



ABOUT Tigers at Twilight

Tigers in trouble? That's what Jack and Annie find when the Magic Tree House whisks them and Teddy, the enchanted dog, to a forest in India. The rare tigers are being trapped by greedy poachers! Can Jack and Annie find a way to help? Or will a fierce tiger eat them instead?

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Animals Well-Versed

As a preface to *Tigers at Twilight*, Mary Pope Osborne quotes from "The Tyger," a poem by William Blake, written in 1794. Discuss this poem with the class and how it describes the tiger is graceful beauty as well as his savage nature. Help students to connect William Blake is thoughts with those of the hermit who notes, "beauty cannot live without ugliness" (p. 64). Then have students write their own poems expressing dualities perceived in an animal of their choice.

CURRICULUM: Language Arts

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