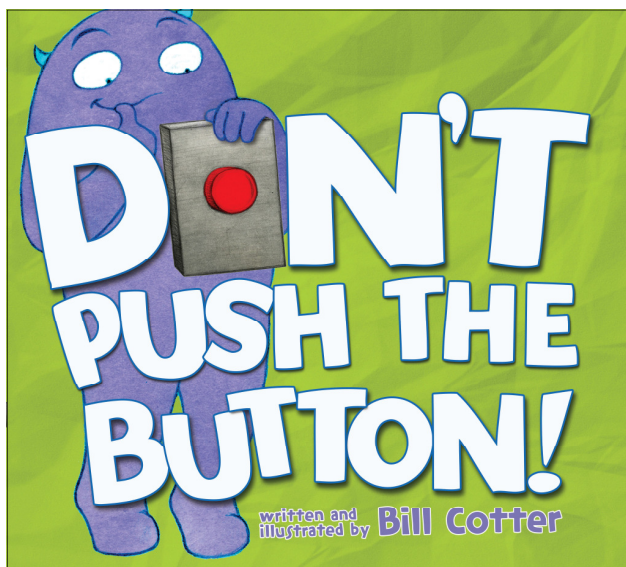


Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2015 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



May 27, 2015—INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book (ICB) Director Suzanne Walker is delighted to announce Children’s Author Bill Cotter as the first inaugural 2015 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award winner for his book *Don’t Push the Button*.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the ICB to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The state award is chosen by the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee made up of professionals in Indiana including teachers, librarians, caregivers, and project coordinators; all of whom are involved in early childhood development.

“ICB is excited to be launching this new picture book award focusing on Early Literacy. Children from infancy to five are absolutely capable of enjoying books and being discriminating judges,” says ICB Director Suzanne Walker. “Just try reading a boring book to a group of 4-year-olds. *Don’t Push the Button* is the first of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Awards; books that are chosen for their ability to encourage parents and children to talk, sing, read, write, and play together. It is our hope that caregivers will see this list of books as a quality go-to resource for having fun and learning with their young children.”

Author Bill Cotter enthusiastically received the Firefly Award, stating, “reading to children at an early age not only shows them that words can connect them to new amazing worlds, but also leaves them intrinsically connected to the person that took the time out of their day to have that moment of fun with them. I can’t imagine a better way to nurture a young mind than by instilling a love for words while simultaneously reminding them that they are loved by the adults in their life.”



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Don't Push the Button! Resources

http://www.sourcebooks.com/images/DontPushtheButton_ActivityGuide.pdf

<http://www.sourcebooks.com/resources/librarians-educators-virtualvisits.html>

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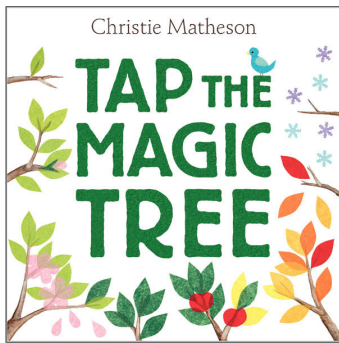


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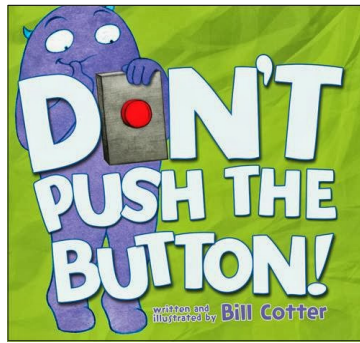
Nominees: 2014-2015



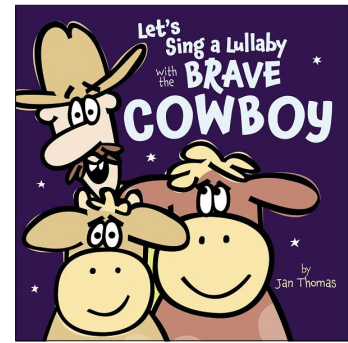
The following books were nominated for the 2014-2015 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. The winner was ***Don't Push the Button*** by Bill Cotter.



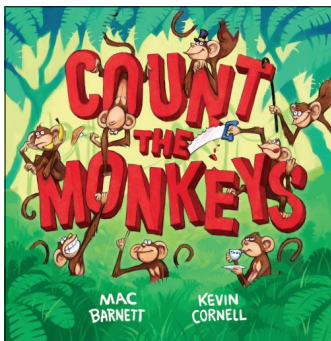
Tap the Magic Tree
by Christie Matheson



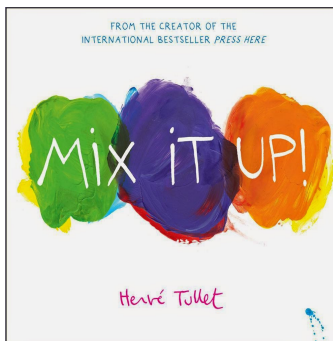
Don't Push the Button!
by Bill Cotter



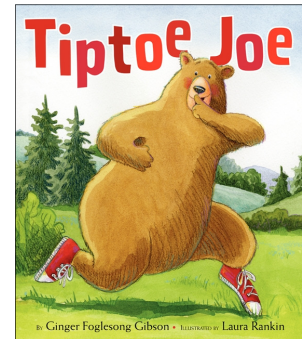
Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy
by Jan Thomas



Count the Monkeys
by Mac Barnett and Kevin Cornell



Mix it Up!
by Hervé Tullet

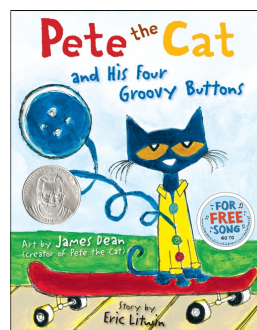


Tiptoe Joe
by Ginger Foglesong Gibson

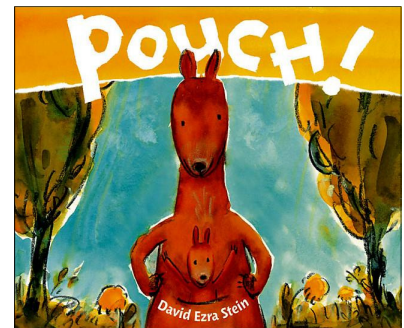
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Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons
by Eric Litwin



Pouch!
by David Ezra Stein