

HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS **PRESS RELEASE**

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SUNDANCE/NEWBRIDGE AND TRIUMPH LEARNING ARE FINALISTS IN 2005 ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS AWARDS COMPETITION

New York, NY, May 25, 2005 – Hights Cross Communications (HCC) today said that two of its operating companies, Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing and Triumph Learning, are finalists in the Association of Educational Publishers (AEP) 2005 Awards Competition. Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing is a leading publisher of PreK–8 reading instructional materials, supplemental materials for teachers of PreK–5+, and nonfiction guided reading in social studies, science, and math; and Triumph Learning is a leading publisher of supplementary educational texts and software.

HCC said that Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing's *Reading PowerWorks*® series is a finalist for the AEP Golden Lamp Achievement Award in the Instructional Materials category. Triumph Learning's "*SAT10 Coach*™ *Mathematics Advanced 2* text is a finalist for the AEP Distinguished Achievement Award in the Interior Design category.

Linda Koons, HCC Publisher and Executive Vice President said: "Hights Cross is delighted that the AEP judges have voted our products as being among the finest produced in the United States over the last year. This honor reflects the creativity and professionalism of the editors, writers, designers, and production teams at both Sundance/Newbridge and Triumph Learning.

The award winners will be announced at a gala awards ceremony on June 8, 2005, in Washington, DC. Award finalists are authorized to utilize the AEP Lamp of Learning logo on their nominated publications, at their websites, and on other promotional materials. For over 100 years, the AEP has supported and promoted the educational publishing industry. Its annual awards program honors the best materials and accomplishments in educational products and education marketing.

About Hights Cross Communications:

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross Communications is a premier educational and library publisher dedicated to creating the finest books, audio products, periodicals, software and online services, serving the following markets: K-12

supplemental education, public and school library publishing, audio books, and medical continuing education publishing. Hights Cross companies include: Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Chelsea House Publishers (Northborough, MA). For more information, visit www.hightscross.com.

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