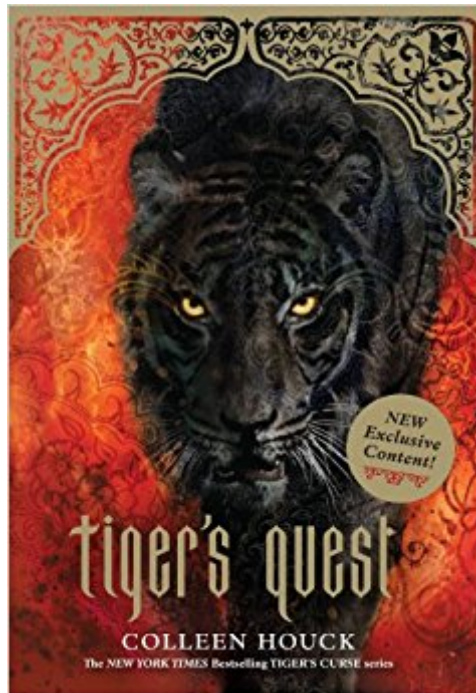


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Colleen Houck's first two YA novels, Tiger's Curse and Tiger's Quest (Sterling) were New York Times, Publishers Weekly, and USA Today bestsellers. Colleen lives in Salem, OR, with her husband and a life-sized white stuffed tiger. For more information visit: tigerscursebook.com.

Colleen Houck's *Tiger's Quest* was far better than I expected! Especially after a slow start, I was beginning to doubt if I would continue liking this series, but after ten chapters or so, the action finally begins its starting pace. The beginning focused on Kelsey and her life back in Oregon. Which is sooo different now after all she's been through, but plus she's living on her own in a duplex, going to college, driving a Porsche all for free. Mr. Kadam and the boys are basically freaking richer than anyone in the world and have enough cash to spare to put Kelsey in the lap of luxury! To be able to do anything without worry about money must really be nice, but at times I felt like it was too convenient that so much money was available and made everything possible. But moving on...Kelsey begins to date, she wants to find that special someone and move on from Ren. Her plan starts out pretty good. One date was totally lousy, the next was so-so, the final player was the most likely choice, except she just wasn't "wow'd" by him. Then on Christmas she receives an unexpected present. Ren. After months from not hearing from him, he returns. Their relationship then starts over with the whole dating thing, for Ren wants to win Kelsey back in the right way. But all is not safe and calm in Oregon. Lokesh is looking for Kelsey, hunting her really. Her life is in danger, so Kishan comes to the states to help out. This is when things pick up marginally. For suddenly Kelsey and the brothers are being chased down by way too many men in the middle of the forest. And suddenly, Ren is captured. Returning back to India, it will be up to Kelsey and Kishan to rescue him, with help from Mr. Kadam of course. But before they can help him, they must perform the next test in the prophecy and receive one of the desired objects. It's not long before feelings and whatall start developing between Kishan and Kelsey. Kishan's feelings were obvious, but it's Kelsey's who are going through a whirlwind storm! She loves Ren, knows it, but she loves Kishan too--just not in the same way as Ren. Once their task is complete Kelsey, Kishan and Mr. Kadam move in to rescue Ren but it will take a lot more firepower than expected. These books while very long, the first two at least and it looks like the next two are just as long if not longer, are pretty well paced. Again, I will note that the beginning was a little too slow for me. It was too focused on the normal side of life when I was wanting Kelsey and Ren to get back to India and start looking for the next objects. Once Kelsey and Kishan's journey began, things were interesting and entertaining! There's a lot of storytelling in these books and I do enjoy that. Moments of normalcy are spread throughout as well, and sometimes I do enjoy them, but other times I feel like they drag a bit too much. But in the later half, I can see why they were necessary. The beginning half I can understand, I was just bored with it. The ending, oh the ending! It's one of those types that kills me! I obviously cannot go into details, but after I read the third one and review it, you can expect me to tell you why this kind of ending always kills me. It wasn't so much the ending, but an event. An occurrence that kills me! As for

action, there was plenty of it. Kelsey and Kishan had to perform many tasks and feats in order to get the desired object they wanted, much like Kelsey and Ren did the first go around. In ways, this book kind of read like that one, expect for obvious differences. But the whole going to a magical place where Kishan could remain human for as long as he wanted. With that in mind, I don't know how I feel about the originality of this story, I still enjoyed it for sure! But while I was reading, I felt like some things were just too familiar. But again, I am not saying it's a bad thing and that I hated it, I still really enjoyed this read and cannot wait to get to the next one within time. As far as romance goes, there was a bit of it. When Kelsey and Ren had their time together in the beginning, it was deliciously sweet! Ren is the kind of boyfriend any girl would want. But in the later half, when it's Kelsey and Kishan time, things are way different. The brothers are very different from one another. But I see more sadness in our bad-boy Kishan. He hurts and truly cares for Kelsey in a very romantic way, but he knows her heart belongs to Ren, but he cannot help but love who he loves. A fear of a repeat of history does come up, but how much worse can it get? It doesn't help either that Kelsey's feelings for Kishan are overly confused. She is attracted to him as well. But again, she is in love with Ren. That was a difference she pointed out as well! This series is definitely entertaining and is marvelous storytelling! I think that's what draws me in so. The storytelling. This will be one series that I definitely will be holding onto and seeing it to its end. Now if only I could get caught up in it!

This book confused the heck out of me. I barely know how to review it and I have no idea how to rate it. My thought process was something like this: meh, okay this is good, OHMYGOD YUMMY ROMANCE, this love triangle freakin' sucks, okay I think things will turn around now, awesome adventure, what the heck is this ending. Despite my many grievances, I was never bored or wishing the book would hurry up and end. I was enjoying reading the book, I just hated a lot of things that were happening. Is that weird? I feel like the entire first part (~100 pages) of Tiger's Quest could have been cut. It was basically about Kelsey coming home from India, settling into school, adjusting to life without Ren, and dating other people. I mean it wasn't painful to sit through, but it felt extremely pointless since we all knew she'd be going back to Ren anyway. There were several times when I was thinking, "Okay, let's get on with it!" Then Ren came back and after a while of Kelsey continuing to date other guys and Ren, she finally like decided she wanted to be with Ren (as if she didn't know that already). That's when things perked up. Kelsey and Ren had a few weeks of uninterrupted

lovin' it at the time that put me into an "I miss my boyfriend" depression, because their relationship was just so adorable. I have to admit, I'm not really a fan of guys in books who are all into poetry. Maybe that's why I didn't like it but I just think it's a little cheesy. Ren is like that, but it didn't bother me because Kelsey is super into poetry too. That's why they just felt so perfect for each other! They were always leaving each other cute little poems, and watching movies, and making out | yum. So in summary so far, Tiger's Quest started out okay. But then when Kelsey returned to India around page 175-200 or so, I remembered why I fell in love with Tiger's Curse so much. We return to the awesome Indian culture, myths, stories, and adventures. I'm almost surprised how much I love reading about it! Unfortunately the love triangle, which was subtle in Tiger's Curse, is very dominant in Tiger's Quest. I didn't like it. I didn't like how Colleen made me totally fall in love with Ren and Kelsey's relationship, and then just yanked Ren out of the picture so his brother Kishan could move in on Kelsey. Also, Kelsey did one of the things that I absolutely DESPISE in love triangles. She and Ren were officially dating, but Kishan was crushing on Kelsey and even told her that. Rather than keeping a respectable distance from him (to not lead him on), she was overly kind and affectionate. I'm talking hand-holding, saying things like, "You're amazing!" or "I'm so glad to see you!" I know she didn't mean anything by it, but it's comments like that that give a guy hope that a relationship might be possible.. despite the fact that she's already taken. The kinder thing to do is to give the guy a little space so that it's clear she doesn't like him more than a friend. But Kelsey so didn't do that. She was all over Kishan. I mean I wouldn't want to hold hands with a guy who isn't my boyfriend, so why the heck does she? And then when he swoops in and kisses her passionately, she's not pissed. She's more like, "Now now, try to behave!" Ugh. However, the adventure in Tiger's Quest was really fabulous and intriguing. I loved reading about mythical places, traveling across India, hearing about incredible new creatures, and more. These elements were an absolute pleasure to read about and really got me invested in the story. Then the ending really annoyed me. I had issues with the love triangle, Ren's absence from most of the book, and Kelsey's behaviour, but I was holding out for an epic reunion ending.

That so didn't happen. The ending was sad and depressing. It definitely made me emotional; it was certainly heart-wrenching. My mom thoughtfully reminded me that a book that invokes some kind of emotion must be pretty good.. but I just didn't like what was happening. Which is why I was so stuck on how to rate/review this. So many things about the plot and characters annoyed me, but I still completely devoured the book and wanted to know what happened. Totally contradicting emotions there.

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