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***A WEALTH OF FAMILY: An Adopted Son's  
International Quest for Heritage, Reunion and Enrichment***

**By Thomas Brooks, \$17.95 original trade paperback,  
256 pages (photographs), ISBN 0-9774629-3-5, LCCN 2006900057**

**Thomas Brooks, Award-Winning, Best-Selling Author of *A Wealth of Family*,  
Kicks-off Black History Month at Borders**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (January 18, 2007) — Author Thomas Brooks will be appearing on the CBS Weekend News and speaking at Borders in Evanston, IL on February 3rd as part of a celebration of Black History Month. This event is supported by The Cradle in Evanston through their Ardythe and Gale Sayers Center for African American Adoption. His book is an Amazon bestseller and *USA Book News* award-winner for African-American studies. Brooks will be speaking at Borders in Evanston located at 1700 Maple Avenue (corner of Church and Maple) at 1 pm on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Brooks' book, *A Wealth of Family: An Adopted Son's International Quest for Heritage, Reunion and Enrichment*, is an inspirational story reminding us of love's ability to build bridges across cultures. A multi-racial adoptee, Brooks grew up as an only child in the ghettos of Pittsburgh. He shares his story of going in search of his biological parents and ending up with a family of hundreds in three countries, the U.S., England, and Kenya. This heart-warming journey, which gives readers plenty to cheer about, shares his struggles and triumphs as it shows that most of all kids need love.

"The author's international journey across cultures, races and continents will uplift and edify any reader, regardless of background."

—**Honorable Andrew Young, Former US Ambassador to the United Nations and Former Mayor of Atlanta**

"The uplifting journey of Thomas Brooks in his search for self is inspiring. His story reinforces for us all the spirit of the great Dr. Martin Luther King's teachings — there is just one race, the human race."

—**Tim Green, New York Times Bestselling Author and Commentator for National Public Radio**

"A superb and deeply emotional book. Brooks is at once determined, compassionate and incisive. This book through its honesty and strength will be a rewarding experience for all who read it."

—**Richard Fischer, Editor of *Adoption Today Magazine* and an Adoptive Parent**

**About the Author:** Thomas Brooks has published several articles and spoken frequently on the radio and on TV. In 1998, Brooks won a Career Communications Group national award in the *Technical Sales and Marketing* category. Brooks was formerly a Director of Marketing at Lucent Technologies. Since 2002 the entrepreneur has served as the Managing Director of Alpha Multimedia, Inc., a marketing, public relations and publishing firm that focuses on high technology, emerging business, and publishing industry clients. His bestselling book, *A Wealth of Family: An Adopted Son's International Quest for Heritage, Reunion, and Enrichment*, was named a "Best Books" Award Winner by *USA Book News*. Brooks lives with his family near Houston, Texas.

**About The Cradle:** The Cradle's mission is to benefit children by providing education, guidance and lifelong support on parenting choices. Their commitment is to serve as a partner in creating and sustaining nurturing families. Named for NFL Hall of Famer Gale Sayers, and his wife Ardythe, the Sayers Center is dedicated to meeting the needs of African American children, birthparents and adoptive parents.

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