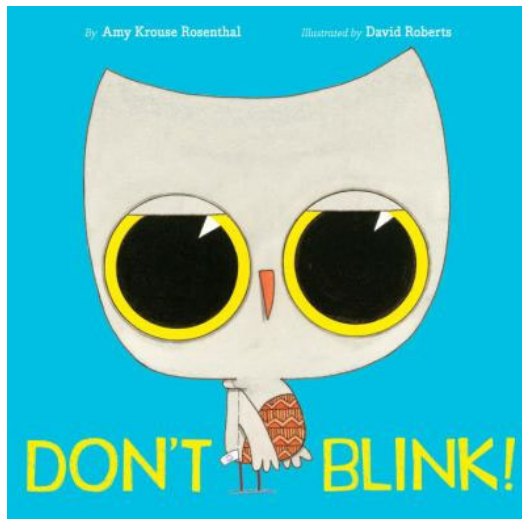


Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2020 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



August 7, 2020 —INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book (ICB) Director, Suzanne Walker is excited to announce that author Amy Krouse Rosenthal and illustrator David Roberts are the 2020 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award winners for their book *Don't Blink*. The award is being given posthumously to Amy Krouse Rosenthal who passed away in 2017.

Upon receiving the news, illustrator David Roberts said of the award that it is a, “wonderful tribute to Amy’s genius imagination!” Roberts continued on to say, “A book with no story! And no characters? Being asked to illustrate *Don't Blink*, was an enticing challenge I could not refuse! Amy had very cleverly written a book that required interaction with the reader. I instantly saw the reader as a beloved stuffed toy, and an owl was the obvious choice for a book that offers the opportunity to stay awake all night!”

This is the sixth year of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. This year during the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, votes were submitted from 47 Indiana counties and over 600 children ages 0-5 voted. *Don't Blink* garnered over 32% of the vote. Votes were collected at public libraries as well as at daycares and via our remote voting form.

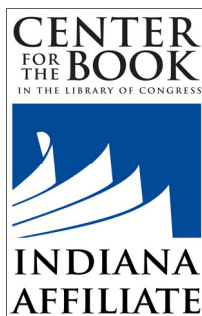
The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the ICB to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The nominees are chosen by the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee.

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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Indiana residents! Visit this link for Don't Blink resources!

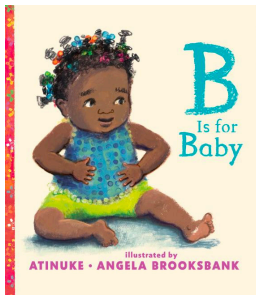
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Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Ballot: 2020

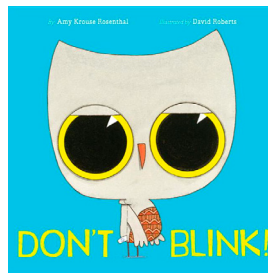


Indiana children ages 0-5 can vote with a caregiver.

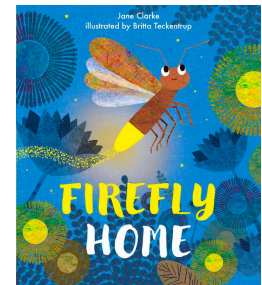
Every child in Indiana, aged 0-5, may vote one time for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. They will need to work with a parent, a librarian, a teacher, a babysitter or other caregiver adult to circle one of the titles below. Ask the child to point to their favorite. Once their vote is circled, turn it in to your local Public Library or voting location. Libraries will then email their totals to the Indiana Center for the Book. The last day to turn in votes is May 20, 2020.



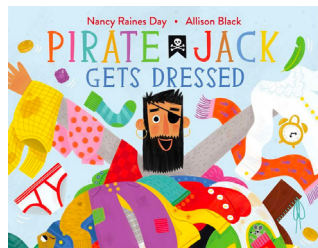
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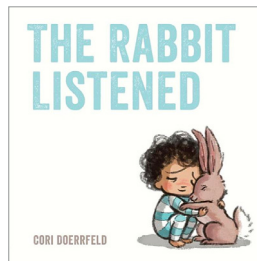
Don't Blink
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal



Firefly Home
by Jane Clarke



Pirate Jack Gets Dressed
by Nancy Raines Day



The Rabbit Listened
by Cory Doerrfeld

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