

A TIGER IN THE HOUSE – Ruskin Bond

This story narrates a tiger cub named Timothy. He was discovered by the Grandfather from the Terai Jungle near Dehra from the intricate roots of a banyan tree when he had gone in an expedition with other sportsman. He brought the tiger cub home and it was brought up by the cook. Timothy used to play with Toto – a monkey and a mongrel puppy. When its behaviour seemed to be different, it was transferred to Lucknow zoo. Six months later, Grandfather had gone to the zoo and saw Timothy. As usual he stroked the tiger's forehead and tickled its ear. But after sometime he was informed by the keeper that the tiger was not Timothy. Timothy had died of pneumonia two months ago. That was a different tiger brought from the Siwalik Hills last month. That was a dangerous tiger. Then Grandfather returned saying goodnight to Timothy.