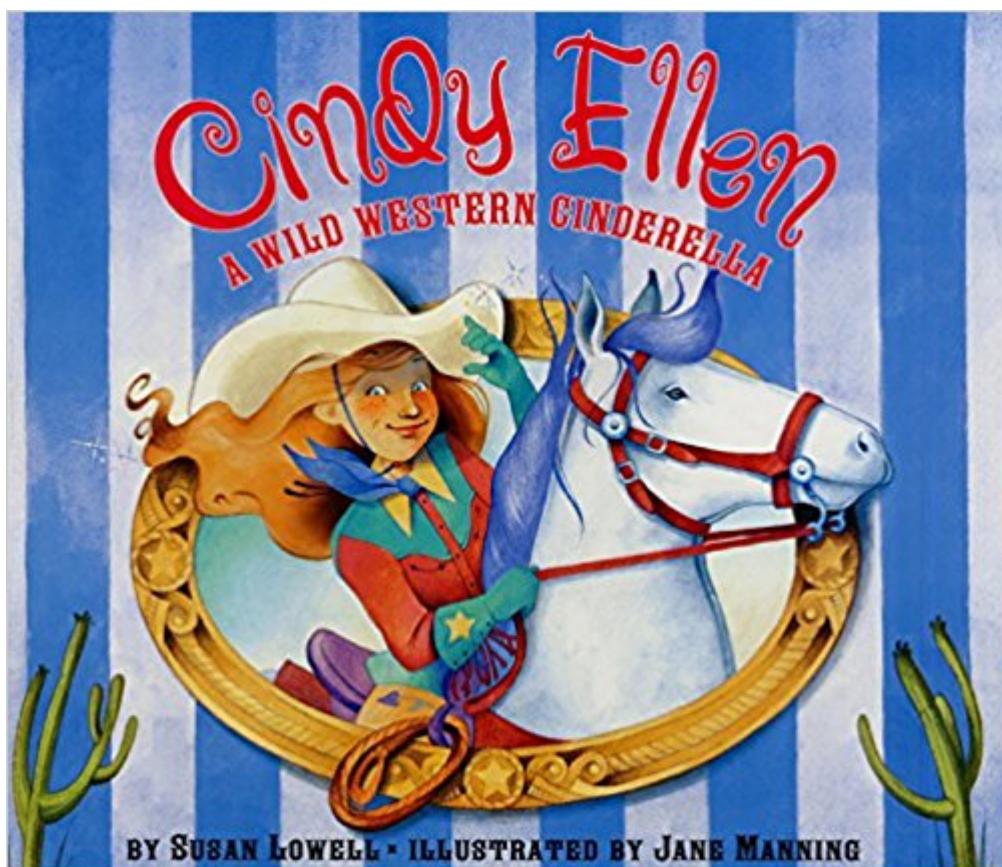


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# Cindy Ellen: A Wild Western Cinderella



## **Synopsis**

Once upon a time, there was a sweet cowgirl named Cindy Ellen, who lived with the orneriest stepmother west of the Mississippi and two stepsisters who were so nasty, they made rattlesnakes look nice! But when a fast-talkin' fairy godmother teaches Cindy Ellen a little lesson about gumption, Cindy lassos first place at the rodeo and the heart of Joe Prince....You may think you've heard the story before-but you'll get a side-splittin' bellyache after you're through with this hilarious rendition told Wild West-style!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

If there's one thing the traditional fairy-tale Cinderella is lacking, it's some rip-snortin', gravel-in-the-gizzard gumption. And until her Wild West counterpart, Cindy Ellen, meets her own fairy godmother, she too is sorely deficient in the grit and guts department, even if she is a durn good cowgirl. Cindy Ellen's meaner-than-a-rattlesnake stepmother bullies her into doing all the dirty work on the ranch and forbids her to attend the biggest event of the season, a rodeo and square dance. Enter her spur-jangling, gun-firing, no-nonsense fairy godmother: "Magic is plumb worthless without gumption.... Stop that tomfool blubbering, and let's get busy." And just like that, Cindy is outfitted in the "finest riding clothes west of the East," including a pair of diamond-studded spurs. You can guess the rest. It involves six cactus mice transformed into six dappled horses, a lost diamond spur, and a rodeo champion by the name of Joe Prince. Simply put, Cindy Ellen is a riot.

Joined with Jane Manning's over-the-top illustrations, this sidesplitting retelling of a classic will keep young buckaroos in stitches. Susan Lowell has enchanted readers with several earlier Wild West remakes, including *The Bootmaker and the Elves* and *The Three Little Javelinas*. (Ages 4 to 8)  
--Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Savory slang adds punch to this tale, which stresses the fairy godmother's message that 'magic is plumb worthless without gumption.' Illustrations lush with cactus-flower colors and pale maize gold enhance this rawhide-and-lace fantasy," said PW. Ages 4-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Came in on time and undamaged so I can't complain.

I don't actually like this story myself, but my daughter loves it so I'm giving it five stars since the book was purchased for her. It is basically the Cinderella story retold in the Old West. The book is heavy on rodeo slang and cowboy terminology, so make sure you know the meanings of all the words before you give it to your child. You will be asked lots of questions.

I loved this book and have read it with several children at different times. It's a twist on the Cinderella story, but easily stands on its own. The use of western vocabulary brings smiles and children love that. Also, the heroine isn't a classic beauty but a "real girl" and that helps send a positive message. The book is short and easily read at one sitting. It's best used to encourage the child to talk about the characters and the story.

My daughters, ages 4 and 7, LOVE this book! A great take on the tired old Cinderella story and super fun to read out loud. This one is frequently requested. If you're looking for another Cinderella story that encourages a free-thinking and strong girl also consider *Cinder Edna*.

This is such a precious book for any little girl, but especially those who enjoy the cowgirl spin as it is truly the western Cinderella story!!

Love the story!

This is a good Cinderella story. However, I did not like the fact that the fairy godmother has a gun

instead of a magic wand. Not appropriate for the classroom.

Another of our favorite stories- bought this for my daughter years ago and recently purchased another for a niece.

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