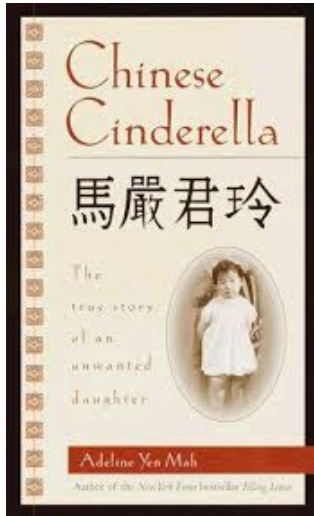


Chinese Cinderella



Chinese Cinderella is about a little girl named Yen-Jun-Ling also known as Adeline Yen Mah and about the journey she takes with her Father, Stepmother, sister, 2 brothers, stepbrother, stepsister, Aunt Baba, grandfather, and her paternal grandmother. This story is about Yen life and how she was treated with disrespect. That throughout her life she was the one to blame for everything. She was beaten for doing what a normal person would do. The stepmother had made her own father against her and took over the family. Yen had put up with everything that her Stepmother thru and still was a great student and was the smartest in the classes that she was in. Also during this time her family move because of a civil war going on, so they had to move from the communist. So she made and lost many friends.

I like this book because of the way it change the view of another culture. In this case Chinese culture and how the oldest of the family is the one in charge but this time no one to over the position after the death of Nai Nai until the stepmother. In this story the father is still alive which doesn't do much because he was always on the stepmother side. The way she runs the family is the worst only favoring the children that she gave birth to instead of equal share of love, and throughout the story Yen was treat with the disrespect and shame of the family.

Sold



Sold is a novel about a 13 year old girl named Lakshmi. She was sold by her dad to her New Auntie for money to buy better stuff. Then New Auntie sold Lakshmi to her Uncle husband. She was sold one more time to for prostitution house or called happiness house. Her experiences in this house have been bad. Her pain has been too much, but she only waiting to pay off the debt to Mumtaz. The closer she gets the closer she is to going to home. Also closer of leaving to this horrible place. She met a man that try to offer some help to leave this place but didn't take the offer. She made a friend named Shahanna. Shahanna has been helping Lakshmi to survive. Taught her ways to get more money from men or to get sweats from men. After all this hoping to leave it finally comes true.

This novel was ok because of the way it was written. The short pages, long pages, one line pages. Half the time I didn't get the poem language and what it was trying to tell me. I like the rest of the story. How she gets there and how she leaves.