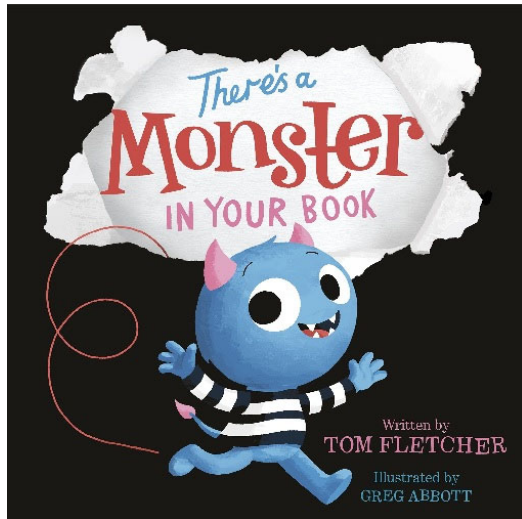


Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2019 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



May 17, 2019—INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book (ICB) Director, Suzanne Walker is excited to announce that author Tom Fletcher and illustrator Greg Abbott are the 2019 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award winners for their book *There's a Monster in Your Book*.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the ICB to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The state award committee is made up of professionals in Indiana including librarians, caregivers, and project coordinators; all of whom are involved in early childhood development. The committee chooses five books each year for children, ages 0-5 to vote on with help from an adult.

“I love watching the children decide on their favorite book out of these five,” Walker says. “Some people say kids that age can’t really determine what they like best, but I disagree. They are excellent judges of picture books.”

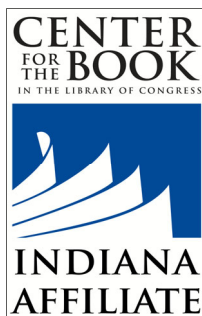
This is the fifth year of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. This year votes were submitted from 56 Indiana counties and over 5,400 children ages 0-5 voted. *There's a Monster in Your Book* garnered over 40% of the vote, making it a landslide victory. Votes are collected at public libraries as well as at daycares.

The nominated books are chosen for their ability to encourage parents and children to use the Every Child Ready to Read® practices of talking, singing, reading, writing and playing together. Caregivers can use the Firefly books as a quality go-to resource for having fun and learning with their young children.

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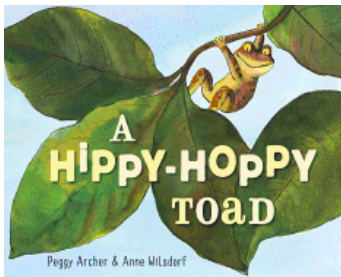
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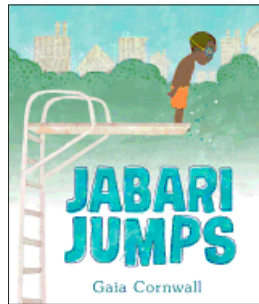
Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Nominees: 2019



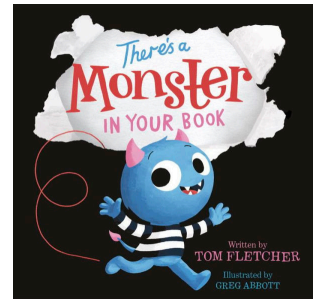
The following books were nominated for the 2018-2019 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. The winner was *There's a Monster in Your Book* by Tom Fletcher illustrated by Greg Abbott.



A Hippy-Hoppy Toad
by Peggy Archer



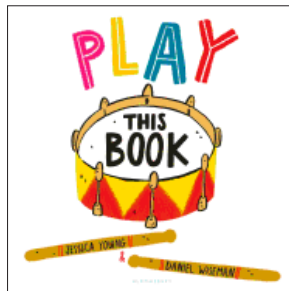
Jabari Jumps
by Gaia Cornwall



There's a Monster in Your Book
by Tom Fletcher



Hello Hello
by Brendan Wenzel



Play This Book
by Jessica Young

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