a mental handicap. Seriously? He couldn't figure out to untie a hoodie? Terrible book. The idea behind it seemed so cute, but that was a check the author didn't cash.

Rachel says

This is a simple retelling of the old Cinderella tale with a distinct twist. The hero of the story is a young man named Jimmy. He lives with his stepfather and twin step brothers. He works two jobs for his stepfather, and if he is very good and helpful and obedient, then he is allowed to go to high school. His dream is to attend a good college, so his stepfather uses this to get Jimmy to do every sort of distasteful and mundane chore of the household. ... You know the story.

Another twist is that the fairy godmother is a book. A magical book that shines when it wants to talk to Jimmy. It use to belong to his mother, but has been hidden in the basement. Jimmy is sent to the basement and while trying to find what he is sent for in the dark, he discovers this book, rescues it out of curiosity and hides it in his room.

What a fun little book this was to read, and while there are some minor editing issues that may irritate some people, most young teens will completely enjoy all of the very Cinderella parts of the story enacted as a boy. Ummm ... no ... Jimmy doesn't ask for a ball gown, and there is no pumpkin, sorry to disappoint.

If you have any love of fairy tales or enchanted princesses (or princes), this is fun read. Jimmy may appear a bit sissified, but he is really very honest and kind hearted. Some may find Jimmy to be a whiner as well. I could see this being picked up as a movie someday.

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Jane says

The grammar in this was so completely atrocious I couldn't make it past the first chapter, so forget trying to get into the plot.

Olivia says

So... This book was not bad for being a free book. Not the best but not bad either. It was basically a retelling of Cinderella except with a few twists. One being that "Cinderella" is a guy named Jimmy, who is a high schooler. The step " sisters" are two dumb stepbrothers and the step"mom" is a stepfather to Jimmy who is dumb, demanding but quite rich. Another twist which I really liked was that the fairy godmother was a book!

So cool...

There were some major flaws in this book as well. Editing errors especially. Jimmy was pretty whiney and weak. Some characters were underdeveloped. The ending was waaaay too rushed. The romance between Michele and Jimmy was rushed and minuscule yet somehow they like each other. Huh? And it is a bit far fetched. The presidents daughter, a gorgeous girl goes to his school? Lastly the writing was below average. It seemed forced and choppy. And... It's probably just me but I did not like the comparison " her eyes were like two pools of blue in a white sea" but I'm a picky reader.

Anyways, like I said its as much as I should expect from a free book. Good fun little story to cheer me up on this rainy day. And I do always enjoy a little retold fairy tale!

Karen says

This is twist on Cinderella with the star being a boy this time and the fairy god mother and enchanted book. The twist makes it a fun story and I really enjoyed it.

Jessica Bronder says

Jim Evans is the Cinderella of this story. His mother is dead and he is living with his step-father and horrid step-brothers. He is supposed to wait on all three all the time, work in his step-fathers two businesses and attend school. But his dream is to go to Harvard. He believes that if he works hard his step-father will pay for his tuition.

But no matter what he does, he is always in trouble. One day he stumbles upon a book in the cellar. Later he learns that it has magic and connects him to the owner of the books brother. So, when he feels down he either talks to the book or the other owner. But the book is meant to protect him providing him some money and a prom costume. But his step-brothers are not going to let him have a happy moment and have dark plans for him.

This was a cute little story. It is basically a male Cinderella in modern times. It was well written and easy to get into. I felt for Jim because the harder he tried it seemed the harder his step-father and brothers were to him.

This is a great short story that anyone would like to read.

I received this book from the Library Thing Early Reviewer Program in exchange for an honest review.

Lizzie Jaycobs says

I loved the book because it is a Cinderella story with a twist. It reminds me a little about a movie called Rags because it has a Cinderella feel about it. And the Maine character is a boy.

I looked at some of the other reviews and half of them didn't like the book. I have one sentence to all the haters: no one forces you to read it. If you didn't like it, then that's your problem.

Marilou Go says

I so love this book!

Alyssa Johnson says

Wow. I couldn't even finish this book, it was horrible!!!! The main character is incredibly whiny and is constantly throwing himself a pity party. The two step brothers act like 5 year olds and the "evil" stepfather goes inbetween caring and not caring for his step son. I got about half way through and decided to stop when at that point still could not figure out what the plot was. I felt like i was reading a story by an 8th grader. The things the book write back were plain laughable: if i help you feed yourself, you have to promise to be happy for the rest of your life!! The main character is supposedly a high school senior, works two jobs and supposedly cares for the rest of the family but cannot figure out how to feed himself while his step father is away?! Really? Do not waste your time or money on this book. I do not even know how it got published in the first place. Oh, and there are no quarterbacks in baseball!!!!

Mickey says

Stilted prose, boring book. I like fairy-tale adaptations when they're well done, but I'm sorry to say this is not one of them.

Yasmin says

Just another cinderella story- male version.

Sondra says

The beginning wasn't bad. But the end just falls apart, it's almost as though the writer was tired of this book too

Lydia says

I found this book on my ipod and decided to try it. I finished it up in one day. Really great read, I like how the boy is Cinderella and not a girl, it adds a twist.

Kendra Ardnek says

One way to win me over as a reader is to rewrite a fairy tale in a fun, original way. My mom knows this, and, after reading it, she slipped it over to my collection on our Kindle. Intrigued by the title, and mom telling me that it was a rewriting of Cinderella, I pulled it up and began to read. For the most part, I liked it. It wasn't the best rewriting of Cinderella, or the most original, but it wasn't the worst rewriting or the least original, either.

In my mind, gender-swapping is not the most original twist you can give a fairy tale – I've done it myself. Nor is modernizing, I can probably go to the bookstore and find you a stack a foot tall of modernized fairy tales – most of them Cinderella. Truth be told, I'm not a huge fan of modernizing Fairy Tales, mostly because I think better in the middle ages.

What got me for originality was the Enchanted Book. I have only read one other Cinderella retelling where "Cinderella" has an Enchanted Book, and in that one it was merely a gift from her Fairy Godmother.

In this one, the Enchanted Book was the Fairy Godmother.

Now, there were a few things I didn't like. Not the modernizing, though – that worked for this retelling. First of all, there were a few things that didn't make sense to me. For instance, before Jimmy is able to open the book, there is golden writing on it that says, "I open at her touch." However, he is soon after that able to open it, and there is no "her" that touches the book as far as I could tell.

Another thing I didn't like was Ashley. Ashley should have been a boy. It's not that she did things that boys usually do, but she was Jimmy's best friend, and I have issues with a boy having a girl for a best friend. I actually found myself cheering for the two of them to fall in love, rather than him fall in love with the "princess." (In fact, the only ones that are for poor Jimmy are girls: Ashley, the "princess" and the Book)

Also, I didn't see the cover until after I had read it, but had I seen it first, I would have expected a very different story. I'm glad I didn't see the picture first, or I would have been very disappointed.

All in all, it was a good book, and the author did a good job – I was surprised to note in doing this that it was a teenaged young man! He did a great job and I'm sure that with more practice and refining, he can write some even better stuff as he matures.

Syd says

The Enchanted Book was published in 2011. It's by Kelvin O'ralph. It has 134 pages. This book is intended for teenage girls. Jimmy's future depends on his evil step dad. This story takes place in a school. The main character is Jimmy. He is smart and a slave to his family. Jimmy wants so badly to go to his dream college, but his evil stepfather has the money to send him there. One day Jimmy finds a magical book. Who helps get through a lot of problems. I liked that there was a talking book. Michelle said "Yeah, I know right? Anyways, Nixon contacted Nixonel and they both searched for you, which eventually brought us here." This is on page 132. Nixon said "You're welcome, my boy. Now, hurry and get dressed before you miss your Prom." This is

on page 100. The theme is do not mess with the book. This book is intended for teenage girls, because of the romance. The unique thing about this book is that it has a talking book.
