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Jean Fritz, well-known author of historical novels and stories for young readers, has been selected by the Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Committee of the American Library Association's Children's Services Division to present the 1976 Arbuthnot Honor Lecture established by Scott, Foresman and Company in tribute to May Hill Arbuthnot for her outstanding contribution to children's literature.

The choice of Mrs. Fritz as lecturer for 1976 is particularly appropriate as she is especially interested in American history of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. Her books, published by Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, Inc., include Early Thunder, Brady, and The Cabin Faced West, And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? and the recent Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? were selected as ALA Notable Children's Books. Volumes on Patrick Henry, John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin, part of a group of stories about personalities of the American Revolution, are planned for 1975 and 1976 publication.

A library school, department of education in a college or university, or a library system may apply to the committee for the privilege of being the host institution for the 1976 lecture. Application blanks are now available from Ethel L. Heins, Chairperson, Arbuthnot Lecture Committee, 29 Hope Street, Auburndale, Massachusetts 02166. Deadline for completed applications is June 15, 1975.

The selection of the host institution will be announced by the committee during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, June 29 - July 5, 1975.