

**Title:** *Tigers, Not Daughters*

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**Genre:** Horror, Fiction

**Reviewer's Name and Grade:** Nitya M., 7th grade.

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This book takes place in San Antonio, Texas. The main characters of this book are Torres's sisters (Ana, Jessica, Iridian and Rosa), their widowed father and their neighborhood.

Ana Torres is a beautiful young girl who wants to escape from her house and her abusive father. She tries to escape with her sisters but fails due to the neighborhood watching. When the second time she attempts to escape, mistakenly she falls from the window and dies.

After a year of Ana's dead, she still lives in memory of her sisters, Jessica, Iridian and Rosa. Her widowed father is still drinking alcohol and does not care about his daughters. He is abusive and not supporting the girls. Jessica is the elder one after Ana followed by Iridian and the youngest one is Rosa. Jessica is an intelligent girl who works in a pharmacy store and takes care of her father and sisters. Jessica tries to look like Ana. In fact, she is dating with Ana's ex-boyfriend, John. Iridian likes to write and read Novels and stay home. Especially, she likes to read her sister Ana's books. Rosa is a religious girl. She goes to church and talks to animals and birds as she believes that Ana will be reborn as an Animal or a bird. All three sisters are different in their natures and hobbies. They are also thinking of escaping from San Antonio, but they don't have courage like Ana. Suddenly, mysterious things are happening in the house. Rosa has strong belief that her dead sister, Ana is back in the form of a ghost, and she wants to say something. Rosa is discussing this with a priest to figure out how to reach out to Ana. On the other hand, Iridian is writing a book about Ana and feels that Ana is surrounding her. Jessica has her own problem with boyfriend, John. She wants to leave him due to his angry nature, but she doesn't have the courage to tell it to his face.

By giving mysterious signs like laughing, writing on the wall, Ana's ghost gives strength to her sisters to stay together and deal with the problems. In real word, Ana's ghost turned her sisters strong like tigers to hunt and make their own way.

*Did the plot keep me interested?* This plot kept me interested. Description of each character are well described. There is a lot of suspense created among each character.

*Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow or just right?* I think the pace of this book was just right. One after another chapter, kept me excited and increased my eagerness to know what was next.

*What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?* This book is appropriate for grade 7 and up. This book has some violence and few inappropriate words which are not suitable for younger kids.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?* - I would recommend this book to readers who like a horror, suspense, and women-oriented books.

*What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?* This book has a strong message about female power and fight against violence.

I would rate this book 4 stars because the plot is too good. The most important part of this book besides horror and suspense is family bonding and female power. I did not give this book 5 stars as somewhere the story is disconnected and out of the main plot. Specifically, Ana's ghost is on and off during the story. The main character, Ana's description is very short. After half of the book, it seems that Author is in a rush to end the story quickly.