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## **USABOOKNEWS.COM AWARDS THE RAINBOW WEB BEST CHILDREN'S INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE**

**USABookNews.com, the premiere online magazine and review website for mainstream and independent publishing houses, announced the winners and finalists of its “BEST BOOKS 2005” AWARDS (BBA). 250 winners and finalists were announced in 60 categories covering print, audio, e-books and interactive CD-ROMs.** Science gets little time and attention in classrooms today. *The Rainbow Web*, first in the Webs to Whales Nature Tales series, engages a child's natural curiosity and enthusiasm for nature. Combining literature with technology, this series offers parents, homeschoolers, and teachers a fun and easy way to fit in science education. Each beautifully illustrated book includes an educational, interactive CD-ROM that teaches the science behind the story. In the book, a little spider's dream of spinning a colorful web comes true. The CD uses actual photos and narrated lessons to teach about spider and insect anatomy, types of spiders and webs, and primary and secondary colors. Printable activity sheets in math, reading, and science then take kids back to hands-on learning. The CD-ROM, which includes an ebook version of the story, is also available as standalone software. *True Blue Friend*, the story of a unique friendship between a humpback whale and a blue whale, will be available in November. A key focus of this book and CD is whale conservation. The CD will include lessons on whale and fish anatomy, echolocation, types of whales, and videos of whale behaviors.