The Rough Patch
By Brian Lies

An FLA Children’s Book Award Finalist

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Extension Activities:

- This book received a Caldecott Honor in 2019. Have students research the award and past winners. They will discover that the Caldecott Society is in St. Augustine!
- Students can learn more about the author at his website: [www.brianlies.com](http://www.brianlies.com).
- Brian Lies is the author of *Bats at the Beach, Bats at the Library, and Bats at the Ballgame*. Students can compose a letter to the author to ask him about his interest in bats.
- Evan enters his pumpkin in the contest at the fair. Students can write a story about what they would enter in a contest.
- *Grandpa Green* by Lane Smith is also a Caldecott Honor Book. Students can compare the gardens in the books.
- *The Night Gardener* by Eric and Terry Fan will also pique the interest in the art of topiary.
- This book is about loss and how we deal with loss. It has potential to be used as a conversation starter with a student who may be dealing with the loss of a loved one.
"The Rough Patch" is the seventh episode of the fifth season of the CBS sitcom How I Met Your Mother and 95th episode overall. It originally aired on November 9, 2009. Future Ted explains the gang's apprehension as Barney and Robin entered the later months of their relationship. Barney gives Ted all of his porn. Marshall can tell Barney is serious about Robin since he has developed "relationship gut" weight put on when in a stable relationship from eating so much food. While trying to dispose of the The Rough PATCH by Brain Lies | Children's Book Read Aloud. Jake's storyline. Jake's storyline. The Rough Patch is a 2018 picture book by Brian Lies. An idea of Lies' for more than ten years, when it was published it was well received and was named a 2019 Caldecott Honor book. The story tells of a fox named Evan whose dog dies. Evan then experiences various emotions while grieving before adopting a new dog at the end of the book. The book was praised for Lies' mixed media illustrations, in particular the way he used light and shadow. A rough patch definition: If you have or go through a rough patch, you have a lot of problems for a time. | Meaning, pronunciation, translations and examples. See full dictionary entry for patch. COBUILD Advanced English Dictionary. Copyright © HarperCollins Publishers. Examples of 'a rough patch' in a sentence. a rough patch. These examples have been automatically selected and may contain sensitive content. Read more© We were happy until we hit a rough patch six months ago. The Sun (2015).