

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.

This book won the Newbery Award in 2021.

This book is in the genre Magical Realism because there are magical elements happening in our present day world.

If you like folktales, you will love this book!

Who Wrote It?

Tae Keller grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she subsisted on kimchi, purple rice, and stories. Now, she writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices, and lives in Seattle with her husband and a multitude of books.

When I was younger, I loved sending long emails to my friends and family. There was something so personal, so safe about letter writing. But as I got older, email became about logistics—a quick way to convey information, make a request, schedule a meeting. I missed the love letters. I missed telling stories.



If you want to read Tae's letters, you can sign up for her eNewsletter (and also learn more about her cool books!) on her website @ www.taekeller.c om.

AR Reading Level: 4.1

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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