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### RANDOM HOUSE PUBLISHING GROUP ACQUIRES LEADING SPORTS BOOK PUBLISHER TRIUMPH BOOKS

(May 8, 2006, New York, N.Y.) – The Random House Publishing Group, a division of Random House, Inc., the world's largest trade book publisher, has acquired the industry leader in sports book publishing, Chicago-based Triumph Books. The purchase was announced today by Gina Centrello, President and Publisher of the Random House Publishing Group, and Mitch Rogatz, founder, Publisher and CEO of Triumph Books.

Triumph Books will become an imprint of the Random House Publishing Group, retaining its name and the distinctive editorial focus of its publishing program. Its entire full-time staff, spanning Editorial, Production, Publicity, Marketing, and Sales, will continue to be based in Chicago. Mr. Rogatz has been named President of Triumph Books, reporting to Bill Takes, Senior Vice President, Executive Director, Business Operations and New Business Development, Random House Publishing Group.

Mr. Takes represented Random House in the negotiations with Mr. Rogatz, which were completed last week. Terms of the agreement between the two companies, both of which are privately held, were not disclosed.

Triumph Books, formed in 1990, publishes nearly one hundred books annually across all formats. These range from instant titles published within days of the conclusion of dramatic sporting events, to autobiographies and coffee-table picture books, often with companion DVDs, that chronicle significant personalities, eras and accomplishments. Fall 2006 highlights include DRIVING HOME: My Unforgettable Super Bowl Run, by Jerome Bettis with Teresa Varley; and LOMBARDI AND ME: Players, Coaches and Colleagues Talk About the Man and the Myth, by Paul Hornung with Billy Reed.

Their list has expanded over the years to include entertainment and current events, often developed through exclusive licensing agreements, and games and puzzles, including the Jumbles ® series, which has sold more than 500,000 copies.

Gina Centrello commented, "We have long wanted to extend our publishing program more deeply into the area of sports, and Triumph's expertise and reputation in this area makes them the ideal addition to our group."

Said Mitch Rogatz of Triumph: “We are delighted to join such a strong and prestigious publisher as Random House, which will allow us to take our business to even greater heights. This collaboration can only result in expanded resources and exciting, new opportunities.”

The various Random House and Ballantine imprints will continue to publish selected sports titles, independent of Triumph.

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