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Author Barbara Kingsolver to keynote PLA All-Star Breakfast

Author Barbara Kingsolver will be the featured speaker at the fourth All-Star Breakfast on Monday, June 28, 1993, from 7 to 9 a.m., during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. The breakfast is hosted by the Public Library Association (PLA), a division of ALA. **The deadline for registration is June 1.**

Kingsolver is the author of bestsellers "The Bean Trees" and "Animal Dreams" and the soon-to-be-released "Pigs in Heaven." She has been praised as an author who "demonstrates a special gift for the vivid evocation of landscape and of her characters' state of mind" (New York Newsday) and as an author who "probes the human heart with uncommon wisdom" (New York Times Book Review).

She was born in Annapolis, Md., but grew up in rural Kentucky. Kingsolver moved away from her home to earn degrees in biology and ecology from DePauw University and the University of Arizona. She has lived in various parts of Europe and across the United States supporting herself with a diverse array of jobs including work as an archaeologist, typesetter, x-ray technician, copy editor, biological researcher and translator of technical medical documents. Kingsolver is now a full-time writer and lives with her family in the Tucson mountains.

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Kingsolver has been a scientific writer and journalist. Her articles have appeared in *The Progressive*, *The Sonoran Review* and *Smithsonian*. Kingsolver's book reviews are frequently found in *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and *Women's Review of Books*. Her short stories have appeared in *Mademoiselle*, *Redbook* and the *Virginia Quarterly Review*.

Five of PLA's most prestigious service awards will also be presented during the breakfast -- the Allie Beth Martin Award, sponsored by Baker & Taylor; the Advancement of Literacy Award, sponsored by *Library Journal*; the Library Video award, sponsored by Baker & Taylor, the International Study Grant, sponsored by GEAC/CLSI, Inc., and the Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award, sponsored by EBSCO Subscription Services.

Tickets are \$25 each (tables of 10, \$245; all 10 registrations must be placed together) and are available by calling 800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA.