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This excerpt from Marissa Meyer's *Cinder* contains for the first five chapters.

Cinder will be available January 3, 2012.

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.

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Trevor Kernan says

Nice

I think it's good that kindle posted this on here. I came into this thinking this book would be super girly. Because I'm a boy. But this book is amazing. So good that I am going to read the whole book. Recommended to people who would like a book about fairy tales that are futuristic.

Sheila {ShesGoingBookCrazy.com} says

“She was a cyborg, and she would never go to a ball.”

Basically,

I didn't love it, but I wasn't the biggest fan. This series has been recommended countless times, but after reading, I'm not sure there's much to glean from the (first book, at least) series besides its entertainment factor.

When I got into the first few pages of the book, I was like...oh boy. Making Cinder (Cinderella reincarnate) into a cyborg in a futurist New Beijing was compelling. It was an interesting read, but some areas were lacking in development.

After getting further into the story, very little about the city, the society, the social ills (besides the virus and Lunar people), the Lunar race themselves and how they came to be, are explained hardly at all. I found it difficult to world build without having those smaller details explained to get the full concept of the world in the story.

Of course, everyone writes in a different style, but I found while jumping scene to scene, I was left unappeased.

Secondly, Cinder lacked some essential keys to her character. Maybe she was incapable of them because she was cyborg, but she thought and acted human well enough. Throughout the book, we see her just...being. She rarely states her sentiments outside of her interest in Prince Kai, although, that isn't really explained either. She never states why she's interested in him, which leads me to believe that she's starstruck? It strikes me as odd that she is quite matter-of-fact in the rest of the book, but unable to reveal her true identity to Prince Kai. Frankly, this drove me nuts through the entire book. Besides that, (and I know she cannot physically cry) where is her remorse at losing someone close to her? (Not revealing the identity to avoid spoilers). I felt her reactions to this event were harbored once, and barely remembered after.

Lastly, the ending was TOTALLY foreseeable. I will not state what it is, to not spoil the outcome for other readers if you haven't already guessed what that'd be.

After not having much appeal from this book, I'm still going to read the series. It is not really valid to critique one book of a series because many hidden or underdeveloped aspects in the first book may be done

so later on. Therefore, I wouldn't be doing the series justice by saying "I don't like this book" and leaving it at that. For a series is only good as its final words, in the final pages, of the final book. I just hope the plot will continue to unravel and become more explanatory in the books to come.

*“Soon, the whole world would be searching for her--Linh Cinder.
A deformed cyborg with a missing foot.
A Lunar with a stolen identity.
A mechanic with no one to run to, nowhere to go.
But they will be looking for a ghost.”*

This review can also be viewed on my blog: [She's Going Book Crazy](#)

Evelyn (devours and digests words) says

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Lucille says

I love the whole series!

Fafa's Book Corner says

I decided to try and read the sample from wattpad. I was hoping to enjoy it despite the fact that I don't enjoy reading books about robots and the such. I couldn't even get past the first chapter. I disliked it that much. So I simply decided to drop it and move on to a book I would (hopefully) like.

Riley says

3.5 stars, really. I liked it enough that I'm curious to read the rest, but I wasn't gripped or moved by anything (yet?).

Nancy says

I took my husband for eye surgery early this morning, and I listened to Cinder, while I was waiting for his surgery to be over. We got up really early this morning, and when we got home, I was very tired, so I just kept listening to the book until it was over. I enjoyed the book. In the end there is a cliff hanger, so I'm expecting another book. The book isn't what I expected, from looking at the cover, with its red high heeled shoe. Cinder was adopted when she was about 11. She had been in a terrible accident, and had extensive surgery. Her adoptive father was a genius, and did the surgery, before he was killed. The adoptive mother resented Cinder, but Cinder earned the money for the support of the adoptive mother, and her two daughters.

Amanda says

The story begins with our MC Cinder working as a mechanic. In walks Prince Kai, the heir to the throne and due to become Emperor any day now. The base of the story is the tale of Cinderella and the reader could easily believe that this story will follow the formula that we all know so well. Poor, hardworking young woman meets a Prince and they live happily ever after. However in this novel it is clear that there are other stories to tell aside from romantic ones.

After the Prince leaves Cinder's store the marketplace is in panic and people are running for their lives. It is then revealed that a deadly plague has taken hold of this futuristic world and a market employee is the next victim. The terror is palpable. Oh and did I mention that Cinder is a cyborg. All of this happens within the first couple of chapters and I realise early on that this is going to be a great story.

Throughout the novel the plague shows no mercy and all efforts are spent trying to find a cure. Cyborgs are experimented on in the desperation to find a cure. The Lunar Queen comes to Earth and is a constant threat over Cinder's realm and the rest of Earth as well. Cinder also has to deal with family drama and feelings for Prince Kai. All these threads of storyline stitch together for a pretty amazing story.

So why only 4 stars? I didn't give the story 5 stars as the twists, although enjoyable were predictable. Even though I guessed a couple of the plot twists I really enjoyed this story and highly recommend you read this novel.

A steampunk retelling of the classic Cinderella tale. What's not to like?

Lillian Perra says

Brilliant book, a combination of dystopian, sci-fi, fantasy, romance and fairy tales. Great for all ages, I am a huge fan, and can't wait for Winter! The Lunar Chronicles are set in the future, but with fairy tale characters. Cinder is based on Cinderella, Scarlet on Little Red Riding Hood, Cress on Rapunzel, Fairest based on the Evil Queen in Snow White, and Winter as Snow White herself. Honestly, everyone should give the Lunar Chronicles a try

Danny Gutierrez says

Excellent! Amazing!

Jenny Jo Weir says

I have loved every single bit of this series and I am so happy to have all these characters permanently imprinted in my heart. Fantastic!

Dany Kun says

I really love , I must say that isn't a perfect book, it's very predictable in some aspects, but it doesn't take away all the emotions, surprises and tense moments. I personally think of Cinder as a bit despairing girl, but also sarcastic and hard working, but there was some times that I wanted she to react, to say something, she just standed there hearing her annoying aunt and she doesn't do anything! Besides that, I really gonna miss her as the principal character. Kay is so adorable. I don't know why I keep on visualizing him like a cute brunette from a k-pop band XD. He's lovely, I want him for my own. ?

Inigomontoya says

Okay, now I'm officially curious.

Also, ebooks rock. Seriously.

Emily Bayliss says

This book was amazing! At first, I honestly thought it was slow, but the more I read, the more it built in anticipation and tension. As I was reading, I felt myself slowly falling in love with the characters, Iko especially, and was soon trying to get all my friends to read this book. I loved that I knew these stories already, because you hear them growing up as a child. Marissa Meyer did such a great job at keeping some plot points the same as the fairy tale so that the reader could correlate the character with the fairy tale, and changing it enough that it became her own- and an entirely different story. As a reader, I definately have my list of favorite books-but this topped them all! I'm not just saying that either, I genuinely loved everything about it! If you are into sci-fi, alterations, love stories, dystopian type novels, this book is for you!!!

Blanca says

What a wonderfully thought out plot. Amazing. I can see this as a Disney movie with so many special effects. Got through this in about a night and a morning. Could not put it down. Exciting and so wonderfully told. Cannot wait for the next book in a series of four books, so far. Next book after this one is Scarlet and I just started this.

I highly recommend this book for fantasy and escaping into a new world.
