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Author Bruce Brooks featured speaker at 1993 AASL Awards Luncheon

Award-winning children's author Bruce Brooks will be the featured speaker at the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Awards Luncheon and Presentation Ceremony on Monday, June 28, at 12:30 p.m., during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans. **The deadline for reservations is May 28.**

Brooks will address why school library media specialists and their profession are so "special" to the education of today's youth.

The luncheon theme, "The Rarest Kind of Best," is taken from Walter de la Mare's "Bells and Grass" which states "only the rarest kind of best in anything can be good enough for the young."

Brooks is the author of "What Hearts" chosen as a 1993 Newbery Honor Book by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). His book "The Moves Make the Man" received the same honor in 1985.

His appearance is being made possible by HarperCollins Children's Books in New York. An autographing session will be featured at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Several AASL awards will be presented during the luncheon -- the Intellectual Freedom Award, the Microcomputer in the Media Center Award, the

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Distinguished School Administrators Award, the Distinguished Service Award and the National School Library Media Program of the Year Award. Others who will receive AASL Awards at various programs throughout the conference will also be recognized.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$30 per person and are available by contacting Marie-Louise Settem, AASL Office, 800-545-2433, ext. 4381, or 312-280-4381.

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