

# PRODIGAL TIGER

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The main character, Caroline, has her brother go missing under mysterious circumstances. To find out what happened to him, she returns to her home, Penang Island. For the past 5 years she had been attending a magic academy, and she puts that to use finding her brother. She ends up discovering that ghosts have captured her brother, and want to control the island by using him. Through attempting to save her brother, Caroline ends up learning more about her own family history and legacy.

I think that the world-building, magic system, aspect of mystery, and the Malaysian folklore that is woven throughout the book is amazing. However, the story itself, did not do much for me. I thought that the story and plot itself was generic and honestly a bit boring. I enjoyed Caroline's development and discovery of herself, but even being in an en medias res, the action did not entice me.

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