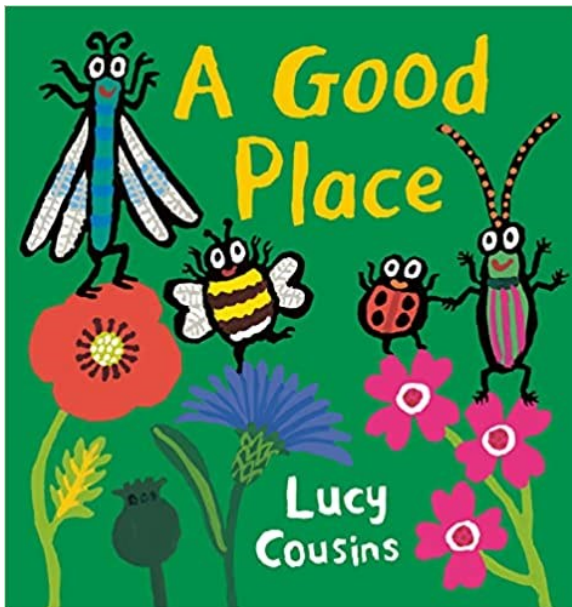


# Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2023 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



August 7, 2023 —INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book Director, Suzanne Walker is excited to announce that Lucy Cousins, the internationally honored artist and author from London, England is the 2023 recipient of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award for her book *A Good Place*, published by Candlewick Press. Upon receiving the news, the team at Candlewick said they were thrilled to hear the news. The author is currently traveling and cannot be reached for comment.

*A Good Place* is the story of four insect friends on the hunt for a good place to live. The book shares a gentle message about taking care of the earth while describing the specific things that certain insects need to live (clean water, green leaves, healthy flowers, and dead wood). This is the ninth year of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. Votes were submitted from 55 Indiana counties and over 2,500 Indiana children ages 0-5 voted.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the Indiana Center for the Book to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The nominees are chosen by the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee from a list of books nominated by library staff who work with children all over Indiana.

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.

A program guide is available for parents, librarians, and teachers to use with children:

[https://www.in.gov/library/files/Program\\_Guide\\_2023.pdf](https://www.in.gov/library/files/Program_Guide_2023.pdf)

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Indiana residents! Visit this link for *A Good Place* resources!

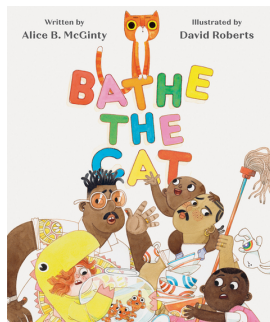
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# Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Ballot: 2023

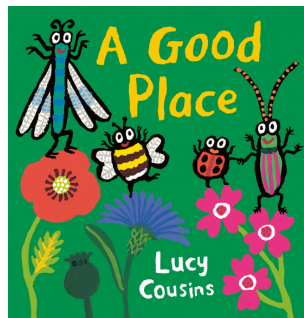


**Indiana children ages 0-5 can vote with a caregiver.**

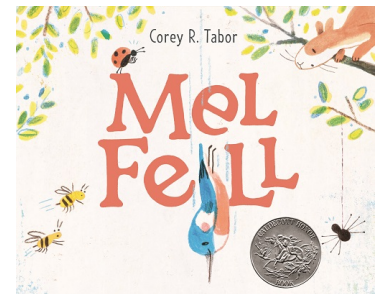
Every child in Indiana, aged 0-5, may vote one time for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. Children will need the help of a parent, a librarian, a teacher, or other caregiver adult to circle one of the titles. Ask the child to point to their favorite. Once their vote is circled, turn this ballot 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 report votes is July 31, 2023.



*Bathe the Cat*  
by Alice B. McGinty



*A Good Place*  
by Lucy Cousins



*Mel Fell*  
by Corey R. Tabor



*Paletero Man*  
by Lucky Diaz



*Room for Everyone*  
by Neez Khan

**Prefer to vote online?**



Visit the QR code or  
<https://www.in.gov/library/icb/firefly> to access the  
2023 Remote Voting Form



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