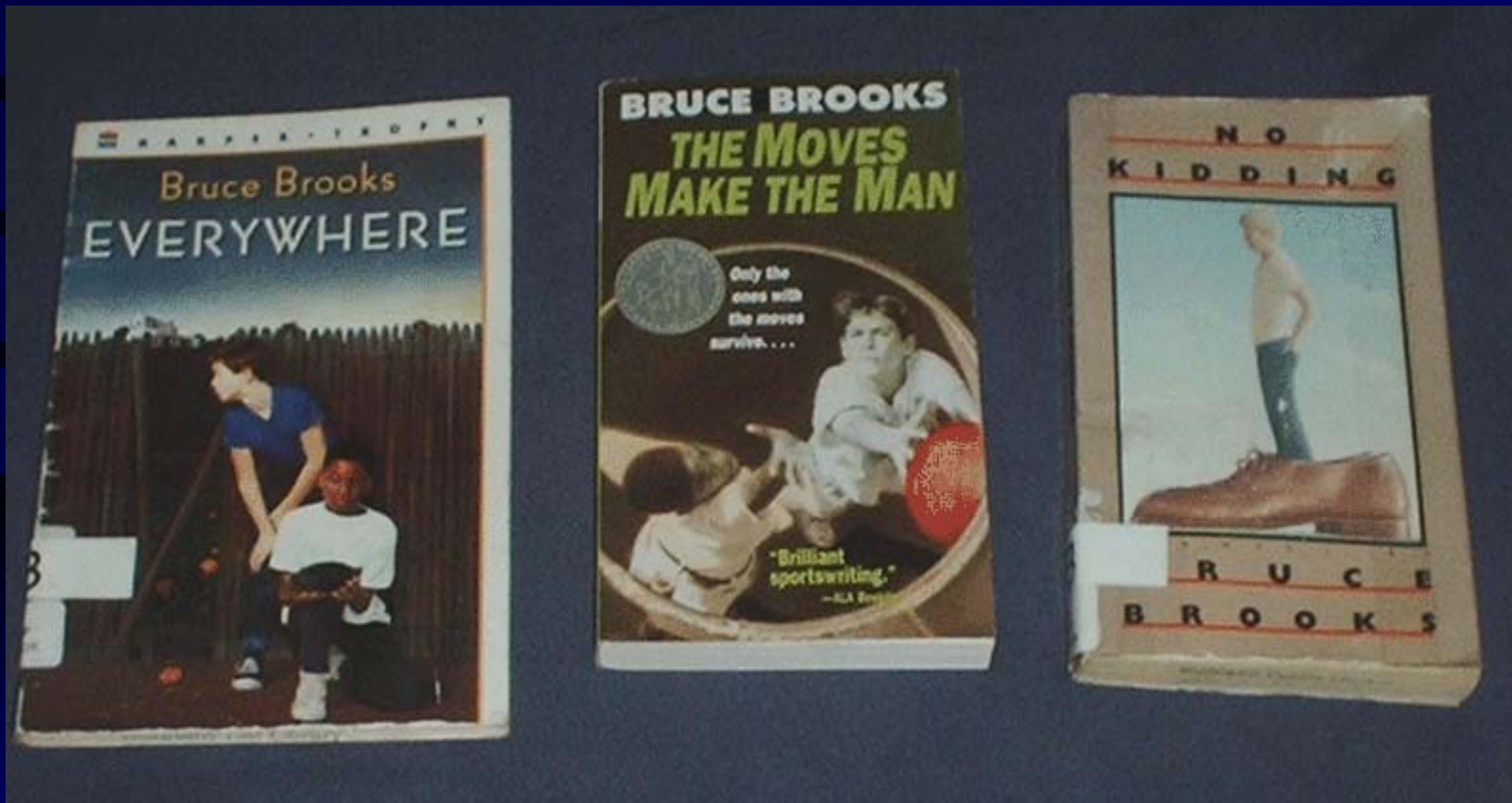


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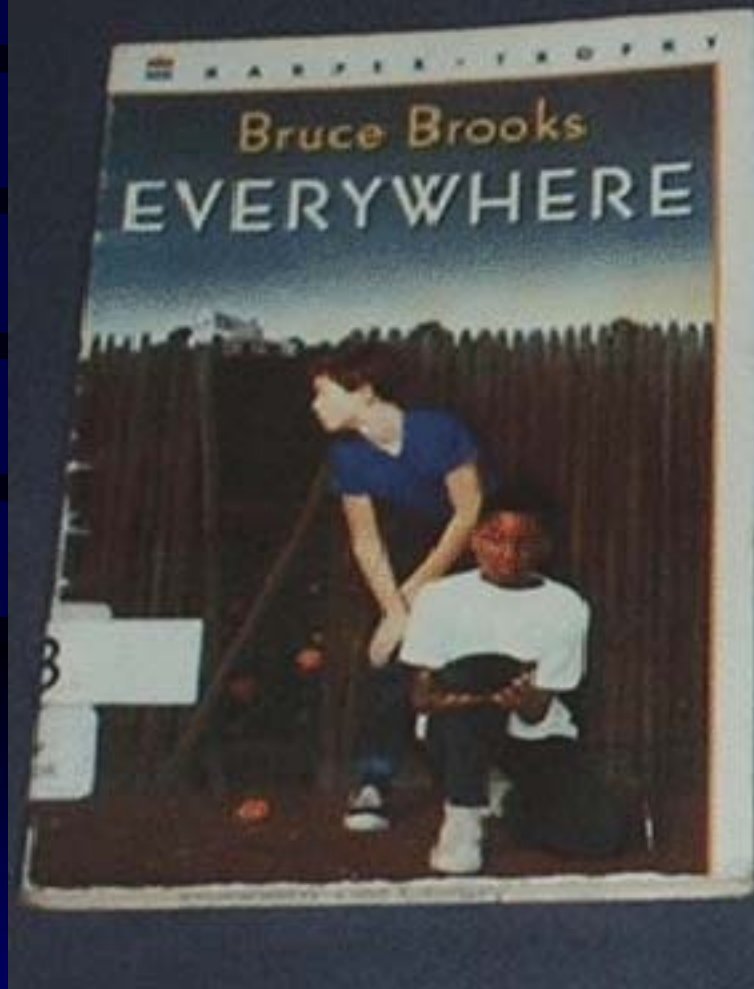
## Biography

- Grew Up on the East Coast
- A Graduate of University of North Carolina
- Worked as:
  - Letter-Press Printer
  - Newspaper Reporter
  - Magazine Reporter
  - Teacher
- Iowa Writers' Workshop
- Lives w/his wife and two sons in Silver Spring, MD

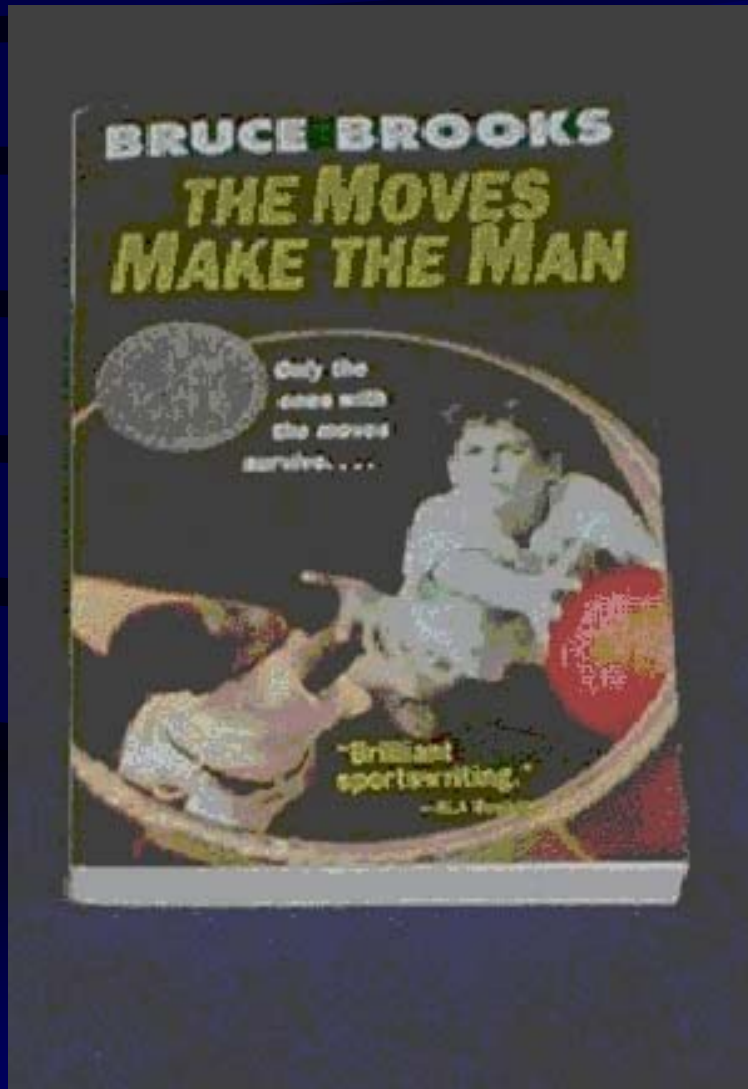
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## Honors, Medals, and Awards

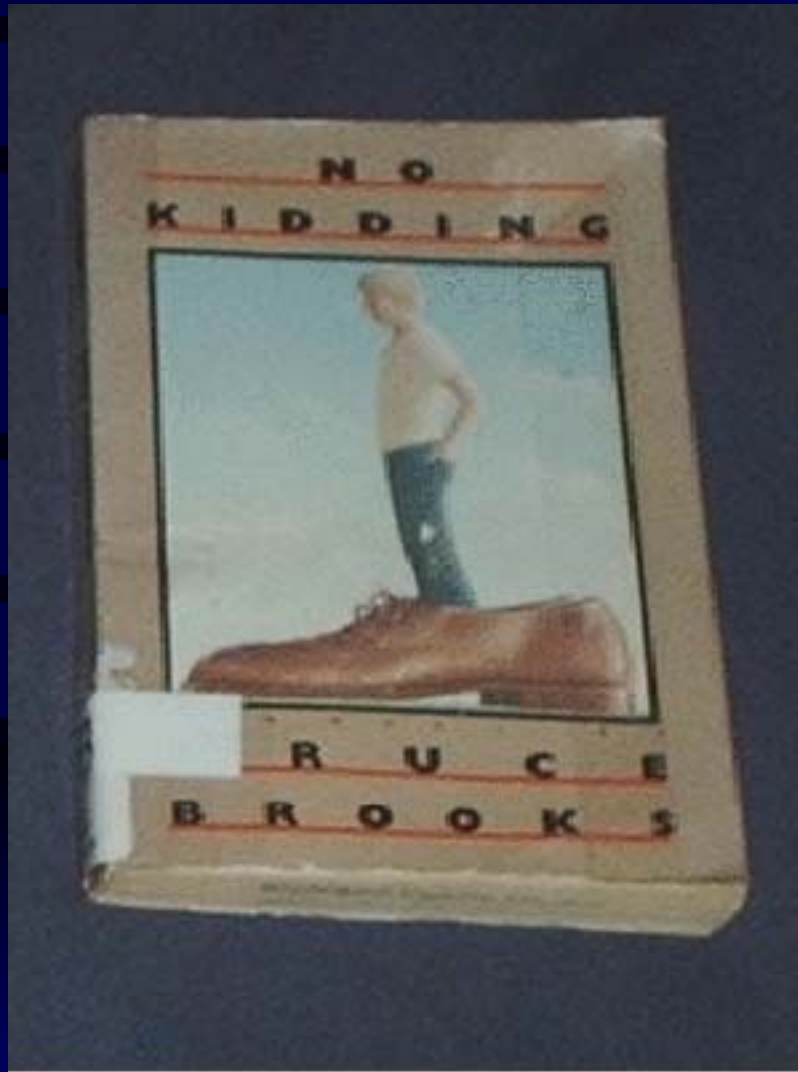
- 1985 Newbery Honor
- 1985 *Boston Globe-Horn* Award
- 1986 ALA & SLJ Award
- 1989 ALA & SLJ Award
- 1990 Golden Kite & ALA Award
- 1993 Newbery Honor



- Main character is ten years old and white
- Grandfather suffers a heart attack
- Befriends an eleven year old named Dooley who is black
- Dooley shows him how to do a “Soul Switch”
- Will this Work?



- Main character is a 13 yr. Old named Jerome who is black
- He meets another 13 yr. Old named Bix who is white
- They meet in a Home Economics class
- Takes place during the '60s
- Does one basketball game decide the future?



- Main character is a fourteen year old named Sam
- Sends his mother to Rehab three years ago
- Turns into a “mother” for his younger brother
- Has to fill some pretty big shoes
- Can he do it all?



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## Developmental Tasks

- All of the characters develop relationships w/people the same age
- All experience changing relationships w/parents
- All try to develop good morals

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## Similarities

- Two of the three take place during the 1960's
- All three books contained many interracial friendships



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