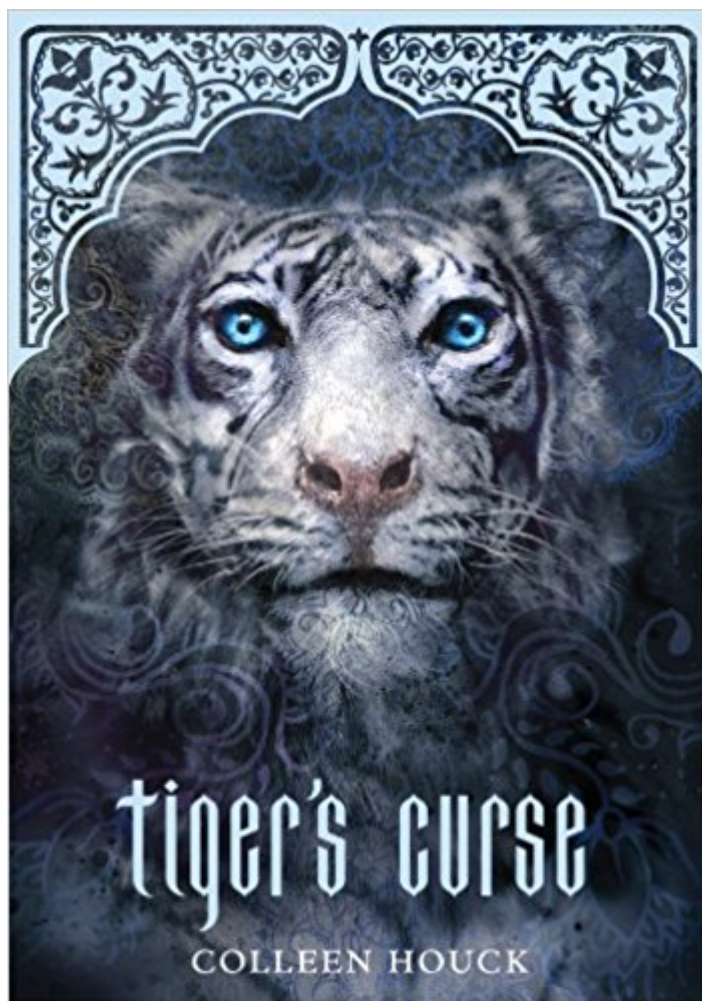


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# Tiger's Curse (Book 1 In The Tiger's Curse Series)



## Synopsis

The first book in the nationally bestselling Tiger's Curse series is now available in paperback! Would you risk it all to change your destiny? The last thing Kelsey Hayes thought she'd be doing this summer was trying to break a 300-year old Indian curse. With a mysterious white tiger named Ren. Halfway around the world. But that's exactly what happened. Face-to-face with dark forces, spellbinding magic, and mystical worlds where nothing is what it seems, Kelsey risks everything to piece together an ancient prophecy that could break the curse forever. Packed with magic, action-adventure, and romance, the epic Tiger's Curse series will keep you breathless and yearning for more. Winner of the 2013/14 Wyoming Soaring Eagle Book Award!

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## Customer Reviews

**Product Description** The last thing teenager Kelsey Hayes thought she'd be doing over the summer was meeting Ren, a mysterious white tiger and cursed Indian prince! When she learns she alone can break the Tiger's curse, Kelsey's life is turned upside-down. The unlikely duo journeys halfway around the world to piece together an Indian prophecy, find a way to free the man trapped by a centuries-old spell, and discover the path to their true destiny. **Q&A with Colleen Houck** Q: Who are your favorite writers? Houck: J.K. Rowling (Harry Potter Series), Chris Paolini (Eragon Series),

Stephenie Meyer (Twilight Saga), John Steinbeck, Walter Farley, Jules Verne, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Orson Scott Card, and many more! I was fascinated with Chris Paolini's story and when I found out he was such a young author and carried around his manuscript for four years before getting it published on his own, I was even more impressed with his grit and determination. The science fiction of Orson Scott Card and Jules Verne carries me away to places I never imagined. When I was young, I wanted to be Laura Ingalls and ride horses like Alec and have great adventures like they did.

Q: Who inspired you to become a published author? Houck: The personal stories of Stephenie Meyer and J.K. Rowling really touched me. Both women just decided one day to give writing a try and the course of their lives changed. One day I woke up and decided I was going to give it a shot, too. I always loved creative writing in middle school and high school, sci-fi and fantasy being my favorite, and have been an avid reader all my life, but I never considered it as a career. Seeing Rowling and Meyer--two self-trained writers--have the courage to give writing a try inspired me to channel my creative energy into imagining and writing the Tiger's Curse series.

Q: In what environment do you get your best writing? Houck: I write at my desk near a window with a great view of Oregon pine and beautiful houses. I always light a candle when I write as a reminder to include the senses of smell, touch, taste, sight, and sound in my writing. It has to be quiet and, until recently, my dog always slept at my feet. That's my comfort zone when writing. I really love writing in the afternoons because that's when things get quiet. In the mornings I like to write personal correspondence to people who write to me about my books and do the research on the exotic locations I write about. I walk everyday and listen to music that inspires me to keep writing, but I can't listen to music and write at the same time because I get too distracted.

Q: When you're not writing and reading your own books, what are you reading? Houck: I'm reading everything YA right now. My favorite books are fantasy with a touch of romance but I love Sci-Fi, children's chapter books, and mainstream fiction as well. I recently finished the Percy Jackson/Lightning Thief series which I loved and currently I'm reading The Life of Pi which I originally purchased because of the tiger on the cover, but I also have shelves full of books waiting for my attention. The next books on my list include Scott Westerfield's Uglies trilogy, Alyson Noel's Immortals series, and The Guardians of Gahoole by Kathryn Lasky.

Q: Anything else you want to share with shoppers? Houck: Writing my own book was a chance to channel my inner hero. I'm a lot like my character, Kelsey. We both have a special blanket given to us by our grandmothers, we both love chocolate, and we both sat in the back of class. But where Kelsey took a leap into the unknown as a teenager, I took a lot longer to come out of my shell. In writing this series, I've been able to leap along with Kelsey. I also wanted to say how grateful I am to all of the readers who have left such kind and

supportive customer reviews of my books. I originally self-published my first two books through and the reader comments created enough buzz to attract a film producer and interest from foreign publishers before I even had an agent, which Iâ™ve learned is kind of unheard of! was really the key to launching the Tigerâ™s Curse saga and, because of that, I now have a career as a full-time writer. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

When 18-year-old Kelsey takes a job with a circus, she finds herself oddly attracted to the white tiger she has been hired to feed. Little does she know the animal is really a 300-year-old Indian prince who has been cursed and transformed by an evil wizard. She soon discovers the truth and, to her amazement, learns she may be the only one who can help. The next thing she knows, she is on her way, with the tiger, to India, where they embark on a dangerous quest to break the curse. The tiger can change into a man for 24 minutes during each 24-hour period. And what a man! âœHeâ™s like James Bond, Antonio Banderas, and Brad Pitt all rolled into one,â• Kelsey thinks. Originally self-published as an e-book, Houckâ™s first novel is part Twilight, part Indiana Jones, and part fairy tale. Although her bookâ”the first in a proposed seriesâ”is sometimes derivative, she tells a good story filled with chaste romance that will keep readers turning pages to the inconclusive ending. Grades 7-12. --Michael Cart --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My journey with Tiger's Curse began long before I ever saw the captivating cover of Colleen's Houck debut novel. Fate? Kismet? Destiny, perhaps. I've ALWAYS loved and been in awe of cats, the more exotic the better. The big cats, the White Tiger in particular, leave me breathless. This love affair I have with the White Tiger was intensified upon the purchase of the print by Lucie Bilodeau entitled Blue Eyes. "Blue Eyes" now hangs in a prime viewing spot on the wall in our Living room. His eyes follow you around the room. (makes me all "tingly" and extracts a sigh from my person, every time) So, imagine my sharp intake of breath (Gah!) and "are-you-kidding-me" expression when I first stumbled across the "gorgena" cover of Colleen's Tiger's Curse book. Based on the cover alone, it was immediately downloaded to my NookColor as an ebook. So I must admit, my first read of the book was not the full-blown experience that handling a beautifully crafted book in your own hot little paws can bring. After an all-night-read (once the journey began it was difficult to disembark), I wanted more, much more. Through it all, Colleen has made me care a great deal about the engaging characters she has brought to life for us all to RANT and RAVE over. I must confess, REN . . . is my FAV tiger brother. When I think of that song . . . "someday my prince will

come" . . . in all my waking day fantasies, I will forever imagine "him" to be REN. \*sigh\* \*double sigh\* Kishan is, of course, a major HUNK-alicious, "honey hush" kinda eye candy with attitude. And, Kelsey . . . mostly just want to shake her and shout "what-are-you-thinking?" She definitely is not listening to her heart or it would definitely be a "cinch" of a choice. Each character from Mr. Kadam, Nilima, Phet and Durga all have drawn me in and made me feel like I am part of the journey. Such a roller coaster of emotions, I have never been on when engaged in a "good read." I love all the characters Colleen has pulled from her amazing imagination and have come to care what happens to them. At times, it feels as though I am reading a travel guide that just happens to be a Tiger's Tale. The cliff Colleen left me hanging on at this book's end was heart wrenching. Again, I wanted to shake one certain would-be heroine. Tiger's Curse is so far (since have not read Tiger's Destiny . . . yet) my favorite Tiger Tale. The romance and interaction between Kelsey and Ren causes me to \*sigh\* and have that warm "tingley" feeling. Thank you Colleen for that!! most whole-heartedly recommend you get your paws on this book and begin the journey so many of us Tiger FANatics enjoy and just can't seem to get enough.

TIGER'S CURSE is an epic fantasy adventure that will take you on a magical ride to India!The beginning was pretty slow going, but once it picks up, the action just flies off the pages. Kelsey, our main character, is a pretty likeable character, but has some major flaws, which I will point out in the next paragraph. Ren is such an awesome character; he's nice to everyone around him, is a tiger (hello?! Totally awesome!), and is just an interesting and well-developed character.What annoyed me so much from Kelsey was the nickname that she likes to be called: Kells. It's okay if it comes up here and there, but usually, everybody calls her Kells. Sorry, but it got on my nerves.My favorite part about TIGER'S CURSE was just the adventure that this book takes you on! We get to travel to India and some more places (can't say or it would be a spoiler!), and the author did a great job of capturing that feeling of being in India. I definitely felt like I was traveling in the jungle with Ren and Kelsey!The writing style is another great part of this book; every chapter felt like the adventure was taken to another level, which I loved. And when a character named Kishan entered, I knew that even more adventures would happen later in this series! I definitely enjoyed how much Colleen Houck put into this book to make sure that the reader felt like they was along for this epic ride!And the final 150 pages were totally fantastic! So much action occurred within those pages, and I don't think I ever set the book down when I came to the ending! And gosh, Houck made her characters shine and develop in ways I couldn't imagine within only the first book. Greatness!Overall, TIGER'S CURSE was such a fun ride. I loved the India journey and all the events that happened in this book.

If the main character didn't have an annoying nickname, this would have definitely been a 5-star book! Highly recommend this series!-Review originally posted at [...]

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