

The Tiger who Came to Tea

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First published in 1968, *The Tiger who Came to Tea* is one of the best-selling children's books of all time. And in Coventry at the start of this month, you can catch this stage adaptation by David Wood – the successful creator of over 60 family shows, including *The BFG* and *Babe: the Sheep-Pig*. The successful show has been running since March around the Virgin Trains network, but

this is your last chance to catch it before it closes. The story of a tiger interrupting little Sophie and her mother at teatime and devouring everything in the house will be familiar to many families, but Wood has upped the ante by adding characters and all-important songs, to involve the children.

'Audience participation is very important,' Wood tells *Hotline*. 'My job is to rivet the children to their seats, making them want to see what comes next.' Judging from the young audiences' reaction, he's got it just right. *Jo Caird*

