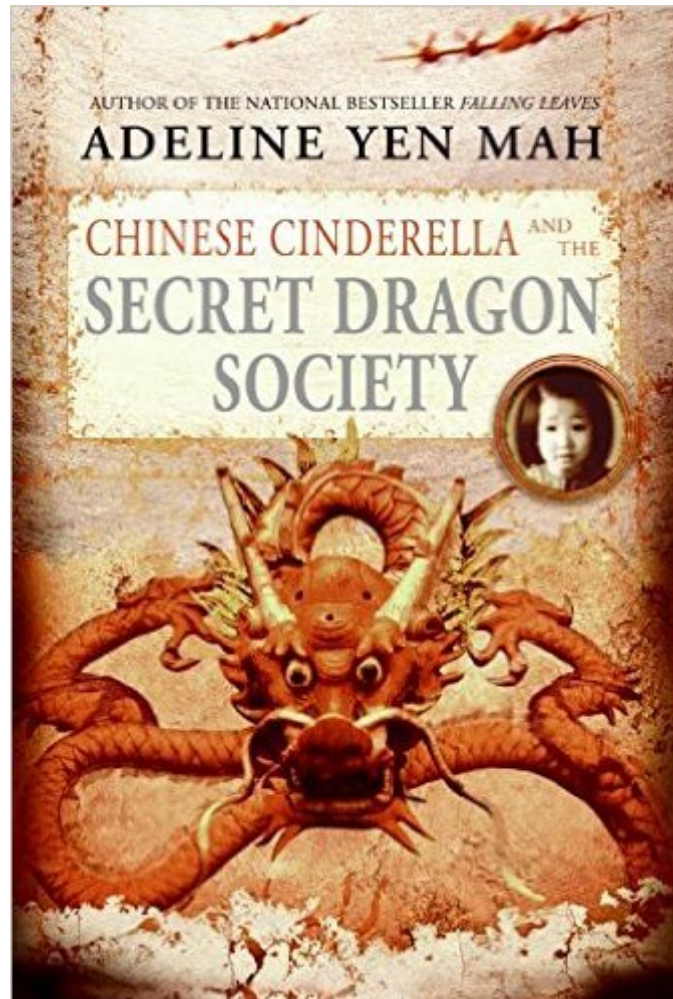


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# Chinese Cinderella And The Secret Dragon Society



## Synopsis

The future belongs to you. Should anyone insult you, tell yourself this: I am a child of destiny who will unite East and West and change the world. After enduring abuse at the hands of her cruel stepmother, Chinese Cinderella (CC) seeks refuge at a martial-arts school and joins a secret dragon society. Under the guidance of Grandma Wu, CC is introduced to the exciting world of espionage as a part of the Chinese Resistance movement. And when CC and her new comrades take on a daring mission to rescue a crew of WWII American airmen, they prove that true bravery knows no age barrier.

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## Customer Reviews

Ye Xian is a twelve-year-old girl living in Japanese-occupied Shanghai, China during World War II. She loves spending time with Big Aunt because she teaches her English and is much kinder to Ye Xian than her father's new wife. Ye Xian loves to go by her English name Chinese Cinderella or CC. When CC's stepmother takes her abuse too far, CC runs away and finds refuge with a group of za zhong, or unwanted "mixed-caste" children. They invite CC to join their Secret Dragon Society and help them save China from the hands of the occupying Japanese soldiers. Mah's inspiration for this book came from the kung fu novels she liked to read as a child, real historical details about the

war and from her own memories of living in China during Japan's occupation. American fighter pilots landed in China after bombing Tokyo and portions of their real letters home are featured in the book. The action never quite picks up enough so that the book feels like a real adventure story. The author's introduction and historical notes will help explain to readers the set-up of the story, and will help them understand a part of World War II they may have been unaware of. Fans of Mah's autobiographical Chinese Cinderella memoirs may not be as interested in this fictional tale.

The setting is China, but the story is universal. It is about love of family. The importance of loyalty and bravery. The heroine in the book is written beautifully. Everything about her is realistic and you feel her pain, loneliness, her longing. The story is also very exciting and the book leaps along. Not a boring moment in it. Highly recommended for all ages.

An insight of what life is like for a young motherless girl in China during WW2. We see her heartaches and joys! We witness her discovery of who she is and what she will become! This girl has amazing strength, courage and determination! She has created for herself a new and strong family by joining in the Secret Dragon Society. A must read! It also teaches us readers about life in China in general during this time in history. How the Chinese people were treated by the Japanese and the many crimes that were done against them.

Pretty good book. A bit overrated in my opinion. However, it has history in it and may give children a bit of a background on events going on in China during World War II. The representation of martial arts in this book was very superficial and limited.

When Chinese Cinderella is thrown out of her house, she finds herself in the deadly streets of Shanghai during World War Two. She becomes a member of a small resistance, that help the American during war. Join CC, David, Sam and Marat with the help of Grandma Wu, as they fight for survival in the war. Helping innocent prisoners escape from jail and stopping the Japanese from evil. This is the sad tale of an unwanted child who has much promise. This book is all that I wanted it to be and to tell the truth I was truly satisfied. Read this book and you will learn all about life in different areas in China and the truth of religion, how no religion is better than another. But what you will always remember how these four unwanted children chanted this very sentence: The future belongs to us! and it didn't it?

Ye Xian is a young Chinese girl, who lost her mother when she was young, and her father married a stepmother. Her step mother loathes her, and although other adults say that her stepmother just does mean things since she wants to control Ye Xian, Ye Xian doesn't believe in those words, and the condition between them rapidly turns into severe hatred. The only joy of Ye Xian was visiting her big aunt, and she was the one who recommended the new English name (Chinese Cinderella to describe her situation) to her. However, even that came to a halt after she left on an "urgent business" to an island far away. Afterwards, she came to biting on her stepmother (it was self-defense) and her father got so mad that he picked Ye Xian up like a kitten, and threw her out the front door, never wanting her to come back again. While lost and angry, Ye Xian remembered there was still hope for her, and that she previously got a card which said "we help the oppressed and the downtrodden" in it, so she went to visit the place mentioned in the handout, and from then, her life changed: from an innocent girl with rough start at life to a full-time member of the dragon society of wandering knights. The book's progress is graduate, fast if it was a long novel, but normal for a short book (depends on how you read it), and it really is action packed, and overflowing with intensity and excitement. The character progressions are well times, and there is, in my opinion, not a single nick in the story. I really enjoyed this book, and I hope you, and everyone else would too, after reading. I recommend it to everyone who is interested in destinies, and Chinese kung-fu actions.

I read Chinese Cinderella 2 years ago when I was 15 and until this day, it is still my favourite book. I've read many books but Chinese Cinderella is definitely the most prominent for it's depth. Adeline Yen Mah is a superb writer whose look on life is reflected in her work. Chinese Cinderella is a fantastic cultural piece which knocks down the boundaries of the stereotypical "caucasian" Cinderella. A book definitely worth reading regardless of how old you are. It evokes so much emotion that once you are finished you want to go back and read it all over again. Fantastic!

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