

BOOK RESUME: *Cinderella is Dead* By Kalynn Bayron  
Bloomsbury YA, 2020

### Reviews

- [GLBT Reviews](#) (February 15, 2021): “[...] a girl-power story that encourages reflection on and questioning of stories, whether fiction or not.”
- [Kirkus](#) (April 26, 2021): “This promising debut deals with themes around rebellion and empowerment as well as the toll that rejecting the status quo can take on relationships. The atmospheric setting is a particular strength, and the twists and turns will keep readers in suspense.”

### Awards

- [Wordery Children’s Book of the Year Winner](#), 2020
- [Books are My Bag YA Fiction Winner](#), 2020
- [We Need Diverse Books Book Shimmy Award](#), 2020
- [YALSA Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults](#), 2022

### Lists

- [YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers](#), 2021
- [Rise: A Feminist Book Project](#), 2021

### Response to challenges

- [Katy, Texas-March 23, 2022](#): “Having access to affirming content is imperative to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of students.”
- [September 19, 2022](#): “It’s kind of emotional for me, but to get an email from somebody that says, I read *Cinderella is Dead*, and it made me decide to stay alive one more day, to try one more time. I think that my readers deserve so much, and not just with *Cinderella Is Dead*, but so many of these books that are being challenged and being banned. To know that it’s resonating with them in this way is incredibly meaningful. And it worries me that *Cinderella Is Dead* is being banned because I fear for the readers who won’t have that chance, who might not have that opportunity to feel seen.”
- [Collier County School District, Florida-August 5, 2022](#): “Every child deserves the right to learn from a diverse set of voices and perspectives.”

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