

Tiger Lily

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The best way to describe this story is a narrative of what happened before Peter Pan met Wendy. The story begins with an introduction to our narrator, which is Tinkerbell. Tinkerbell's style of narrating was a mix of first person and third person narration styles. Through Tinkerbell's perspective we dive into the land of Neverland. We are introduced to our main character, a fifteen-year-old native girl on Neverland called Tiger Lily. Tiger Lily is very fearless, cold hearted and a tomboy. As the story progresses, Tiger Lily meets the feared Lost boys of Neverland, which includes Peter Pan. As her relationship with the lost boys and Peter grows, she learns what love is. However, forces such as Hook and his pirates, new changes in her tribe, and Wendy threaten Tiger Lily and Peter's relationship. In the end Tiger Lily will lose something very dear to her but will find something else she never knew she would need.

The emotions I have felt reading this is astronomical! This book is a great read! The book does a great job incorporating things from the original Peter Pan tale. While maintaining its own originality. Also, making one of Tinkerbell's supernatural abilities to allow her to hear the other characters thoughts was genius! By doing this it allows readers to be able to understand the characters motives better, but it did create lots of moments of irony in the story. Another great part of this book is the plot twist! Towards the end, the author, Jodi L. Anderson makes a change in the plot in order make the book fit in the sequence of events that happen in the real Peter Pan story. This was a very smart idea indeed!

Tiger Lily contains scenes that include kissing and fighting that may be unsuitable for some ages. However, based on the context of those scenes I would say this book is appropriate for ages 12 and up. If you are interested in books that are based on or altered from an original fairy tale. As well as books that do not have a typical happy ending. This is certainly the book for you! I would absolutely recommend you get this book as a present or get it for yourself in a library.

Recommended Titles:

Kind of a Big Deal by Shannon Hale

Bookish and the Beast by Ashley Poston

Frankly in Love by David Yoon

Peter Pan in Kingston Gardens by J.M. Barrie