Tiger, Tiger, Where Are You?

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**Tiger, Tiger, where are you?**

I was just here. Didn’t you see my watery trail by the lake? I took a nap in the cool water.
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I was just here. Didn’t you see my footprints on the soft soil? Look hard, I could be coming or going!
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I was just here. Didn’t you see my scratch marks on the tree? I was sharpening my claws.
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where are you?

I was just here. Didn’t you smell my scent on the rock?
The spray helps a tigress find me!
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I was just here. Didn’t you see what I ate yesterday?
The hair and nails should give you a clue.
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I was just here. Didn’t you hear that loudmouth langur’s warning?
He told the entire forest that I was on the move!
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I was just here. Didn’t you hear my growl?
I want other tigers to know that this part of the forest is mine.
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I was just here. Didn’t you see my false eyes?
I tricked you.
Tiger, Tiger, where are you?

Here I am.
You found me.
Meet Mujahid and his Team Members

Researchers at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, attempt to understand living systems. Mujahid is a part of the Ranthambore Tiger project, where Uma Ramakrishnan (Senior Fellow, DBT Wellcome India Alliance, NCBS) and her group (Anubhab Khan and Kaushal Patel) are trying to understand the genetic impacts of isolation and inbreeding on endangered species. This is why he spends a lot of time tracking tigers - through their pugmarks, claw marks, and scat!
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(English)

A tiger researcher is out looking for tiger hair and poop as part of his study. He finds plenty of signs of the tiger, but where is the big cat? After all, there are so many ways to see a tiger without seeing a tiger.

This is a Level 1 book for children who are eager to begin reading.