

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Cinderfella* (1960)

**Film Length in Minutes:** 88 minutes

**Film Genre:** Comedy

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Yaseen V., 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

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*Cinderfella* is a 1960 semi-musical comedy film that is an adaptation of the classic Cinderella fairytale. However, instead of there being a female main character, the genders are switched. The plot focuses on the protagonist, Fella, who has recently lost his beloved father and is now under the care of his wicked stepmother Emily and her treacherous sons Rupert and Maximillian. While his stepfamily lives lavishly in his family home, Fella is forced to live in the unfinished room at the end of a very long hallway, isolating him from others. Along with this, his stepfamily forces him to do housework. One night, Fella dreams that his father is trying to relay a message to him about where his fortune is hidden, but he awakens before finding out. The plot thickens when Princess Charming is in town and Fella's stepmother throws a lavish ball. Fella, like Cinderella, is forbidden from attending. However, his fairy godfather insists he will attend and transforms him into a handsome prince. After having to leave the ball to avoid being recognized, he runs and loses a shoe. After a tumultuous turn of events, the Princess arrives with Fella's lost shoe, and they lived happily ever after.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found this film on Kanopy by casually browsing through its movie selection.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) keep you interested?*

Yes, the plot for this fictional film did keep me interested because the story switched the genders of Cinderella so that the protagonist was instead a boy. I found this plotline to be intriguing.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

I believe the pace of the film was just and did not rush the plot.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

This film is appropriate for grades six through eight, due to the classic and known story plot of Cinderella and its content. It is a very lighthearted film that is perfect for fans of fairy tales.

*3 stars: It was okay; I had hoped for better*

The film, *Cinderfella*, was a very enjoyable movie to watch with your family because it takes a classic fairytale and puts a fun twist on it by making the main character male. In this case, Fella takes on the role of Cinderella and the audience gets to see how he navigates life with his wicked stepfamily to find true love with Princess Charming.