

## MAJESTIC STRIPES – THE MALAYAN TIGER

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The coffee table book has always meant lightweight reading - a book intended largely for display, where the lustrous photos draped across pages entertain while short, breezy slivers of text do just enough to distract a bored guest waiting for a tardy host.

But not *Majestic Stripes - The Malayan Tiger*.

Its telling of the history, trials and uncertain future of this once numerous hunter is as compelling as its illustrations are stunning.

It chronicles the story of the Tiger when it was lord over a vast range of the earth, describes the details of how many there were, how many were lost and how it has come to be on the run today. Essentially, it's everything you wanted to know about the Malayan Tiger - a 101 with equal substance and gloss.

An obvious effort has been made to not only state the facts but also debunk myths that have driven the illegal hunting of Tigers and have decimated wild tiger numbers.

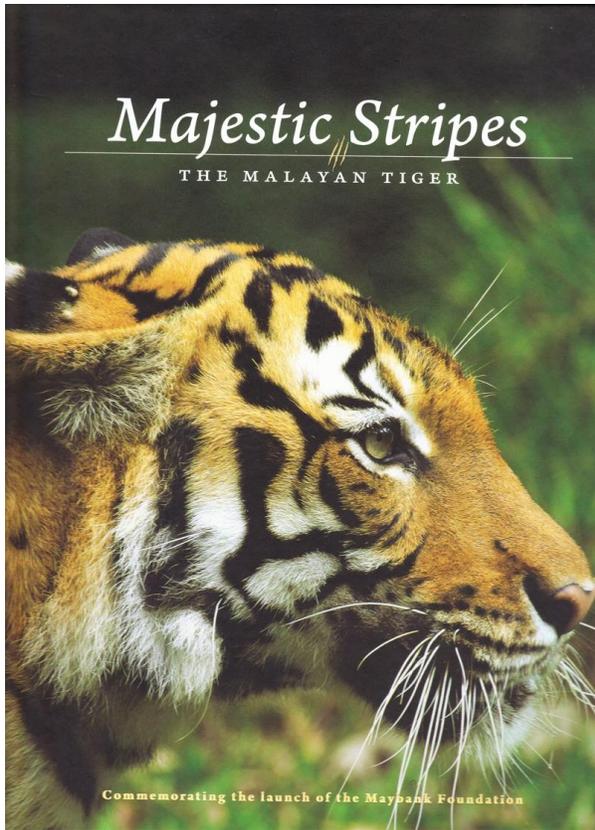
And while it celebrates the people and organisations that daily struggle to save the species, it does not shy away from highlighting the mighty challenge the country faces in ensuring their survival.

Chung Woan Ling's illustrations pepper the 100-odd pages of this hard cover book and heighten the sense of the fragility that the stories about the Malayan Tiger evoke.

The sweetest prize, however, awaits the reader who remains steadfast till the final page of this book – a pullout designed for children. In *Who Stole My Fur Coat?* a quirky cast of cartoon animals takes on the difficult subject of wildlife poaching and tastefully, makes it understandable for the young reader, promising to inspire the child, as much as any adult, into action to save the Malayan Tiger.

Published to commemorate the launch of the Maybank Foundation, *Majestic Stripes – The Malayan Tiger* is worth taking the time to read – and not just as that bored guest whiling away the time.

Majestic Stripes - The Malayan Tiger is the first-ever coffee table book on the Malayan Tiger, and limited copies have been donated by Maybank to the Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers (MYCAT). Full proceeds will go towards tiger conservation work in Peninsular Malaysia. Please contact the MYCAT Secretariat's Office at [mycat.so@malayantiger.net](mailto:mycat.so@malayantiger.net) / 03 7880 3940 to purchase. Price: RM98 excluding shipping.



## WHO STOLE MY FUR COAT?

MR T IS NOT A HAPPY TIGER. HE WOKE UP THIS MORNING TO FIND HIS FUR COAT MISSING!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!? WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS? I'M NOT GOING TO LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THIS. CRRR.

LET'S SEE.

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**S. LORIS**  
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR  
FOOD WIRE

HELLO? S. LORIS? I NEED SOME HELP.

YES? YOU CALLED?

YIKES! HMPH. FOR A SLOW LORIS YOU'RE FAST.

I SEE YOU'VE LOST YOUR FUR COAT.

HMMM, HERE ARE SOME FOOTPRINTS. LET'S FOLLOW THESE AND SEE WHERE THEY LEAD US TO.

FOLLOW MR T AND S. LORIS AS THEY TRACK DOWN THE THIEF WHO STOLE MR T'S FUR COAT. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE PUZZLES AND FUN FACTS AS YOU GO ALONG THE PATH.