About the Book

Fifteen-year-old Tiger Lily doesn’t believe in love stories or happy endings. Then she meets the alluring teenage Peter Pan in the forbidden woods of Neverland, and her entire world changes. Soon, she is risking everything—her family, her future—to be with him. When, as punishment for her rebellious ways, she is faced with marriage to a terrible man in her own tribe, she must choose between the life she’s always known and running away to an uncertain future with Peter.

Discussion Questions

1. How did Tiger Lily change your view of the Peter Pan story and its characters?

2. What is significant about the choice of Tinker Bell as a narrator?

3. Tik Tok’s clock is deeply important to him, Tiger Lily, and even Peter, who says he would “give anything to see time” (p. 167). Why do you think the clock matters so much to each of them?

4. Tinker Bell says she thinks Tiger Lily stopped aging when she and Peter “were on the plateau, watching the horses” (p. 289). Do you agree? If not, what other important moment made Tiger Lily stop growing older?

5. When the Englishman Phillip begins criticizing Tik Tok’s long hair and women’s clothing, Tiger Lily thinks that “Tik Tok should do what made life easiest for him” (p. 193) and simply change what he wears. Do you agree with her? Why or why not?

6. Why do you think the Sky Eaters are initially so captivated by Phillip?

7. In Tiger Lily, Captain Hook was once a hardworking man trying to improve his lot in life, before falling victim to an industrial accident and turning to drinking and piracy. Is Hook a sympathetic villain?

8. Why do you think Tiger Lily never outright refuses to marry Giant, even though she clearly doesn’t want to?

9. Tiger Lily wears a crow feather in her hair, and crows appear before dreadful accidents befall people who have wronged her. What is the significance of Tiger Lily’s connection to crows?

10. Long after leaving Neverland for England, Peter writes a letter to Tiger Lily and says, “You never leave me. I never forget a thing. Every kind of love, it seems, is the only one” (p. 291). How is Peter’s love for Tiger Lily different from his love for Wendy?

11. When Tiger Lily decides to marry Pine Sap, she tells Tink that “there were different ways of loving someone, and there were some she used to think were the most important, and now she had changed her mind” (p. 287). What do you think are the most important elements of love?