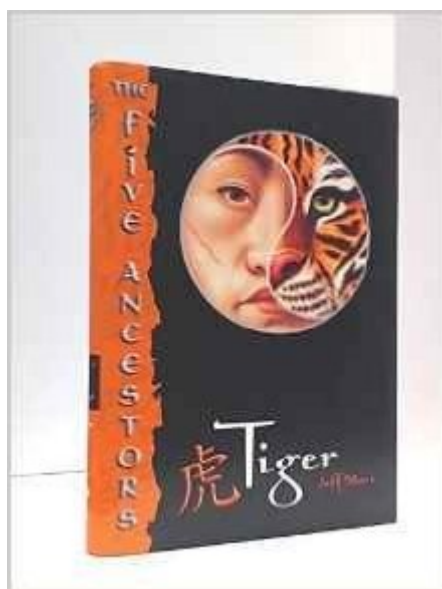


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# Tiger (The Five Ancestors, Book 1)



## Synopsis

Tiger clips along at a lightning pace! Eoin Colfer Twelve-year-old Fu and his temple brothers Malao, Seh, Hok, and Long don't know who their parents were. Raised from infancy by their grandmaster, they think of their temple as their home and their fellow warrior monks as their family. Then one terrible night, the temple is destroyed by an army led by a former monk named Ying, whose heart is bent on revenge. Fu and his brothers are the only survivors. Charged by their grandmaster to uncover the secrets of their past, the five flee into the countryside and go their separate ways. Somehow, Grandmaster has promised, their pasts are connected to Ying's. Understanding that the past is the key to shaping the future, the first book in the series follows Fu as he struggles to find out more and prove himself in the process. Fu's name literally means tiger, for he is the youngest-ever master of the fierce fighting style modeled after that animal.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 and up

Grade Level: 5 and up

## Customer Reviews

I bought TIGER for my eight-year-old son, and he absolutely loved it. So far, his reading tastes have included the Bionicle books, Lemony Snicket's novels, Magic Tree House adventures, and the old Boxcar Children series, but in the Five Ancestors, he's found a new favorite. This was the first book

my son read from cover to cover, on his own, in the space of eight hours. He was so absorbed in reading TIGER that he barely wanted to stop for food or bathroom breaks. We're so excited to have discovered Jeff Stone!

Cangzhen Temple is one of the most renowned temples in China and home to five unique teens. Each is the master of a particular style of Kung Fu and their skills are put to the test when their Temple is destroyed by Ying, a former student of the temple. This is the first of a planned five book series and follows Fu, master of the tiger style of Kung Fu, as he attempts to find a way to defeat Ying and get the 5 scrolls of ancient Kung Fu wisdom that Ying now has. Fu is a ferocious fighter and has an equally volcanic temper. The action starts quickly, grabbing the read from page one, and runs throughout this book. Readers will be hard-pressed not to want to immediately pick-up Monkey the second book in the series.

Tiger, Jeff Stone's children's adventure story, is the first of a series about five young warrior monks in 17th century China. The cover has a powerful illustration and raised lettering of the Chinese characters for tiger. It's a "wow" book from the cover to the too-quick ending. Author Stone paints some amazingly clear pictures of these young monks and their kung fu fighting. I felt like I was in the midst of every fight, and in every perilous predicament. Fu, also known as Tiger, is 12 years old, like his four monk brothers. They survive an attack on their secret temple by an evil 16-year-old monk. When Tiger and the other young monks realize that everyone has been massacred, they know they must hunt down and regain possession of the temple's scrolls. Why? The scrolls contained special kung fu fighting techniques only known to those monks. Each monk takes on the persona of his corresponding animal, and future books in the series will be called Crane, Monkey, Dragon and Snake. Young readers will enjoy the energetic fight scenes, the young monk's cunning, and most of all, their commitment to each other and their grandmaster. Children who are involved in the martial arts will immediately become fans and will love every moment in this page-turning book. I can't wait for the next one due in September 2005. Warning from this reviewer: It's been eons since I've read to a child, or been involved in their video games, so I don't know what level of violence is acceptable. I was a bit taken aback by the graphic violence in the book. It is geared to 8-to-12-year olds but I think it should be 10-12.

Nephew loved it - the second time he started reading it. He has an insatiable appetite for reading - at age 7, the reading level was not too challenging, but he was frightened by the brutality - a

beheading takes place in the first chapter. He stopped reading and a few months later, he read the book in one sitting. He's since read the entire series, and loved it.

Tiger is the 1st book in The Five Ancestors Book. Fu, is Cantonese for Tiger. Fu has been trained by the Grandmaster in the art of Tiger Kung Fu fighting. He has been raised with other orphaned boys in a Temple and each is taught a style of kung fu. The Temple is attacked by a former student, Ying, who hates the Grandmaster and kills everyone in the Temple except his former five brother. Tiger is the adventures of Fu after escaping. As a school librarian, I see this series as being particularly interesting to my boys. I am sure that girls will also like it, but am always on the lookout for books that will grab the interest of some of my reluctant readers. Lots of action, kung fu fighting make the books almost seem like you are involved in a computer game which will attract the interest of students. Great addition to the library.

I am NOT reviewing this on the story, just the age range. The reviews suggested it was for grades 5-9, but the book is clearly for younger kids. I'd put it at grades 3-7. I originally purchased it for my 14yo grandson, but I will give it to the 9yo instead.

The books arrived in great condition. The cover illustrations are very nice. I would recommend this book to a kid ages 9-12, especially if they like action and adventure. Reading this book first helps give an idea of the history and background of the characters. The events in the subsequent books (Monkey, Snake, Crane) are interwoven. The events and stories in the first four books weave together to help provide background information. Starting from book five (Eagle, Mouse, Dragon), the story moves on quickly and the events follow more of a sequence. Some of the violence may be a bit graphic for the younger readers. My daughters love these stories. We read the books together. They like learning about the bond and loyalty of the characters. They ask about how the characters grow and change throughout the stories. The stories also stoked their interest in learning about the Chinese language, history, and culture. I like how these stories remind me of the martial arts sagas broadcasted over the local radio station during my childhood.

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