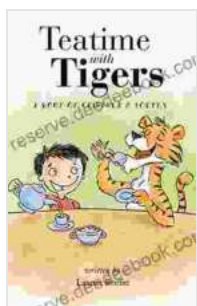


# Teatime with Tigers: Poetry for Children that Explores the Complexities of Childhood

In the realm of children's literature, the enchanting world created by Michelle Kadarusman's "Teatime with Tigers" offers a captivating journey through the intricate tapestry of childhood experiences. This exquisite collection of poems delves into the profound joys, tender vulnerabilities, and surreal adventures that shape the hearts and minds of young readers.

With each verse, Kadarusman paints vivid imagery that transports readers to a whimsical realm where tigers roam amidst teacups and elephants dance with spoons. Her words weave a magical spell, inviting children to embrace their imaginations and explore the hidden corners of their own emotions.



## Teatime with Tigers: A Book of Children's Poetry

by Laurie McElroy

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## A Tapestry of Emotions

At the heart of "Teatime with Tigers" lies a rich exploration of human emotions. Kadarusman captures the full spectrum of childhood feelings,

from the effervescent joy of a summer day to the bittersweet pangs of a broken heart.

In the poem "When I Am Happy," readers are greeted with a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors and playful images, evoking the sheer bliss of childhood: "

When I am happy,  
My heart is like a bird that flies,  
Soaring through the summer skies,  
Singing songs of sweet surprise."

However, Kadarusman also acknowledges the inevitable challenges that accompany the journey of life. In "Sometimes I Feel Sad," she gently guides children through the depths of sadness, offering words of comfort and reassurance: "

Sometimes I feel sad,  
Like a lonely little cloud,  
Drifting through the sky so loud,  
Searching for a silver shroud."

## **Embracing the Surreal**

Beyond the realm of human emotions, "Teatime with Tigers" invites readers to venture into the extraordinary. Kadarusman's poems are filled with whimsical creatures, unexpected encounters, and dreamlike sequences that challenge the boundaries of reality.

In "Tea Party with an Elephant," children are whisked away to a magical gathering where teacups are piled high with biscuits and elephants waltz

with abandon: "

In the garden, where flowers bloom,  
I had a tea party with an elephant in a room.  
He wore a waistcoat, smart and gray,  
And we drank tea all the long day."

Through these surreal encounters, Kadarusman encourages children to embrace their boundless imaginations and to find wonder in the everyday.

### **A Tapestry Woven in Time**

One of the most striking features of "Teatime with Tigers" is its ability to capture the ephemeral nature of childhood. Kadarusman's poems acknowledge the preciousness of time and the fleeting moments that make up a child's life.

In "The Days Are Growing Long," readers are reminded of the bittersweet passage of time as the days stretch into summer and the hours slip away: "

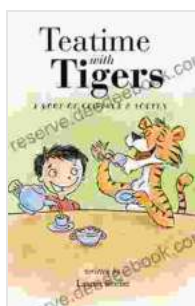
The days are growing long,  
Like a lazy river's song.  
They stretch and yawn and bask in the sun,  
As if they have nowhere to run."

Kadarusman's words evoke a sense of nostalgia, urging both children and adults to cherish the present moment and to appreciate the fleeting beauty of youth.

### **A Timeless Classic**

"Teatime with Tigers" is a timeless classic that transcends generations and continues to enchant children of all ages. Michelle Kadarusman's evocative language, enchanting imagery, and poignant exploration of childhood emotions create a literary masterpiece that will resonate with readers for years to come.

Whether it is read aloud at bedtime, shared in a classroom, or simply enjoyed by a child lost in their imagination, "Teatime with Tigers" offers a profound and unforgettable journey into the complexities, wonders, and joys of childhood.



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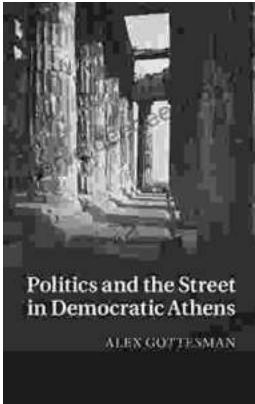
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