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If you have spent your reading time with your favorite fiction books for the past two years, you may not have noticed that the Newbery award winning author announced in January, 1988, was Russell Freedman for *Lincoln, A Photobiography*, and in January, 1989, Paul Fleischman for *A Joyful Noise*. Both of these award winners are informational books or what some term nonfiction. What makes award winning informational books? Come to the fourth annual Brigham Young University Conference on Nonfiction Books for Children and find out. Our theme will be *Inside Information Presents Award Winning Informational Books*. Circle July 10-13, 1990, on your calendar.

**Now!** - Hear the panel composed of people who have been, or are now, on the committees that choose the Newbery and Caldecott award winners.

**On to** - listen to Newbery award winner Russell Freedman tell about his research on Abraham Lincoln and his fascination with the settlement of the West (*Cowboys of the Wild West, Indian Chiefs, Children of the Wild West, and Buffalo Hunt*).

**New** poetry will please your ear as you listen to the two-voice poetry of Paul Fleischman (*I Am Phoenix, A Joyful Noise*).

**Find** new insights into illustrating informational books from Susan Bonners (*A Penguin Year, Panda, Cold Stars and Fireflies, Animals in Your Neighborhood, Rain Shadow*).

**Invest** in the time to learn from Utah's Terry Tempest Williams about her study of nature and her writing about it for children. (*The Secret Language of Snow, Between Cattails*).

**Come** find out what editor Elizabeth Shub of Greenwillow thinks the future trends are for Children's Informational books.

**Take** time to attend a story-telling concert put on by master storyteller Marcia Cutler of Las Vegas, Nevada.
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Invest in learning as you hear about and see school and library units in all curriculum areas and the informational books that help make them successful.

Organize your priorities so you can attend at least one author luncheon and choose which small groups to attend with authors, teachers (elementary and high school), librarians, and subject matter specialists such as science, history, and poetry.

Neat and painless way to get a list of the newest and best informational books.
- From Ad Spofford (5th grade teacher) who seems to have connections that get the books in his hands before they ever arrive in the bookstores.
- From Jill Locke (visiting professor in the School of Library and Informational Sciences) whose expertise in children's literature has earned her the position of chair on the 1990 Caldecott committee.
- From James Jacobs (Professor at BYU, teaching children's literature) whose ability to get audiences enthused about books has made him a favorite speaker at meetings for parents and for teachers.

We invite you to come and see that we can actually schedule that many activities into four days of hearing about and seeing new informational books. Come and see for yourselves that award-winning nonfiction authors can introduce you to the excitement of learning that you thought you had lost after you left those childhood years when the world was a new and wondrous place to explore and discover.

For further information, check with the BYU Conference Center. Call (801) 378-2568, or, if you know now that you want to attend, take advantage of the double discount. Make out the registration form and mail it to the address indicated.