

Cinderstella

A Tale of Planets
Not Princes



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Once upon a time
there lived a girl named Cinderella.

She had two stepsisters who made
her work every day. But every night,
Cinderella climbed to her treehouse
to be close to the stars.



One day a royal invitation arrived.

"We're invited to a fancy ball!"
shrieked one stepsister.



"The prince will be there!" squealed the other.

"Princes and parties are fine,"
said Cinderstella, "but I have other plans."

"Make us dresses!" the stepsisters insisted.
So that day, Cinderella bought boxes of
fabric and plenty of patterns.





But that night, she gazed at patterns,
filled with possibilities, far, far away.

Children's
Ages 4-8

Cinderella has plans for her own happily ever after. A future princess she is not. Her calculations and equations are simple enough—she'd rather be an astronaut!

Read along in this modern retelling of a beloved fairy tale, as Cinderella challenges what is expected of her to pursue her true passion and find a universe of opportunity in planets and stars.

Included is a Note to Readers that provides suggestions for parents, caregivers, and educators to spark children's interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields and related careers despite lingering gender stereotypes and biases that exist.

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