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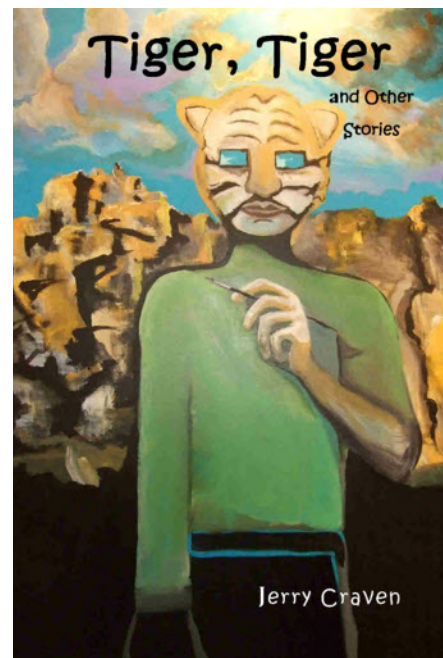
announces the publication of

Tiger, Tiger and Other Stories

by Jerry Craven

In seventeen well-wrought tales, you will meet people from across Texas and around the world. There's an East Texas artist confronting a wild tiger in a Southeast Asian jungle, a child in Port Arthur trying to understand death, a young unlikely pirate saving a woman from slavery in Madagascar, an American soldier in Vietnam struggling with his wife's infidelity, a young couple's courtship as they canoe the Brazos River, a woman in Amarillo breaking away from an abusive husband, a comical gold prospector in Venezuela dealing with bandits, and other vivid characters you will remember long after you close the book.

These stories will delight, entertain, and always leave you with something to ponder. Some of the characters are touchingly gentle—even sweet—while others are gritty and hard-edged in their determination to make sense of their lives, and some are downright comical.



Tiger, Tiger

The Leader of the Band

The Garden of the Heads

Blood Money

Changing Zela

Talking to Catrina

Two Men—Three Shoes

The Greatest Name in Baseball

Abu Hassan the Wise

Red Pickup

El Don and the Bandits

Firethorn Arch

Brother Jones and the Snake

Freshwater Pearl

Hard Scrabble Jury

Canoeing the Hill Country

Brenda Without Skin

The cover features a painting by Austin artist Eric Beverly, who offers a whimsical view of the protagonist in the book's title story. The painting shows Kent Day as a tiger-man with eyes made from pieces of sky, perhaps suggesting Kent's idealistic vision, and behind him is a cliff from which several tiger faces seem to emerge from rock and shadow. A fan of Beverly's art commented that the cover alone is worth the price of the book.

Stories for a Song

Order *Tiger, Tiger* from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or any bookstore, on line or local. The book contains 17 stories, and the price of the book is 15 dollars. So each story costs about 88 cents—which is less than the price of a song purchased on the world-wide web.

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