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Publisher's Titles Win Six Awards in Chicago

CHICAGO – Harcourt Achieve recently walked away with six awards – four of which were for first place – at the 2003 Chicago Book Clinic's Book and Media Show.

Harcourt Achieve competed against more than 160 titles in 13 categories in the 52nd annual awards program.

First-place Awards of Excellence went to *Pebble Soup Explorations' Manipulatives; Phonics Song Charts, Grades K-3; On Our Way to English's Manipulative Charts, Grades K-3; and Pebble Soup Exploraciones*, the Spanish version of the popular series. Products winning Honorable Mention awards were *Class Collections, Grades 4-5, and On Our Way to English, Grade 1*. Rigby, an imprint of Harcourt Achieve, developed the titles.

Pebble Soup is Harcourt Achieve's pre-kindergarten program that was accepted for adoption in Texas. *On Our Way to English*, also accepted for Texas adoption, is a new groundbreaking program for English language learners that develops language and literacy simultaneously.

Established in 1949, the Book and Media Show honors excellence in book production and design from titles published, designed or manufactured in the Midwest.

About the Chicago Book Clinic

The Chicago Book Clinic, founded in 1936, is an organization that provides a platform for educational, social and professional interaction in the book and media publishing industry. In addition to sponsoring the annual Book and Media Show, the club sponsors networking programs, seminars and offers annual merit scholarships to selected students enrolled in Chicago-area colleges and universities who plan a career in the publishing industry. For more information on the organization, please call (773) 561-4150, or send an e-mail to kgboyer@ix.netcom.com

About Harcourt Achieve

Harcourt Achieve produces learning solutions and content that fundamentally and positively changes the lives of young and adult learners. Published under the Rigby and

Steck-Vaughn imprints, its products are based on a developmental philosophy that assesses learners' skills, matches them to appropriate content and accelerates them to meet and exceed expectations. The Steck-Vaughn imprint offers easy-to-use, innovative learning solutions that accelerate content-area knowledge and reading skills, allowing learners to meet and exceed expectations. These targeted resources assess, remediate, strengthen and enhance skills and reading development. The Rigby imprint offers progressive learning solutions for reading instruction that provide differentiated instruction to match students' instructional levels. These products are based on strong instructional pedagogy that supports teachers as they actively guide and assess student progress. For more information, please visit <http://www.HarcourtAchieve.com>.

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