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Esha is a legend, but no one knows. It's only in the shadows that she moonlights as the Viper, the rebels' highly skilled assassin. She's devoted her life to avenging what she lost in the royal coup, and now she's been tasked with her most important mission to date: taking down the ruthless General Hotha.

Kunal has been a soldier since childhood, training morning and night to uphold the power of King Vardaan. His uncle, the general, has ensured that Kunal never strays from the path—even as a part of Kunal longs to join the outside world, which has been growing only more volatile.

Then Esha's and Kunal's paths cross—and an unimaginable chain of events unfolds. Both the Viper and the soldier think they're calling the shots, but they're not the only players moving the pieces. As the bonds that hold their land in order break down and the sins of the past meet the promise of a new future, both rebel and soldier must make unforgivable choices.

Drawing inspiration from ancient Indian history and Hindu mythology, the first book in Swati Teerdhala's debut fantasy trilogy captivates with electric romance, stunning action, and the fierce bonds that hold people together—and that drive them apart.

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Melanie says

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Sasha Nanua says

I just finished this GORGEOUS book yesterday and I can't wait for you all to read it in 2019!

A cat and mouse game. A girl and boy on opposite sides of a war. I need the next book asap!

Celia McMahon says

A huge thanks to Edelweiss and Katherine Tegan Books for allowing me an advance copy of this book to review.

This book drew me in from page one. But after reading more, I almost set it aside for next month. This was not because the story was terrible, but because I got some book mail and had other books that were higher on my September reading list. But after reading one of those books and about to move on to another, I got the nagging feeling that leaving this book waiting and unfinished wasn't going to fly, so I went back to it and finished the last 400 pages in less than a day.

This story is told by two POV's. Esha, a rebel assassin and Kunal, a dutiful soldier. Their paths cross one night and take their lives in a direction neither anticipated. Along the backdrop of an Indian inspired fantasy world, we learn of betrayals, secrets, and an exciting game of cat and mouse as Kunal hunts Esha across the land for the death of his uncle. They are two incredibly different people who bond over their past and realize their futures were not as they imagined them to be.

First off, I LOVE enemies to lovers. I'm sorry, but I'm not. Kunal going on a wild goose chase after Esha and having her slip from his grasp over and over did me in. I loved every second of it. The slow burn romance and the fact that Kunal is a soldier falling for assassin just so swoon-worthy. Esha is cool and all, but KUNAL IS MY BOY. Skilled, strong and a little in touch with his emotions. Yes, yes and yes. And, MY GOD, he loves to paint. MY BOY IS A SOLDIER WHO LOVES TO PAINT. Just kill me now because I am already dying in love with him. GIVE ME BOOK TWO NOW.

Anyhow, deep breaths, I am upset at how early I read this book because it doesn't come out until April of

next year and that means I have to wait longer for the second book. All that depression aside, fans of Ember of the Ashes and Onyx and Ivory will love this book. I loved it. And I will probably name my second born Kunal. Thanks, Swati.

Aila says

To put into perspective:

I started this book around 1 am. I finished at 6 am and am up writing this review (full one to come closer to publication) because I just cannot stop gushing about it. Definitely add this one to your TBR's, fantasy lovers!

The Tiger at Midnight immediately caught my attention with its gorgeous cover. Before I knew it, the writing sucked me in, and after I got to meet the characters, I was thoroughly ensnared in its pages. This Indian-inspired fantasy is full of deceit, secrets, and a game of chase between two morally gray characters. It's enthralling from beginning to finish, and I don't quite remember when a debut fantasy ensnared me the way this book did. Readers follow the main characters Esha and Kunal - two vastly different people from vastly different standings - as they move forward in a fast-paced plot where the lands aren't safe, and the kingdom needs balance. Who will get there first? And what will it take to do so?

“Never greet a tiger at midnight, for they are the manifestations of your past misdeeds.”

Kal ★ Reader Voracious says

Read an excerpt of this highly anticipated 2019 debut here so you can swoon in excitement with me!

Roseanne Brown says

THE TIGER AT MIDNIGHT is without a doubt one of the best fantasy books I have ever read. Get ready to fall in love with Kunal, Esha, and a lush world as beautiful as it is dangerous. Swati's prose will have you laughing and crying and swooning, often in the same scene, and these characters stay with you long after you turn the page. 2019 can't come soon enough!

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Emily May says

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Crystal says

THIS BOOK. Morally gray YA fantasy with a cat-and-mouse game, steamy romance, and political intrigue. I needed this. 2019 can't come soon enough!

Elise (TheBookishActress) says

I really don't know what's happening in this blurb but it sounds cool

Ails says

5 STARS

"A truce. No killing you in your sleep, soldier. You let me live and I did the same. Now catch me if you can."

PLOT - 5

WRITING STYLE - 5

CHARACTERS - 5

ROMANCE - 5 (*I would have swooned more if the male protagonist had been more... alpha. But I still think it's a great romance so I'm giving it a 5.*)

UNPUTDOWNABLE LEVEL - 5

This is one of those books I'm sure majority of my YA-fantasy-lover friends will love! I have a feeling this is going to be **huge**.

Watch out for this book!!!

Kelly Brigid says

How the synopsis alone is making me gush with excitement is beyond me. May I please have this book immediately please? I might die otherwise.

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Sabrina The Trash Queen says

This seems awesome.
Can't wait to read it.

Brittney ~ Reverie and Ink says

Sooo I'm a little biased here, because Swati is actually my writing mentor and a lovely person - but I REALLY loved this book (and I would have loved it just as much even if I didn't know her personally)!

If you know anything about me, you know I'm a huge fan of the cat and mouse trope - and heated banter. Like please give me all the heated banter forever and ever amen. So with that said, my heart was so giddy over Kunal and Esha! They are my children now and I love them and ship them endlessly.

But the best part (banter/heat aside) was the seriously incredible world building. First of all, the Indian mythology was SO COOL - and the foundation upon which the two warring nations are built. I've never read anything quite like it, but I love how the legends weren't just myths but had the power to disrupt life at its core. On top of that, we have a super rich history that depicts the relationship between Kunal's lands and Esha's, and it only grows more complex as the story plays on. I love how nothing is black and white - and complications arise from all ends. What really made the story fun was that we go on a journey through both character's eyes - traveling through towns and jungles and cities and palaces. You won't be sitting still.

The story starts as Kunal, a soldier, sees a mysterious girl lurking around his fort. He approaches her, and she pretends that she's merely lost her way. The two strike up a conversation - harmless, by the looks of it, and he helps her return to where she claimed she wanted to be. The next morning, Kunal wakes to find his uncle, the general, dead in his bed - with the Viper (an unknown assassin of sorts)'s weapon left in the room. The next thing he knows, he's sent on a mission to find the Viper. If he catches them, he'll be promoted - and can make a real change for his country.

It doesn't take him long to put the pieces together - that the Viper, is in fact, the girl from the fort.

I really don't want to spoil more than that, but be prepared for a whirlwind ride through emerald forests and colorful towns as the chase begins, and soon both Esha and Kunal are questioning everything they know and everyone they trust.

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Meg says

If you love action, epic world building, high tension hate-to-love (I'm dead, this is my ghost), and magic... I'm pretty sure you're going to need this book. Swati's writing is incredible and this debut is one you won't be able to put down. I couldn't!!!
