

Munchkin Reads

KIDS BOOK SUBSCRIPTION & FAMILY BOOK CLUB

INTERSTELLAR CINDERELLA BY DEBORAH UNDERWOOD



CONVERSATION STARTERS

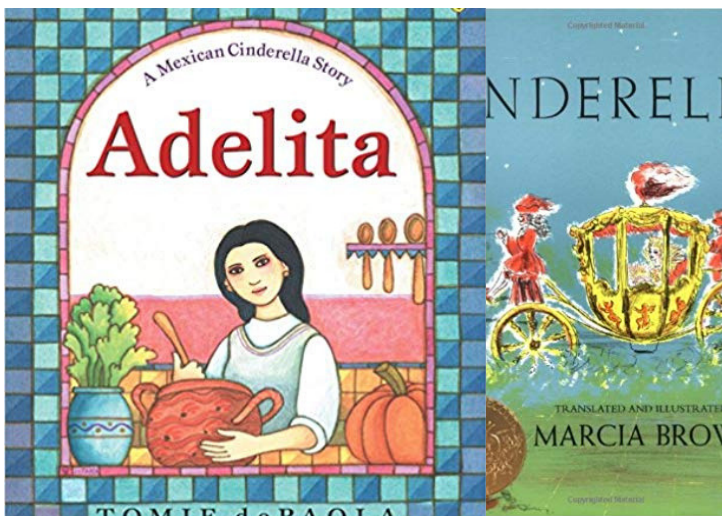
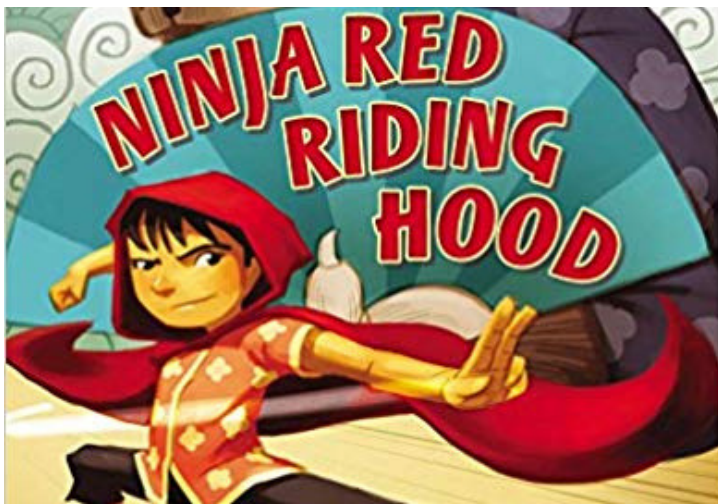
- Where does this story take place? How is this setting different from Earth?
- How does Cinderella help the prince?
- How does this story teach us to be brave and take chances?
- What is your favorite illustration in the story? Why?
- Despite her tough family, Cinderella keeps dreaming. How do her dreams come true in the end?



PLOT SUMMARY

Once upon a planetoid, Cinderella loved fixing fancy rockets with her tools (galactic goggles, antimatter hammer and a sonic socket wrench). At night she reads about ship repairs. When her wicked stepmom and stepsisters are invited to the Prince's Royal Space Parade, they leave her behind with a broken spaceship. Luckily, with the help of fairy godrobot, she makes it to the Gravity-free ball. When the prince's ship needs some repairs, someone will fly to his rescue.

In this witty STEM-focused retelling, we have an independent hero who can solve problems, navigate family dynamics and make her own destiny. In fact, when the prince asks her to marry him, she agrees to become his chief mechanic instead. There's no damsel-in-distress here.



MAKE A SPACE HAMMER

Cinderella loves fixing things with her tools. Help fix a rocketship by making a space hammer!!

Materials

- Full rectangular tissue box
- Paper towel tube
- Duct tape
- Tin foil
- Brown paper

Directions

- Put paper towel tube into the opening of the full tissue box.
- Run duct tape around to secure it.
- Ball up the tin foil. Stuff it into opening of the tube (this gives your handle support).
- Wrap duct tape around the rest of the tube & the box. Tip: Use an extra layer to support the "hammer" and the "handle."
- Wrap the "handle" with an 8x10 piece of brown paper.
- Hammer away and fix those rockets!

IF YOU LIKE INTERSTELLAR CINDERELLA...

- Cinderella by Marcia Brown
- Adelita by Tomie dePaola
- Ninja Red Riding Hood by Corey Rosen Schwartz



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CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

There are many types of families. Some families have two parents. Some have one. Some have stepmothers or stepfathers, like Cinderella. Draw your unique special family below. You can include your nuclear family (your parents and siblings) and extended family (cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents). Have an adult help label their names.

