

Rohan loves animals—especially tigers—so he's thrilled to be traveling to India to visit the tiger sanctuary where his grand-father works. Finally, a chance to observe tigers in real life and hopefully meet Arya, the tigress who just had twin cubs. When Rohan finally sees her, the experience is even more breathtaking than he'd imagined. He's also grateful for the chance to hang out with his cousin Mira, who has an amazing rapport with birds, and the two spend hours communing with nature. But life isn't totally idyllic. Rohan knows life in the jungle can be brutal, but he didn't expect the biggest threat to be human. Lately protesters have been assembling in support of a mining company that would encroach upon the tigers' space. Rohan knows they have a case, as the mines could provide jobs, but he has no sympathy for the poachers, who have only evil intentions. Then a horrible crime occurs, and he and Mira are determined to find the criminals and do everything possible to make sure everybody understands how important it is to protect the tigers.

New York Times bestselling author Varsha Bajaj weaves a captivating story that celebrates the beauty of wildlife and incorporates spellbinding chapters describing events from Arya the tiger's point of view, making for a thoroughly engrossing read.

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