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Jeff Stone



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“**I**’ve always felt different, like a fish out of water. . . . I suppose that’s why I write. I get to sit on the shore and watch various schools swim by, imagining which group I might actually fit in with.”

—Jeff Stone

Jeff Stone is the author of the Five Ancestors series. The first two books in the series, *Tiger* and *Monkey*, were named YALSA Quick Picks for Young Adult Readers.



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About the Author

Jeff Stone grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and currently lives in the Midwest. He is married and has two children, a daughter and a son. He thinks it is very important to “write what you know.”

Like the main characters in his award-winning Five Ancestors series, Jeff was an orphan. He was adopted as an infant and always had a strong urge to uncover the secrets of his past. He began searching for his birth mother when he turned 18, and found her 15 years later. A year after that, he found his birth father.

Also like his characters, Jeff practices the martial arts. He holds a black belt in Shaolin-Do Kung Fu, and often trains in other styles as part of his research for the series. In 2005, he traveled to China with the Shaolin-Do grandmaster to take his black belt test inside the legendary Shaolin Temple. Fortunately, he passed.

Jeff has traveled to China on other occasions, most importantly in 1996 for a traditional Chinese wedding ceremony to his wife in her native Hong Kong. (He passed that test, too.) Jeff thinks his English skills are pretty good, but his Chinese still needs a lot of work.

Jeff says he gets bored easily, and to prove it he lists some of the jobs he’s held since graduating from Michigan State University with degrees in English and Journalism: maintenance man, concert promoter, photographer, editor, technical writer, graphic designer, industrial filmmaker, ballroom dance teacher, college English instructor, and marketing director for companies that design schools, libraries, and skateboard parks.

These days Jeff writes and speaks with kids full-time. It’s the longest single job he’s ever had.

Perhaps he’s finally found where he belongs.

Praise for:

TIGER

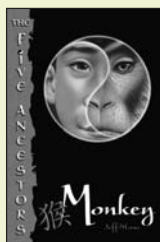
“Teens are likely to warm to the implicit theme that each person has a particular destiny, an inborn sense of identity that must be brought to light. . . . quite a page-turner.”

—*School Library Journal*

MONKEY

“Stone has done a masterful job of managing an intricate plot, developing authentic characters, and writing well-described fight scenes.”

—*School Library Journal*



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Yearling PB: 978-0-375-83072-3 (0-375-83072-3)
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