

# [Cinderella by anne sexton](https://assignbuster.com/cinderella-by-anne-sexton/)

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Cinderella has been one of the most famous myths in the history.

Adults and children have related it in different ways, but it always has   
maintained the same subject matter.

Cinderella is the story of a family, with a father who was a good man,   
her mother who died when she was very young, and Cinderella, which was she.

The time passed by, and her father felt that Cinderella needed a mothers   
love. And so he married again. She was a woman with two daughters just   
about Cinderella's age. After her father died, the true nature of the   
second wife was revealed. Cinderella was forced to become a servant in her   
own house. As time went by, the kingdom prepared a celebration in which the   
prince was going to choice a woman to be his wife. The stepmother and her   
daughters prepared themselves to the big event, but when Cinderella asked   
her stepmother if she could come, she said no. Then, the magical moment   
came; Cinderella's fairy came into view and gave her a beautiful dress and   
a pair of gold shoes to wear. She went to the celebration without being   
recognized by her stepsisters and stepmother; the prince felt in love with   
her, they danced all nightlong. At twelve o'clock, she got out quickly from   
the castle, because her fairy told to be at home before twelve. On the   
stairs, she forgot one of her gold shoes. After that day, the princes sent   
his soldiers to find the owner of the gold shoe. They drove all over the   
place, but nobody seemed to be the owner of the little shoe. Finally, they   
arrived to Cinderella's house, the stepmother and daughters did whatever   
was possible to make the shoe fit, but anything worked. Cinderella went out   
of her room and without problem her foot fit perfectly in the little shoe.

So the prince and her got married and live happily ever after. Well, this   
is a short review of the famous myth for those who never hear about it. And   
it maybe help to understand better what this all about.

This story had remained with the same symbolic idea; however, some   
authors had been made some changes to the story. A good example is Anne   
Sexton, she become one of the best know confessional poets. She took the   
first place in her poems to introduce herself. Anne Sexton uses twisted   
metaphors and similes, symbolic images, and vivid colors to tell about her   
transformed poems. By using twisted metaphors and similes as a technique in   
her writing, Sexton transforms her poems to be anything but the ordinary.

The reason that I and almost everyone else really enjoy and relate to this   
book of poems by Sexton is because all the poems are centered on classic   
fairytales we all know. Like this one that I just started with.

" Cinderella" this particular poem starts off as many others do, her   
frustration that nobody gets the opportunity to live the life of their   
dreams.

" You always read about it:   
the plumber with the twelve children   
who wins the Irish Sweepstakes.

From toilets to riches.

That story" (lines 1-5)   
In this first stanza, I believe that Sexton is talking or venting   
about her personal problems growing up, indirectly. In the last part, she   
used " That story", what is this means? I read some of her interviews before   
she killed herself, and saw also some pictures and believed or not she   
seemed to be happy. But when I came to the last part of this stanza, the   
only thing that I can see is a woman unhappy, and incomplete. She defiantly   
used this kind of words and phrases to break away from the rule of the   
fairytales.

It is impossible to forget the reality that she uses in her writing,   
she point out unnecessary details, just to make the story more ordinary   
than perfect.

" These events repeated themselves for three days   
However, on the third day the prince   
Covered the palace steps with cobbler's wax"(line 74-76)   
In the original tale, at this point the facts are unpredictable. But   
Sexton's poem is already point out; she takes out the irregular scene,   
letting the reader know the end of the story. Reading her poem is much   
easier to understand the purpose of her transformations; she uses a fairy   
tale, because express what every woman wants to live, but in the other   
hand, she wants to wake up women and let them know that their purpose in   
this world go more further than a fairytale. It is not as perfect as it   
seems.

Sexton's poem is cruel as well; the description that she uses in the   
poem creates perfect images about the moment without any restrictions.

" The eldest went into a room to try the slipper on   
But her big toe got in the way so she simply   
Sliced it off an put on the slipper   
The prince rode away with her until the white drove   
Told him to look at the blood pouring forth"(line 81-85)   
Although this particular incident is part of the original story, Anne   
Sexton includes particular elements like " the blood pouring forth" that   
drive the poem in a different way, another story than a fairy tale. She   
also uses this stanza to emphasize how the effects of the self-destruction   
women undertake every day, and what the women have to do to take a place in   
the society in order to confront the reality   
" That is the way with amputations.

They don't just heal up like a wish" (lines 86-87)   
Whether it is dieting, refusing a promotion, wearing ridiculous high   
heels, or having unwanted children; these situations are things that any   
women can live without, and have been taken place in the society since   
Sexton's time as you can see. She is venting her problems, and trying to   
prevent women from this self-destruction.

" Cinderella and the prince   
live, they say, happily ever after,   
like two dolls in a museum case   
never bothered by diapers or dust   
never arguing over the timing of an egg,   
never telling the same story twice,   
never getting a middle-aged spread,   
their darling smiles pasted on for eternity.

Regular Bobbsey Twins.

That story" (lines 100-109)   
In this last stanza, she writes that Cinderella and the prince lived   
happily ever after, like two dolls in a museum case, never worrying about   
the timing of an egg, something about diapers and dust, never gaining a   
middle-aged spread, with their darling smiles pasted on for eternity.

Sexton has refered, in the summary of the Cinderella story to each of the   
first four stories in the first four stanza's. Nobody can be just there,   
like two dolls in a museum case, because dolls are meant to be played with.

They never experience the everyday toils that we do. Sexton has written a   
poem that teaches that happily ever after only exist in the fiary tales,   
and she support this, including at the end " That story" the same words that   
he uses at the beginnig; it is somenthing perfect but unreal, because myths   
are just that myths, the may be existed long time ago, when everything was   
perfect, but now the life of a person is based on experiences.