

# Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2022 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



August 8, 2022 —INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book Director, Suzanne Walker is excited to announce that Mike Boldt of Alberta, Canada is the 2022 recipient of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award for his book *Find Fergus*, published by Doubleday Books for Young Readers.

Upon receiving the news, the author said, “WOW! This is a tremendous honor and privilege knowing Fergus has found a place in so many reader’s hearts in Indiana. Thank you to the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee for the nomination; to all the parents, teachers, and librarians who work to make award and reading/literacy programs like this happen; and especially all the children who voted for *Find Fergus*. I don’t know who has a bigger smile right now, myself or Fergus!”

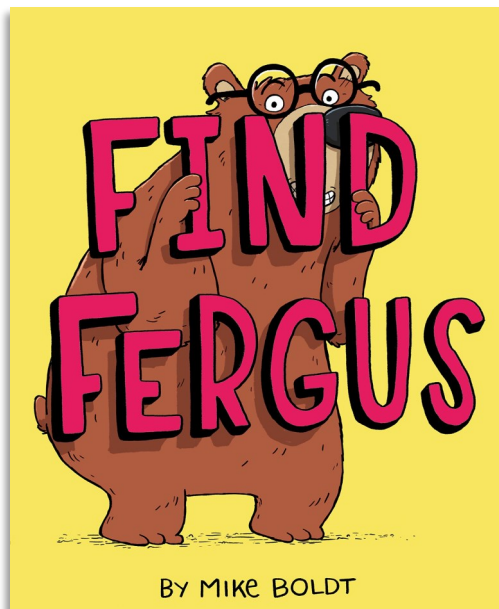
This is the eighth year of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. Votes were submitted from 60 Indiana counties (an increase of 11 counties from last year) and over 3,300 Indiana children ages 0-5 voted. The program is experiencing a recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, as voting totals reflected a 1,000 vote increase compared to 2021. Votes were collected at public libraries, schools, and daycares along with a remote voting form available on the Indiana State Library’s website.

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 also available for parents, librarians, and teachers to use with children: [https://www.in.gov/library/files/Program\\_Guide\\_2022.pdf](https://www.in.gov/library/files/Program_Guide_2022.pdf)

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Indiana residents! Visit this link for *Find Fergus* resources!

<https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=72939>

# Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Ballot: 2022

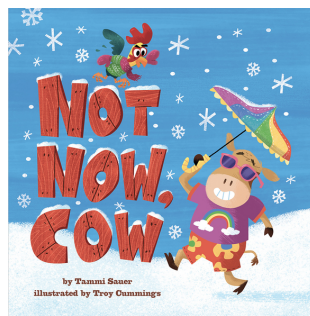


**Indiana children ages 0-5 can vote with a caregiver.**

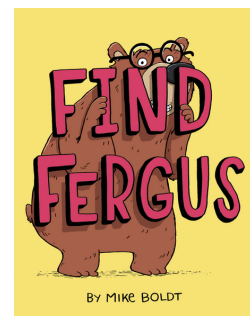
Every child in Indiana, aged 0-5, may vote one time for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. Children will need the help of a parent, a librarian, a teacher, or other caregiver adult to circle one of the titles. Ask the child to point to their favorite. Once their vote is circled, turn this ballot 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, 2022.



*We All Play*  
by Julie Flett



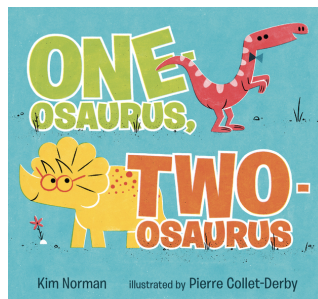
*Not Now, Cow*  
by Tammi Sauer



*Find Fergus*  
by Mike Boldt



*Grace and Box*  
by Kim Howard



*One-Osaurus, Two-Osaurus*  
by Kim Norman

Prefer to vote online?



Visit the QR code or  
<https://www.in.gov/library/icb/firefly> to access the  
2022 Remote Voting Form



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