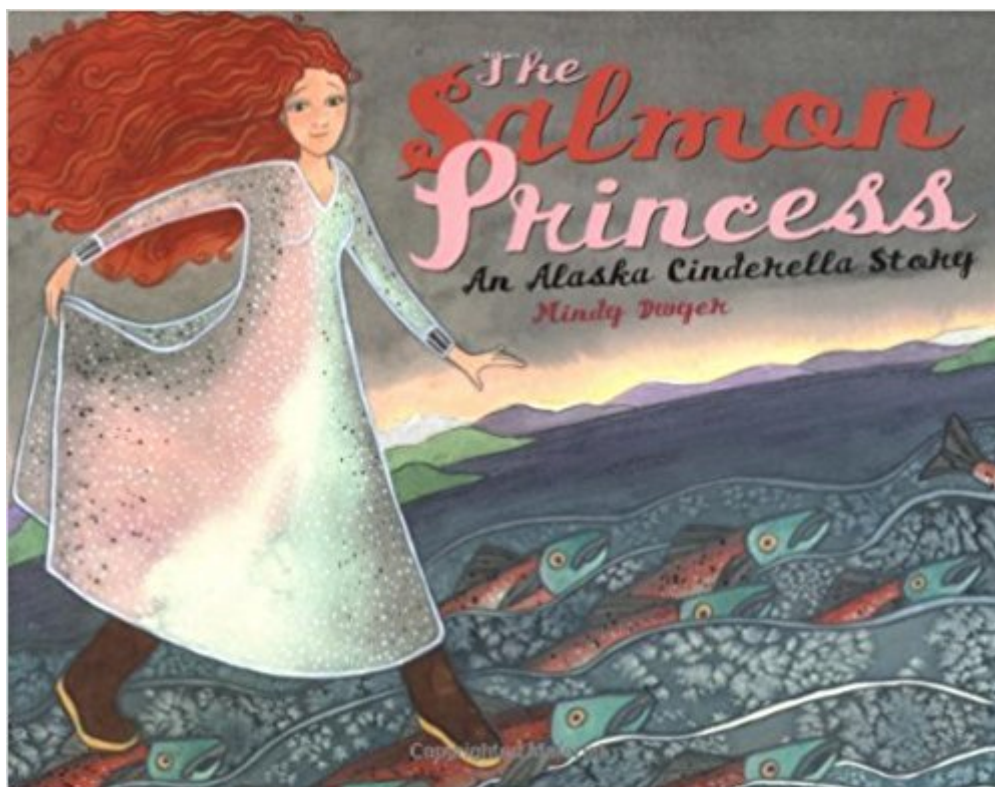


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# The Salmon Princess: An Alaska Cinderella Story (PAWS IV)



## Synopsis

In this adaptation of the well-loved fairy tale, the father still has his head in the clouds and the stepmother is as mean as ever. But this story is set in the Last Frontier, and its details and imagery reflect Alaska's landscape and sensibility: the fairy godmother becomes an eagle spirit, the glass slipper a fisherwoman's boot. Evocative writing and colorful artwork distinguish this playful retelling of the classic. Here children learn about cultures and ways of life but happy endings are still the rule.

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

"The Salmon Princess: An Alaska Cinderella Story," is another fine addition to the growing list of literal wonders from Mindy Dwyer. Dwyer, who has moved to Port Townsend, Wash., has two talents: She can write a form of prose/poetry that sings directly to the soul, and she can create art that delights... Detailed studies in sophistication and composition, each illustration advances the story while it makes a home in the viewer's eye. Her work has a dignity and beauty that is rare in any form of art. The Statesman Journal Mindy Dwyer recasts Cinderella into an Alaska fish camp in The Salmon Princess. We all know how it ends, but combining rubber boots with a silver gown for the Silver Salmon Festival makes for a sweet tale. Peninsula Clarion This book has a great feeling

about it, of wide open spaces and possibilities. The illustrations are just fantastic: Cinder's dress really is very salmonesque and the details of the Alaskan landscape, of giant trees and heavy fog are like a quick visit up north. The image of this gal in her silvery dress, firing up the skiff is a good one! And the illustration on page 15, of the "phosphorescent wake glowing like the train of a great wedding gown" glows with colors that break my heart. All illustrations are watercolors.<sup>365</sup>

CinderellasThe Salmon Princess, Dwyer's fourth book, marries Alaskan natural and cultural history to the Cinderella myth. It is rich with details of life in southeast Alaska, the fishing industry, salmon ecology and native traditions, and depicted in sweet and detailed watercolors.Bellingham Weekly

Mindy Dwyer is also the author and illustrator of Quilt of Dreams. Her artwork can be seen in numerous publications and in galleries across the United States. She lived in Alaska for many years. She now lives in Saugerties, NY.

Now here's a Cinderella for modern times! Hardworking, independent, full of initiative! Her father, mother, and she live at the edge of a rain forest in Alaska, where they catch, clean, and smoke salmon for their livelihood. It's a bloody job, but someone has to do it. One day the mother dies, the father is sad. Life goes on. He re-marries. The woman has two grown sons who help catch more salmon, leaving the cleaning job to Cinder, a beautiful red-haired lass with smoky eyes (thus Cinder). She is drowning in salmon! One day the Silver Salmon Festival is announced. Everyone is going except Cinder, who must clean salmon. She finishes early, the eagle makes her a dress out of salmon skins which magically becomes sublime in appearance, and tells her to be home by dawn. She is practical, takes smoked salmon to sell for raffle tickets, with her eyes on the prize of silver bars. She dances the night away with a young man, who turns out to be the son of the owner of the salmon canning factory, or "the Salmon Prince," as she calls him. As she leaves, her foot gets caught in a salmon net and she must leave her shoe--only it is the wading boot so common in Alaska! Prince Salmon finds her. They marry. She becomes the Salmon Princess of the book's title. They move to the interior of Alaska and buy a farm to raise great big cabbages, both happy to escape the smell of salmon! The story is a new twist on the old, a fun Cinderella story, but still based on hard work and mistreatment. This Cinderella, however, makes her own way. The illustrations are absolutely gorgeous--vivid, vibrant, intense, much like the landscape of Alaska. Even Cinder is intense with that wild red hair. This is a wonderful addition to a child's or school library for the entertainment of the new story and information about one of our states.

after spending an extended time in AK I thought this a fitting gift for one of my grandchildren.

This Cinderella had a stepmother who made her clean fish. An eagle helped her by delivering a shiny dress to go to the dance at the Silver Salmon Festival and win some money. It is the same story but a young man who turned out to be a prince and a boot instead of a glass slipper. A happy ending with the prince finding Cinder, giving her the prize money and taking her for a wife. Nice illustrations with the familiar theme.

I bought this for my library because it's a very special version of the Cinderella story and we have several others. The copy I bought was in excellent condition, perfect for the library. It's a great tool for teaching young children about other cultures.

Adorable story and nice art. I will keep this in mind for future gifts.

Pleased with item. Delivery was as stated. Would buy from this seller again! A++++

Grand kids love it

Having lived in Southeast Alaska for two years, I found this book while living in Anchorage and was in awe! I mean, the girl wears ExtraTufs!! This is an absolute must children's book for kids living in southeast or maybe who have grandparents in southeast. Accurate representations of how things are there -- it's a wonderful little gem!

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