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Perfect for Summer Under the Stars!

IT'S A FIREFLY NIGHT

by Dianne Ochiltree

Art by Betsy Snyder

A sparkling counting adventure

A favorite childhood summertime activity—catching fireflies—glows from the pages of this one-to-ten counting concept built into a charming story. Whether summer is spent camping in the woods, building sand castles at the beach, or simply hanging out in the backyard, grownups and little ones will enjoy sharing **IT'S A FIREFLY NIGHT** again and again. With rhyming lines that read like a song and vibrantly colorful artwork, it chronicles the capture and release of fireflies, one by one, sparking the reader to count along. The book is capped off with a page of interesting firefly facts (such as – they flash in rhythmic patterns to send messages!), adding a touch of accessible nonfiction to this charming, not-just-for-bedtime book.

IT'S A FIREFLY NIGHT is a terrific gift, a great winding-down-at-bedtime selection, a lovely story for a parent and child to share. With glittering sparklers lighting up each page, any night can be a firefly night!

Dianne Ochiltree has been writing poems and stories since she was a kid growing up in a small Midwestern town. She is the author of several award-winning picture books for the very young, including *Molly, by Golly! The Legend of Molly Williams*, *America's First Female Firefighter*; *Ten Monkey Jamboree*; *Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins*; and *Lull-a-bye, Little One*. Dianne also teaches writing in schools, and lives in Sarasota, Florida, with her family and pets in a house by the bay. Connect with Dianne at dianneochiltree.com.

Betsy Snyder has written and illustrated numerous award-winning children's books and created greeting cards, board games, puzzles, scrapbook kits, and much more. Her work in publishing and social expressions has won numerous awards, most recently a place in the Society of Illustrator's The Original Art 2012 exhibition. Learn more about Ms. Snyder's books at betsysnyder.com.

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