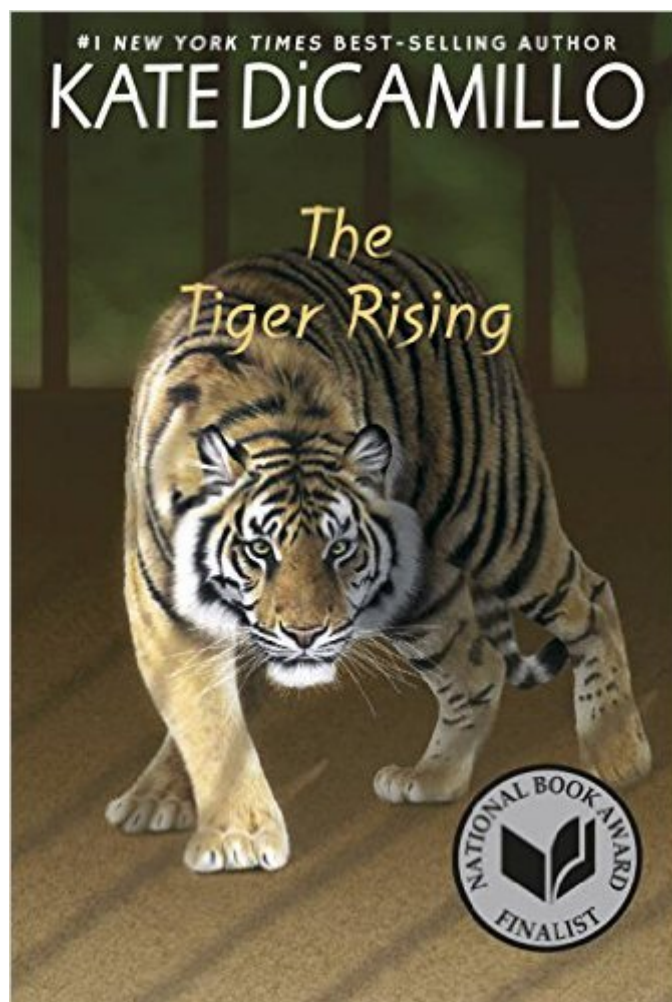


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# The Tiger Rising



## Synopsis

A National Book Award finalist by Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo. Walking through the misty Florida woods one morning, twelve-year-old Rob Horton is stunned to encounter a tiger—a real-life, very large tiger—pacing back and forth in a cage. What’s more, on the same extraordinary day, he meets Sistine Bailey, a girl who shows her feelings as readily as Rob hides his. As they learn to trust each other, and ultimately, to be friends, Rob and Sistine prove that some things—like memories, and heartache, and tigers—can’t be locked up forever. Featuring a new cover illustration by Stephen Walton.

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## Customer Reviews

The Tiger Rising is a really GREAT book!!!! It’s about this boy named Rob Horton who’s mother died and now he and his dad live in a hotel called The Kentucky Star, even though the setting is in Florida. Rob and his father have no phone and eat Macaroni & Cheese every night. Rob has a disease in his legs that make them itch like CRAZY!!! Rob’s only real friend isn’t even a kid. The maid of the hotel, Willie May, is always telling Rob that the problem with his legs is that Rob never lets the sadness come out. She says it stays down at the bottom of him, down by his legs, and never gives it a chance to come out. Rob never cries. Ever since his mother died, Rob has never cried. He cried at his mother’s funeral, but his father told him to suck it up, that there was no need in crying, that

crying was for sissies. Ever since that unforgettable moment on that unforgettable day, Rob has imagined himself as a suitcase, locked up tight, never letting anything get out. Rob gets picked on at school. The 2 bullies call him "Diease Boy" and "Cootie Kid". He never stands up to them though. He just lets them tease him until they get tired and eventually leave. But one day a new girl gets on the bus. She was wearing a pink and frilly dress. No one at Rob's school wears pink and frilly dresses. When Rob next sees Sistine (the girl) her dress has a hint of blood on it, a torn shoulder puff, and a girl with a black eye and a few bruises wearing it. Sitting on the bus after school that day, Sistine plops down next to Rob. She tells Rob about her father who is supposed to come and get her in a couple of weeks. She says she hates it in Florida. She says she hates her mother too. Then she notices Rob's legs.

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