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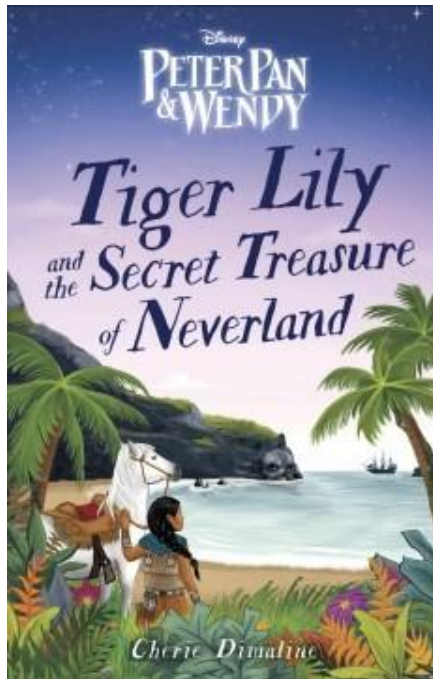
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Fiction

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3-7



Book Review: TIGER LILY AND THE SECRET TREASURE OF NEVERLAND

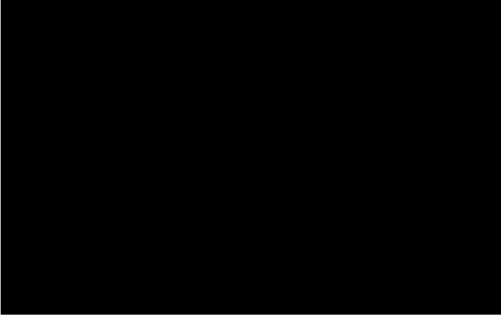
Thirteen-year-old Tiger Lily lives on the Island of Neverland with her family, the Lost Boys, Peter Pan, and her close friend Sasha, who is a fairy. Like others of Neverland, she will remain a child until she makes the decision to grow older. Lily enjoys her days as a child, balancing her fun and carefree times with her life's duties and obligations. But she starts to wonder if she should take the next step and leave her childhood behind. When the island is unexpectedly attacked by a huge bear, Lily freezes in fear instead of helping the others ward off the bear. This leads her to question childhood vs. adulthood. Maybe she's not ready to grow up yet because she can't seem to handle the responsibilities. Growing up is not just a state of maturity--it's a state of mind. Not being ready makes her feel sad and isolated from the others. She goes off on her own and ends up discovering a plot by two of Captain Hook's pirates to steal an island treasure. She sets out to avert the disaster and to save her imprisoned friend.

The author addresses important topics that pertain to the process of



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maturing. She also addresses the differences between becoming an adult (getting older physically) and becoming a grown-up (a change in state of mind). The reader is carried along quickly as Lily works to save her friend and to address her own personal needs as her self-confidence and self-acceptance continue to grow.

