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.
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