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### **HARCOURT ACHIEVE WINS THREE DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*Steck-Vaughn Impact Graphic Novels, Rigby Great Strides and Steck-Vaughn Language Arts Solutions bring home first place awards from the Association of Educational Publishers*

**Austin, TX – July 10, 2006--** Harcourt Achieve announced that three of its new products have won the Association of Educational Publishers (AEP) 2006 Distinguished Achievement for Excellence in Publishing Award. Announced at the AEP annual summit on June 9, 2006 in Washington, D.C., the prestigious awards honored the most outstanding educational products of 2006.

*Impact Graphic Novels* won first place for HI/LO Instructional Reading Materials. *Great Strides* won first place for Specialized Audience Instructional Materials. *Language Arts Solutions* won first place for Book Cover Design. *Lynx* graphic novels and nonfiction book pairs was also a finalist in the HI/LO Instructional Reading Materials category.

*Impact Graphic Novels* connect students to the universal themes of literature, and develop character education through the popular “Manga” format. The goal of the reading intervention product is to engage adolescents while improving their reading skills and comprehension.

*Great Strides* provides a practical approach to differentiating instruction in essential comprehension skills. The program provides teachers with a single, whole-group reading lesson, while providing students with leveled texts to practice the skills at their own level.

*Language Arts Solutions*, is a middle school program that supports and reinforces reading and grammar proficiency. The program includes a teachers’ resource book and two workbooks for students.

“We are pleased that the education community has recognized several of our new products for this esteemed award,” said Lee Wilson, Harcourt Achieve Vice President of Marketing. “We are committed to providing focused and engaging supplemental products to our nation’s educators.”

“We at AEP applaud the ingenuity and intense efforts of the winners of this year’s Awards Program,” said AEP Board President Jo-Ann McDevitt. “Their devotion to bringing the most stimulating educational materials to life is an inspiration to all of us, throughout all facets of education.”

The Association of Educational Publishers (AEP), founded in 1895, is a national, nonprofit association devoted to serving and advancing the supplemental educational publishing industry. Its membership represents the many facets of the educational publishing community including publishers, service providers, nonprofit associations, schools, researchers, and freelance contributors. Visit [www.edpress.org](http://www.edpress.org) for more information.

### **About Harcourt Achieve**

Harcourt Achieve produces learning solutions and content that fundamentally and positively change the lives of young and adult learners. Published under the Rigby, Saxon 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 Rigby imprint offers progressive learning solutions for core reading and English language learner instruction that provide differentiated instruction to match each student’s instructional level. The Saxon imprint offers the nation’s most successful and thoroughly researched foundational mathematics program for grades K-12, as well as popular phonics, K-3 spelling, and early learning programs. The Steck-Vaughn imprint offers easy-to-use, innovative learning solutions that accelerate content-area knowledge, reading skills, and preparation for standards-based tests, allowing learners to meet and exceed expectations. For more information, please visit [www.HarcourtAchieve.com](http://www.HarcourtAchieve.com).

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