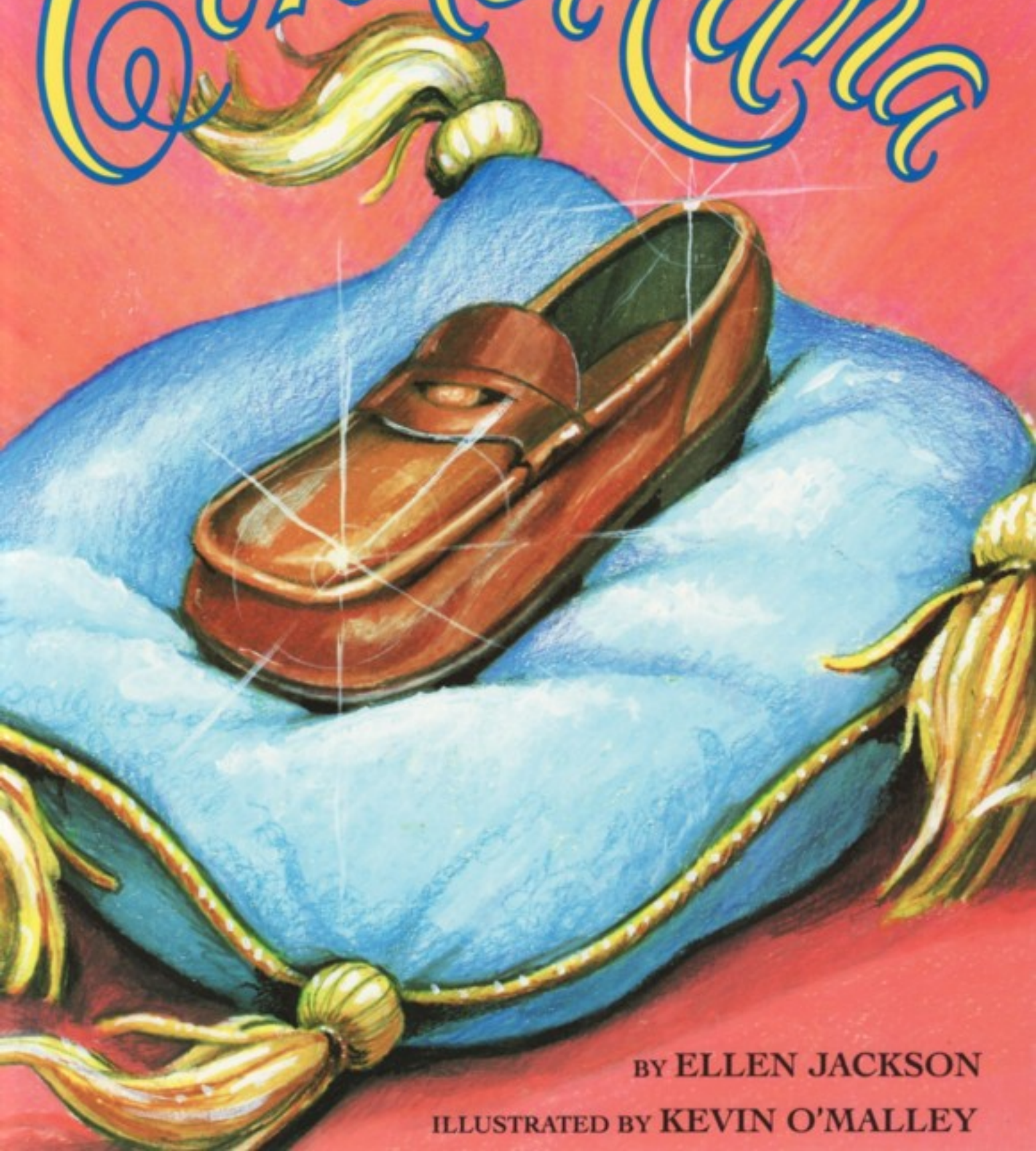


# Cinder Edna



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Once upon a time there were two girls who lived next door to each other. You may have heard of the first one. Her name was Cinderella. Poor Cinderella was forced to work from morning till night, cooking and scrubbing pots and pans and picking up after her cruel stepmother and wicked stepsisters. When her work was done, she sat among the cinders to keep warm, thinking about all her troubles.



Cinder Edna, the other girl, was also forced to work for her wicked stepmother and stepsisters. But she sang and whistled while she worked. Moreover, she had learned a thing or two from doing all that housework—such as how to make tuna casserole sixteen different ways and how to get spots off everything from rugs to ladybugs.



Edna had tried sitting in the cinders a few times. But it seemed like a silly way to spend time. Besides, it just made her clothes black and sooty. Instead when the housework was done, she kept warm by mowing the lawn and cleaning parrot cages for the neighbors at \$1.50 an hour. She also taught herself to play the accordion.

Even with her ragged, sooty clothing Cinderella was quite beautiful.

Edna, on the other hand, wasn't much to look at. But she was strong and spunky and knew some good jokes—including an especially funny one about an anteater from Afghanistan.



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