



GRUDGE TIGER

A novel inspired by real events.

Judith Fournie Helms

The Warrens aren't your average family—they live at a zoo. When their Bengal tiger, Ms. Benni, mauls an "aspiring model," the young man's multi-million-dollar lawsuit threatens to cripple their lifetime passion—caring for their beloved animals. The family's prospects to win at the jury trial look bleak, in spite of the fact that the young man deliberately walked into Ms. Benni's cage. When all appears lost for the family, their lawyer stumbles upon a creative defense.

If she can fly to London within the judge's shortened time frame and get the tiger expert's testimony on video and prove to the jury that Ms. Benni is a grudge tiger with a reason for her vengeance, they have one shot at winning. If she fails, the Warrens lose everything.

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— *James A. Clark, litigation attorney, adjunct professor at DePaul College of Law and Director of its Litigation Laboratory, and Lecturer at the University of Chicago College of Law.*

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