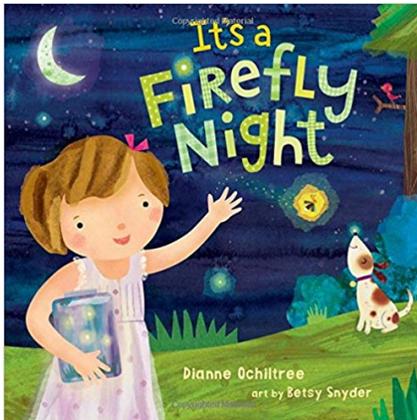


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Kirkus Reviews: “An intimate encounter with nature lit not just by stars and fireflies, but also an affecting dose of daddy-daughter warmth...”



IT'S A FIREFLY NIGHT
by Dianne Ochiltree
Art by Betsy Snyder

New in paperback – with a glittering cover!

⚡ Silver Medal in Children's Literature division of 2013 Florida Book Awards competition
⚡ Gold Medal in Children's Book category from Oppenheim Toy Portfolio in 2013

Even though the fireflies in your backyard may be gone, you can still enjoy them in this magical new paperback edition filled with a heartwarming father-daughter story, luminous illustrations, interesting firefly facts, and new suggestions on ways parents and educators can use the engaging story to keep the learning going.

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 picture 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 sparkles 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 award-winning author of several picture books for the very young, including *It's a Seashell Day*; *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 is a writing coach and freelance editor, and lives in Sarasota, Florida, with her family and pets in a house by the bay.

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Betsy Snyder has received previous praise for her work's “luminous effect” and “charm[ing] compositions” (*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*). She brings these artistic signature qualities to the sparkling pages of *It's a Firefly Night*. Learn more about Ms. Snyder at betsysnyder.com.

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