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ABEBOOKS.COM RECOGNIZED AT UNITED NATIONS WORLD SUMMIT AWARDS AS TOP E-BUSINESS WEBSITE WORLDWIDE

(Geneva, Switzerland, December 8, 2003)—Abebooks, the world's largest online marketplace for used, rare and out-of-print books, today announced it was awarded one of the highest honors bestowed on a high-technology company. Abebooks.com was selected by the World Summit's international jury as a "best-in-class" example of e-content and creativity in the world.

The Company is delighted to be a participant in the 2003 World Summit Awards ceremony held in Geneva on December 8, 2003, and is very proud to be chosen as one of the 40 winning projects from over 800 that were nominated.

Hannes Blum, President & CEO of Abebooks remarked, "What an outstanding testament to the quality of our website and the community that has made it an award winning site. I could not be more proud of the people who make up Abebooks. This achievement ranks number one on our list of proudest accomplishments."

A jury of thirty-six WSA judges selected Abebooks' web site from over 130 competing products as one of five world-class products in the category of e-business. Judging was based on quality of content, ease of use, value through interactivity, attractiveness of design, quality of technical craftsmanship, and strategic importance for development of a global information society.

Abebooks executives will attend the showcase event and ceremony this week in Geneva and will be on hand to present Abebooks to the world as part of the Canadian Pavilion. The week's events will be attended by leading representatives from United Nation member states governments, private sector companies, civil society, and Heads of State.

About Abebooks

Abebooks is the world's largest online marketplace for used, rare, and out-of-print books with over 50 million books listed by 12,000 booksellers. Abebooks connects those who buy books with those who sell books, providing abundant selection at affordable prices. Abebooks is a global company based in Victoria BC, with websites dedicated to book buyers in North America (Abebooks.com), the UK (Abebooks.co.uk), France (Abebooks.fr), and Germany (Abebooks.de). Through strategic partnerships with Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and eBay/Half.com, Abebooks has become the most important virtual supplier of used books while expanding sales avenues for booksellers.

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