

The Tiger Rising and Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds

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This week sees the release of two films - the inspiring family drama, *The Tiger Rising*, and the animated *Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds*.

The Tiger Rising

Starting a new life in rural Florida at the Kentucky Star Motel, reserved 12-year-old Rob Horton lets his imagination run wild, a contrast to his sad reality of a bullied boy who just lost his mother.

One day, however, his reality is met with something more whimsical than his own mind can ever desire: a full-grown Bengal tiger, hidden in the woods and held captive by the mean spirited motel owner, Beauchamp (Dennis Quaid). With the help of a wise and mysterious maid, Willie May (Queen Latifah) and the stubborn new girl in school Sistine (Madalen Mills), Horton must decide if to set the tiger free and in turn uncage his emotional grief.

Writer-director Ray Giarratana commented: "The story is told through the eyes of Rob Jr., an imaginative 12-year-old boy who is dealing with the loss of his mother. I felt it was important that we told this universal story in a mature and honest way that would resonate with all ages, even though the film's main characters are children.

The film also takes us into the mind of Rob's magical imagination - the way he sees his world and how he copes with his circumstances. Ultimately, I hope the film resonates with children and adults alike, reminding them that they're not alone, and giving them courage and hope to just take that next step towards healing and freedom."

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Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds

Dogtanian is a young swordsman who dreams of joining the legendary Muskehounds. After proving his skills and earning their trust, he and the Muskehounds must defend the King from the evil Cardinal Richelieu's secret plot to seize power.

This Spanish computer-animated adventure is directed by Toni García and written by Doug Langdale, based on the 1981 television series of the same name, in turn adapted from Alexandre Dumas' 1844 story of d'Artagnan and The Three Musketeers.

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