**Summary**

I read the book *Chinese* *Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah. This is a true story about Adeline growing up in China. Two weeks after Adeline was born her mother died from complications of giving birth. Her family believes that she was bad luck, and that it was Adeline’s fault that their mother died.

Her father got remarried. Adeline and her siblings are treated poorly by their new stepmother Niang, while she spoiled her own children. To make matters worse her father started ignoring her as well. The only way that Adeline could get his attention was to do well in school, so she was at the top of her class even after the first week of kindergarten. Then the rest of her family started getting jealous and they started being mean to her.

After living in Tianjin, her family moved to Shanghai after the death of Nai Nai her grandmother. In their new house there were lots of new rules. If they were not one of Niang’s children they were not allowed in some parts of the house without permission. The stepchildren were treated a lot differently. They couldn’t eat what they wanted and they had to walk to school. Life was much different when they lived in Tianjin and Nai Nai was still alive.

One day Adeline’s friends followed her home from school to surprise her. One of Niang’s rules was that she couldn’t have friends over. She got in trouble and was sent to a boarding school back in Tianjin and away from her family. She was later brought by her aunt to Hong Kong so she could live with the rest of her family. She was then sent to another boarding school and she didn’t get to go home often. Now that she was older she now had start thinking about her future. She wanted to go to college, but she wasn't sure if her father would let her go.

**Recommendation**

This book is an autobiography about Adeline Yen Mah growing up in China and how it was like having a mean stepmother and growing up in a communist country. She is one of the youngest kids in her family and she has to try to find away to get her father’s attention and still following Niang’s rules so she wouldn’t get into any trouble. She desperately wanted her father's approval and wanted to fit in with her family. If her father would give her any attention at all the rest of her family would get jealous.

I enjoyed every moment of reading the book *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah. The story kept me interested throughout the entire story. I would give this book a nine out of ten. It seems like something was always happening with Adeline and her family. Everything that happened to her left me wanted to learn more and to see what would happen to her and her family. Since this was a true story, it also brings to light all the struggles growing up in China during this time. This book is also about Adeline growing up in China, so if you like reading about what it’s like growing up in different countries you would like reading this book.

Adeline moved a lot in this book and It helped me learn about all if the different cultures in China and how different it would be growing up in Tianjin, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. It also talks about what it was like when her aunts, grandmother, and grandfather were growing up. Their generation was so much different than Adeline’s. This book was also during the time when China was changing a lot. China was becoming communist in some parts of the country and the different generations were becoming more and more different. This is one of the best books that I have read.