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## Tae Keller

orn in 1993 in Honolulu, Hawaii, Tae
Keller became an accomplished
writer at a very young age. Her
mother is award-winning author Nora
Okja Keller, so the apple does not fall far from
this tree! Tae graduated from Punahou School
in 2011 and Bryn Mawr College in 2015. Then,
she moved to New York City to work in the
publishing world.

Tae began writing the novel in 2016, when she was hanging out with her own halmoni in Hawaii one afternoon. When Tae was just 27 years old, When You Trap a Tiger won her the prestigious Newbery Medal. Tae said, "It was important to me to write a character who finds strength in their quiet, who doesn't have to change who they are to grow as a person."

Tae says she grew up on purple rice, kimchi, and her halmoni's tiger stories. Now she writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices. She also writes a seasonal newsletter, which serves as a connection with her audience



and fulfills her joy of letter writing. She loved writing long letters to family and friends as a child. Tae now lives in Seattle with her husband, Joshua.

## Did You Know?

- Keller is a very private person, but she has appeared on several podcasts to talk about her writing.
- When You Trap a Tiger was the 100th book to win the Newbery Medal in 2021.
- When You Trap a Tiger was a 2020 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award honor and won the 2021 Asian/Pacific American Award for Children's Literature.





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## After You Read

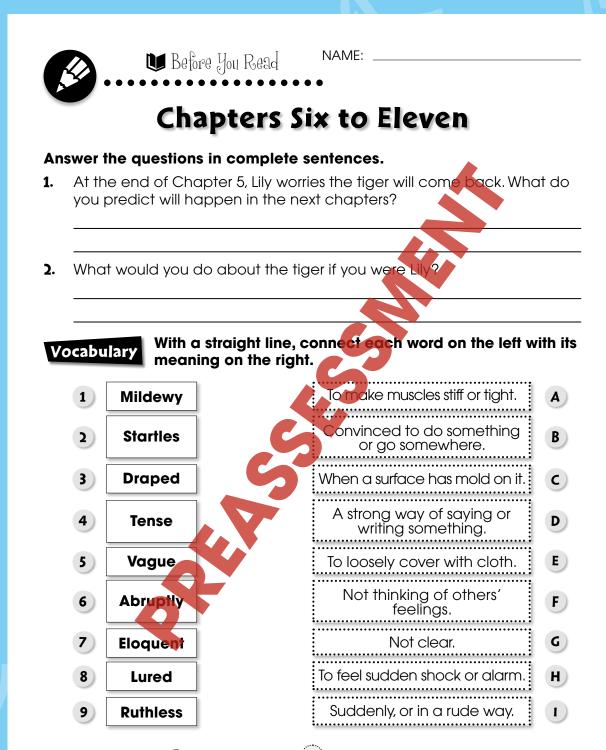
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Cha	apters Twelve	to Fifteen
1. Fill in each b	lank with the correct word	from these Chapters.
<b>a)</b> My my neck.	beats in ever	y limb as she fastens it around
<b>b)</b> He	forward and	orops the cardboard shelf up.
<b>c)</b> In the rearvas	view mirror, Halmoni's whole m seed.	facelike
d) I feel the c	chill in the air, the brush of go wood beneath r	osebumps on my arm, the ny feet, and the pinch in my
shoulders o	as I press them back.	
<b>e)</b> Mom		ne over to the couch.
2. Complete	each sentence with a wo	rd from the list.
mugwor	rt mocking	clenches
	refrains	intently
climbing ou	refrains out of bed—slowly and	, like she's
climbing out	refrains out of bed—slowly and it of quicksand,	, like she's our cheeks, but she

e) Happy sunlight spills through the windows, like the weather is

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Why	each question with a complete sentence. doesn't Lily want to be a QAG anymore?	
	ou think the tiger will help Lily's halmoni?	
Wha	at do you think Sam is looking for in the restaurant?	
Wha	at was Lily's dad's name?	
	en they get home from the restaurant, why doesn't L nake rice cakes?	ily's mom wa
	cribe what Ricky's house feels like to Lily. Compare th noni's house.	nis with

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## Chapters 1 to 11

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	Comprehension Quiz	
An	swer each question with a complete sentence.	<b>29</b>
1.	When their halmoni visited, what did Sam and Lily always ask her to do?	
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2.	Describe Lily's halmoni.	
3.	Describe how the sky god saved the girls in the tiger story in Chapter 5.	3
		_
4.	Halmoni warns Lily about tigers. What does she tell Lily?	
5.	What is Lily's favorite midnight snack?	
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6.	Describe how Lily and Ricky met. What was he wearing?	3
7.	What does the tiger want?	

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## **Word Search Puzzle**

Find the words from the story. The words are written across, down, on an angle, and some are written backwards.

cottage	incident	paws	scold
fiddle	mission	plasters	soaked
flares	moonlight	possessed	theory
gobbled	murmurs	queen	
heroes	outlines	sarcasm	

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# **Comparing Characters**

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Choose two main characters from *When You Trap a Tiger*. How are they the same? How are they different? Try to include interesting things about the two characters.



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# Chapters Thirty-Eight to Forty-One

## Answer each question with a complete sentence.

- Describe the hospital. What does Lily say about it?
- Who does the tiger turn out to be? How does Lily feel about it?
- When Halmoni collapses on the floor, why does Lily think it is her fault?
- What 3 things does Sam tell Lily from her dad-list?
- What gives Lily that filled-up feeling at the end of Chapter 39?

# What does Lily apologize to the tiger for



At the end of Chapter 41, Lily learns more from the tiger about where she came from and who she is. Imagine you are Lily and record 5 things that you just learned. Then, predict what will happen in the ending of the book.





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The hospital is cold and bright. The smell of alcohol stings her nose. Everything is clean and controlled.

Halmoni's mom. Lily feels like a tiger-girl.

racked his knuckles nstantly. His eyes red whenever he ate lamchi, but he still ate it. He read them his favorite picture books every night.

Lily apologizes for wishing the tiger away like a bad dream.

# Answers will vary.

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The tiger turns out to be

Lily is worried that she stressed Halmoni out.

# Vocabulary

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c) 🚺

## d) (3

e) 🚺

### f) **(3**

**c)** 6

**d)** ]

**e)** 3

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1. transformed

## 2. intuition

### 5. abruptly

6. grasping

### 7. fierceness

8. flutters

a) 🖪

## b) 🚺

Sam plucks a star because that's what they did when they were little.

Halmoni sees her

mother—her "Umma".

Her halmoni believes in spirits, magic and love.

The stories reminded her that the world is big, that she could be anything, and that she was everything to her family.

Lily sees two small spots of

Joe knows that it was Lily because there were kid-sized muddy footprints everywhere.



## When You Trap a Tiger

- **RSL.3.1** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
- **RSL.3.2** Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
- RSL.3.3 Describe characters in a story and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
- RSL.3.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from non-literal language.
- **RSL.3.5** Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
- **RSL.3.6** Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.
- RSL.3.7 Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story.
- **RSL.3.10** By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 2–3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- **RSL.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- RSL.4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
- **RSL.4.3** Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text.
- RSL.4.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology.
- **RSL.4.6** Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
- **RSL.4.10** By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
- RSFS.3.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. A) Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes. B) Decode words with common Latin suffixes. C) Decode multi-syllable words. d. Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
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- WS.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. A) Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension. B) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details. C) Use linking words and phrases to connect ideas within categories of information. D) Provide a concluding statement or section.
- WS.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. A) Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally. B) Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations. C) Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order. D) Provide a sense of closure.
- WS.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.
- WS.3.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.
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- WS.4.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. A) Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally. B) Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations. C) Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events. D) Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely. E) Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
- WS.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- WS.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- **WS.4.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.
- WS.4.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. A) Apply grade 4 Reading standards to literature.
   B) Apply grade 4 Reading standards to informational texts.

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# Chapters Twelve to Fifteen

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shoulders as I pr	ess them back.	
<b>)</b> Mom	, then pulls me c	over to the couch.
Complete each	sentence with a word fro	om the list.
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	•	, like she's
I'm a little worried	she's about to pinch our o	cheeks, but she
Heart racing, I stut	ff my hand into my pocket,	feeling for the
My whole body _	, but the tig	ger rolls her eyes.
Happy sunlight sp	ills through the windows, lik me.	e the weather is
	my neck.  The  In the rearview reasour plum seed  In the chill in shoulders as I provided as	In the rearview mirror, Halmoni's whole factor a sour plum seed.  I) I feel the chill in the air, the brush of goose wood beneath my fees shoulders as I press them back.  I) Mom, then pulls me considered to the complete each sentence with a word from the mugwort mocking refrains into the climbs out of bed—slowly and climbing out of quicksand.  I'm a little worried she's about to pinch our considered to pinch our con





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