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**NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**  
**To Be Held on Thursday, May 29, 2008**

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The 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Amazon.com, Inc. (the "Annual Meeting") will be held at 9:00 a.m., Pacific Time, on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the Seattle Art Museum, Plestcheff Auditorium, 1300 First Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, for the following purposes:

1. To elect eight directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their respective successors are elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008; and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Our Board of Directors recommends you vote "FOR" the election of each of the nominees to the Board, and "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditors.

The Board of Directors has fixed April 2, 2008, as the record date for determining shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting.

All shareholders are invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person. However, even if you expect to be present at the Annual Meeting, we ask that as promptly as possible you vote by following the instructions on page 2. Shareholders of record who attend the Annual Meeting may vote in person even if they have previously voted. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person, you can listen to the webcast live, or on replay, by visiting [www.amazon.com/ir](http://www.amazon.com/ir).

**Voting on the Internet or by telephone is fast and convenient, and your vote is immediately confirmed and tabulated. Using the Internet or telephone helps save your Company money by reducing postage and proxy tabulation costs.**

By Order of the Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Michelle Wilson", written in a cursive style.

L. Michelle Wilson  
*Secretary*

Seattle, Washington  
April 18, 2008



# AMAZON.COM, INC.

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## PROXY STATEMENT

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### ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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#### General

The enclosed proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of Amazon.com, Inc. (the "Company") for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held at 9:00 a.m., Pacific Time, on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the Seattle Art Museum, Plestcheeff Auditorium, 1300 First Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Company's principal offices are located at 1200 12th Avenue South, Suite 1200, Seattle, WA 98144. This Proxy Statement is first being made available via the Internet to the shareholders of the Company on or about April 18, 2008.

#### Outstanding Securities and Quorum

Only holders of record of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at the close of business on April 2, 2008, the record date, will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. On that date, the Company had 417,388,134 shares of common stock outstanding. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting.

A majority of the outstanding shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker nonvotes will be included in determining the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

#### Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

Under rules recently adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we are furnishing proxy materials to our shareholders primarily via the Internet, instead of mailing printed copies of those materials to each shareholder. On April 18, 2008, we mailed to our shareholders (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery) a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials directing shareholders to a website where they can access our proxy materials, including our proxy statement and our annual report, and view instructions on how to vote online or by telephone. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of our proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If you have previously elected to receive our proxy materials electronically, you will continue to receive these materials via e-mail unless you elect otherwise.

#### Proxy Voting

Shares that are properly voted on the Internet or by telephone or for which proxy cards are properly executed and returned will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the directions given or, in the absence of directions, will be voted "FOR" the election of each of the nominees to the Board named herein and "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of the Company's independent auditors. It is not expected that any additional matters will be brought before the Annual Meeting, but if other matters are properly presented, the persons named as proxies in the accompanying proxy card will vote in their discretion on such matters.

The manner in which your shares may be voted depends on how your shares are held. If you own shares of record, meaning that your shares are represented by certificates or book entries in your name so that you appear as a shareholder on the records of BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, the Company's stock transfer agent, and you request a paper copy of the proxy statement as indicated in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy

Materials, a proxy card for voting those shares will be included with the paper Proxy Statement you receive. If you own shares in street name, meaning that your shares are held by a bank or brokerage firm or other nominee, and you request a paper copy of the proxy statement as indicated in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or if you have already requested paper copies of proxy materials through your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you may instead receive a voting instruction form from that institution with this Proxy Statement to instruct it how to vote your shares.

Record holders and many street name holders may vote on the Internet or by telephone. *Using the Internet or telephone helps save your Company money by reducing postage and proxy tabulation costs.*

<u>VOTE BY INTERNET</u>	<u>VOTE BY TELEPHONE</u>
<p><b>Shares Held of Record:</b>  <a href="http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/amzn">http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/amzn</a>  <a href="http://www.proxyvoting.com/amzn">http://www.proxyvoting.com/amzn</a>  <b>Shares Held in Street Name:</b>  <a href="http://www.proxyvote.com">http://www.proxyvote.com</a>            24 hours a day / 7 days a week</p>	<p><b>Shares Held of Record: (866) 540-5760</b>  <b>Shares Held in Street Name:</b>  <b>See voting instruction form</b>            Toll-free 24 hours a day / 7 days a week</p>
<p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p>	<p>INSTRUCTIONS:</p>
<p>Read this Proxy Statement.</p>	<p>Read this Proxy Statement.</p>
<p>Go to the applicable website listed above.</p>	<p>For record holders, call the toll-free number above.            For street name holders, call the telephone number on your voting instruction form.</p>
<p>Have your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, proxy card or voting instruction form in hand and follow the instructions. <b>We encourage you to register to receive all future shareholder communications electronically, instead of in print. This means that the annual report, proxy statement, and other correspondence will be delivered to you via e-mail.</b></p>	<p>Have your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, proxy card or voting instruction form in hand and follow the instructions.</p>

**Attendance and Voting at the Annual Meeting**

If you own common stock of record, you may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, regardless of whether you have previously voted by proxy card, on the Internet or by telephone. If you own common stock in street name, you may attend the Annual Meeting, but in order to vote your shares at the meeting you must obtain a “legal proxy” from the bank or brokerage firm or other nominee that holds your shares. You should contact your bank or brokerage account representative to learn how to obtain a legal proxy. We encourage you to vote your shares in advance of the Annual Meeting by one of the methods described above, even if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting. If you have already voted prior to the meeting, you may nevertheless change or revoke your vote at the Annual Meeting as described below.

**Revocation**

If you own common stock of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting by delivering to the Secretary of the Company a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Any shareholder owning common stock in street name may change or revoke voting instructions by contacting the bank or brokerage firm or other nominee holding the shares or by obtaining a legal proxy from such institution and voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

## ITEM 1—ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Company's Bylaws, the Board has fixed the number of directors constituting the Board at eight. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has recommended and the Board has proposed that the following eight nominees be elected at the Annual Meeting, each of whom will hold office until the next Annual Meeting and until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified: Jeffrey P. Bezos, Tom A. Alberg, John Seely Brown, L. John Doerr, William B. Gordon, Myrtle S. Potter, Thomas O. Ryder, and Patricia Q. Stonesifer. Each of the nominees is currently a director of the Company and was most recently elected to the Board at our 2007 Annual Meeting to hold office until the 2008 Annual Meeting and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified. Each properly executed proxy will be voted "FOR" the election of each of these nominees, unless the shareholder indicates on the proxy that votes are to be cast "AGAINST" one or more nominees or the shareholder indicates "ABSTAIN" on the proxy with respect to one or more nominees.

A nominee for Director shall be elected to the Board if the votes cast for such nominee's election exceed the votes cast against such nominee's election. If any nominee does not receive the required vote for re-election, the Board will consider whether to accept or reject such director's resignation, which is tendered to the Board pursuant to the Board of Directors Guidelines on Significant Corporate Governance Issues. Abstentions and broker nonvotes will have no effect on the outcome of the election. Broker nonvotes occur when a person holding shares in street name, meaning through a brokerage firm, does not provide instructions as to how to vote their shares and the broker does not then vote them on the shareholder's behalf.

### Nominees for the Board of Directors

Biographical information regarding each of the nominees for the Board of Directors is set forth below:

*Jeffrey P. Bezos*, age 44, has been Chairman of the Board of the Company since founding it in 1994 and Chief Executive Officer since May 1996. Mr. Bezos served as President of the Company from founding until June 1999 and again from October 2000 to the present.

*Tom A. Alberg*, age 68, has been a director of the Company since June 1996. Mr. Alberg has been a managing director of Madrona Venture Group, L.L.C., a venture capital firm, since September 1999, and a principal in Madrona Investment Group, LLC, a private investment firm, since January 1996. Mr. Alberg is also a director of several private companies.

*John Seely Brown*, age 67, has been a director of the Company since June 2004. Mr. Brown is a Visiting Scholar and Advisor to the Provost at the University of Southern California and Independent Co-Chairman of Deloitte & Touche USA LLP's Center for Edge Innovation. He was the Chief Scientist of Xerox Corporation until April 2002, and director of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), until June 2000. Mr. Brown is also a director of Corning Incorporated and Varian Medical Systems, Inc.

*L. John Doerr*, age 56, has been a director of the Company since June 1996. Mr. Doerr has been a general partner of Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, a venture capital firm, since September 1980. Mr. Doerr is also a director of Google Inc., Move, Inc., and several private companies.

*William B. Gordon*, age 58, has been a director of the Company since April 2003. Mr. Gordon is a co-founder of Electronic Arts, Inc. and has been Executive Vice President and Chief Creative Officer of Electronic Arts, Inc. since March 1998.

*Myrtle S. Potter*, age 49, has been a director of the Company since April 2004. Ms. Potter has been Chief Executive Officer of Chapman Properties, Inc., a real estate company, since September 2006. She has also served as a healthcare consultant and advisor specializing in corporate strategy and product development through her private consulting firm, Myrtle Potter and Company, LLC, since August 2005. At Genentech, Inc., Ms. Potter was President, Commercial Operations, from March 2004 to August 2005 and Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations and Chief Operating Officer from May 2000 to March 2004. Ms. Potter is also a director of ev3 Inc. and Medco Health Solutions, Inc.

*Thomas O. Ryder*, age 63, has been a director of the Company since November 2002. Mr. Ryder was Chairman of the Reader's Digest Association, Inc. from April 1998 to December 2006, and was Chief Executive Officer from April 1998 to December 2005. Mr. Ryder is also a director of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Virgin Mobile USA, Inc.

*Patricia Q. Stonesifer*, age 51, has been a director of the Company since February 1997. Ms. Stonesifer has been Chief Executive Officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation since January 2006 and was its President and Co-chair from June 1997 to January 2006.

Although the Board expects that the eight nominees will be available to serve as directors, if any of them should be unwilling or unable to serve, the proxies will be voted for the election of such substitute nominees as may be designated by the Board, or the Board may decrease the size of the Board.

#### **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" EACH NOMINEE.**

### **Corporate Governance and Related Matters**

#### **General**

The Board is responsible for the control and direction of the Company. The Board represents the Company's shareholders and its primary purpose is to build long-term shareholder value. The Board has determined that the following seven directors are independent as defined by Nasdaq rules: Mr. Alberg, Mr. Brown, Mr. Doerr, Mr. Gordon, Ms. Potter, Mr. Ryder, and Ms. Stonesifer. In assessing directors' independence, the Board took into account certain transactions, relationships and arrangements involving some of the directors and concluded that such transactions, relationships and arrangements did not impair the independence of the director. For Mr. Gordon, the Board considered that the Company in the ordinary course of business purchased products in 2007 from Electronic Arts, Inc., where Mr. Gordon is an officer, but such payments were not significant for either the Company or Electronic Arts. For Messrs. Alberg and Doerr, the Board considered that executive officers have in the past and may in the future invest in investment funds managed by entities where Messrs. Alberg and Doerr are managing directors. In addition, executive officers have in the past and may in the future directly invest in companies in which investment funds managed by these entities have also invested. For Mr. Alberg, the Board considered the Company's indemnification agreement with Geoff Entress and Madrona Venture Group, L.L.C. ("Madrona"), a venture capital firm in which Mr. Alberg is a managing director, as disclosed in "Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions." For Mr. Ryder, the Board considered that his son-in-law commenced employment with the Company in 2008, as disclosed in "Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions."

Please visit the Company's investor relations website at [www.amazon.com/ir](http://www.amazon.com/ir), under "Investor Information—Corporate Governance" for additional information on the Company's corporate governance, including:

- the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws;
- the Board of Directors Guidelines on Significant Corporate Governance Issues, which includes policies on shareholder communications with the Board, Director attendance at the Company's annual meetings and Director resignations to facilitate majority voting;
- the charters approved by the Board for the Audit Committee, the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; and
- the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

#### **Board Meetings and Committees**

The Board meets regularly during the year and holds special meetings and acts by unanimous written consent whenever circumstances require. During 2007, there were five meetings of the Board. All directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the meetings of the Board and committees of which they were members. All directors attended the Company's 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The Board has established an Audit Committee, a Leadership Development and Compensation Committee, and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Committees are responsible to the full Board. The table below provides current membership and meeting information for the last fiscal year for each of the Committees.

Name	Audit Committee	Leadership Development and Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
Jeffrey P. Bezos			
Tom A. Alberg	X*		
John Seely Brown			X
L. John Doerr			X*
William B. Gordon		X	
Myrtle S. Potter	X		
Thomas O. Ryder	X		
Patricia Q. Stonesifer		X*	
Total Meetings in 2007	7	3	5

\* Committee Chair

The functions performed by these Committees, which are set forth in more detail in their charters, are summarized below. The Board has determined that the directors serving on each of these Committees satisfy applicable Nasdaq standards for independence.

*Audit Committee.* The Audit Committee represents and assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to the Company’s financial statements and financial reporting process, the qualifications, independence and performance of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, the performance of the Company’s internal audit function, and the Company’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Board has designated Mr. Alberg as the Audit Committee Financial Expert, as defined by Item 407(d)(5)(i) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

*Leadership Development and Compensation Committee.* The Leadership Development and Compensation Committee evaluates the Company’s programs and practices relating to leadership development, reviews and establishes compensation of the Company’s executive officers, and administers the Company’s stock-based and certain other compensation plans, all with a view toward maximizing long-term shareholder value. The Committee may engage compensation consultants but did not do so in 2007. Additional information on the Committee’s processes and procedures for considering and determining executive compensation is contained in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section of this Proxy Statement.

*Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.* The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews and assesses the composition of the Board, assists in identifying potential new candidates for director, recommends candidates for election as director, and provides a leadership role with respect to corporate governance of the Company. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also recommends to the Board compensation for newly elected directors and reviews director compensation as necessary.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers candidates for director who are recommended by its members, by other Board members, by shareholders and by management, as well as those identified by any third party search firms retained by the Company to assist in identifying and evaluating possible candidates. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluates director candidates recommended

by shareholders in the same way that it evaluates candidates recommended by its members, other members of the Board, or other persons. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers all aspects of a candidate's qualifications in the context of the needs of the Company at that point in time with a view to creating a Board with a diversity of experience and perspectives. Among the qualifications, qualities and skills of a candidate considered important by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are a commitment to representing the long-term interests of the shareholders; an inquisitive and objective perspective; the willingness to take appropriate risks; leadership ability; personal and professional ethics, integrity and values; practical wisdom and sound judgment; and business and professional experience in fields such as operations, technology, finance or marketing.

Shareholders wishing to submit recommendations for director candidates to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee must provide the following information in writing to the attention of the Secretary of the Company by certified or registered mail:

- the name, address, and biography of the candidate, and an indication of whether the candidate has expressed a willingness to serve;
- the name, address, and phone number of the shareholder or group of shareholders making the recommendation; and
- the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by the shareholder or group of shareholders making the recommendation, the length of time held, and to the extent any shareholder is not a registered holder of such securities, proof of such ownership.

To be considered by the Committee for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, a director candidate recommendation must be received by the Secretary by Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

### **Compensation of Directors**

Directors of the Company do not receive cash compensation for their services as directors or as members of committees of the Board, but are reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred for attending meetings. At the discretion of the Board, directors are eligible to receive stock-based awards under the Company's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan (the "1997 Plan"). In 2007, none of the directors were granted stock-based awards for their service. Based on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's recommendation, in February 2008 the Board approved restricted stock unit awards for 7,000 shares each to Messrs. Alberg, Doerr, Gordon and Ryder and Ms. Stonesifer. Each award vests in three equal annual installments, with the first vest date occurring one year after the final vest under the Director's previous restricted stock unit award. When determining the amount and vesting schedules for these restricted stock unit awards, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee did not vary awards based on specific committee service.



The following table sets forth as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007 all compensation reportable for directors, as determined by SEC rules.

**Director Compensation for 2007**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stock Awards/ Total Compensation\$(1)</u>
Jeffrey P. Bezos .....	\$ —
Tom A. Alberg .....	19,176(2)
John Seely Brown .....	127,799(3)
L. John Doerr .....	19,176(2)
William B. Gordon .....	41,103(4)
Myrtle S. Potter .....	87,446(5)
Thomas O. Ryder .....	22,371(6)
Patricia Q. Stonesifer .....	19,176(2)

- (1) Represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal year 2007 in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R) (“FAS 123(R”). Estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions have been disregarded. The fair value of each award is recognized as an expense over the service period using the accelerated method under FAS 123(R). Assumptions made in the valuation of stock awards are discussed in Note 1, “*Stock-Based Compensation*,” in Item 8, “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data,” in the Company’s 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (2) Relates to a restricted stock unit award for 30,000 shares that, as of December 31, 2007, was fully vested.
- (3) Relates to a restricted stock unit award for 12,500 shares that as of December 31, 2007, was vested as to 7,500 shares and will vest as to 2,500 shares on each of June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009, assuming continued service as a director.
- (4) Relates to a restricted stock unit award for 30,000 shares that, as of December 31, 2007 was vested as to 24,000 shares and that vested as to 6,000 shares on April 9, 2008.
- (5) Relates to a restricted stock unit award for 12,500 shares that, as of December 31, 2007, was vested as to 7,500 shares, vested as to 2,500 shares on April 12, 2008 and will vest as to 2,500 shares on April 12, 2009, assuming continued service as a director.
- (6) Relates to a restricted stock unit award for 35,000 shares that as of December 31, 2007 was fully vested.

**ITEM 2—RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG, LLP**

Under the rules and regulations of the SEC, the Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment of the Company’s independent auditors. The Audit Committee has appointed, and is requesting ratification by the shareholders of the appointment of, the registered public accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP (“E&Y”) to serve as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. The affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter is required to ratify the selection of E&Y. Broker nonvotes will have no effect on the outcome of this matter. Abstentions will be counted as present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of this matter and will have the effect of a vote against the ratification of the appointment of E&Y. If shareholders do not ratify the selection of E&Y, the Audit Committee will evaluate the shareholder vote when considering the selection of a registered public accounting firm for the audit engagement for the 2009 fiscal year. In addition, if shareholders ratify the selection of E&Y as independent auditors, the Audit Committee may nevertheless periodically request proposals from the major registered public accounting firms and as a result of such process may select E&Y or another registered public accounting firm as the Company’s independent auditors.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF E&Y AS THE COMPANY’S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008.**

## AUDITORS

Representatives of E&Y are expected to attend the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement or to respond to appropriate questions from shareholders.

### **Audit Fees**

Audit fees include the aggregate fees billed for the audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and its internal control, and the reviews of each of the quarterly consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Forms 10-Q. These fees also include statutory and other audit work performed with respect to certain of the Company's subsidiaries. The aggregate audit fees billed to the Company by E&Y for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 were \$3,710,000. The aggregate audit fees billed to the Company by E&Y for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 were \$3,498,000.

### **Audit-Related Fees**

Audit-related fees include accounting advisory services related to the accounting treatment of transactions or events, including acquisitions, and to the adoption of new accounting standards, as well as additional procedures related to accounting records performed to comply with regulatory reporting requirements. The aggregate audit-related fees billed to the Company by E&Y for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 were \$70,000. The aggregate audit-related fees billed to the Company by E&Y for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 were \$99,000.

### **Tax Fees**

Tax fees were for tax reconciliation services for certain international entities. The aggregate tax fees billed to the Company by E&Y for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 were \$3,000. The aggregate tax fees billed to the Company by E&Y for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 were \$3,000.

### **All Other Fees**

No other fees were billed to the Company by E&Y for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 or for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

All of the fees described above were approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has adopted a pre-approval policy under which the Audit Committee approves in advance all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the Company's independent auditors. As part of its pre-approval policy, the Audit Committee considers whether the provision of any proposed non-audit services is consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence. In accordance with the pre-approval policy, the Audit Committee has pre-approved certain specified audit and non-audit services to be provided by E&Y if they are initiated within eighteen (18) months after the date of the pre-approval. If there are any additional services to be provided, a request for pre-approval must be submitted by management to the Audit Committee for its consideration under the policy. Finally, in accordance with the pre-approval policy, the Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval authority to each of its members. Any member who exercises this authority must report any pre-approval decisions to the full Audit Committee at its next meeting.

## **Audit Committee Report**

The Audit Committee reviews the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. Management has the primary responsibility for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, for preparing the financial statements and for the reporting process. The Audit Committee members do not serve as professional accountants or auditors, and their functions are not intended to duplicate or to certify the activities of management and the independent registered public accounting firm. The Company's independent auditors are engaged to audit and report on the conformity of the Company's financial statements to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

In this context, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management and the independent auditors the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 (the "Audited Financial Statements"), management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and the independent auditors' evaluation of the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees), as amended. In addition, the Audit Committee has received from the independent auditors the written disclosures required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees) and discussed with them their independence from the Company and its management.

Based upon the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the Audited Financial Statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Audit Committee

Tom A. Alberg  
Myrtle S. Potter  
Thomas O. Ryder

## BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of the common stock as of February 29, 2008 (except as otherwise indicated) by (i) each person or entity known by the Company to beneficially own more than 5% of the common stock, (ii) each director of the Company, (iii) each executive officer of the Company for whom compensation information is given in the Summary Compensation Table in this Proxy Statement, and (iv) all directors and executive officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, and subject to any interests of the reporting person's spouse, the Company believes that the beneficial owners of common stock listed below, based on information furnished by such owners, have sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares. As of February 29, 2008 the Company had 417,211,793 shares of common stock outstanding.

<u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Jeffrey P. Bezos . . . . . 1200 12th Avenue South, Suite 1200 Seattle, WA 98144	99,325,891	23.81%
Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc. . . . . LMM, LLC 100 Light Street Baltimore, MD 21202	44,955,492(1)	10.78%
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. . . . . 100 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202	21,284,836(2)	5.10%
Tom A. Alberg . . . . .	95,022(3)	*
John Seely Brown . . . . .	8,500	*
L. John Doerr . . . . .	2,931,749(4)	*
William B. Gordon . . . . .	23,075(5)	*
Myrtle S. Potter . . . . .	12,883(6)	*
Thomas O. Ryder . . . . .	45,000	*
Patricia Q. Stonesifer . . . . .	65,883	*
Sebastian J. Gunningham . . . . .	—	*
Marc Onetto . . . . .	60	*
Thomas J. Szkutak . . . . .	55,478	*
H. Brian Valentine . . . . .	78	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a group (19 persons) . . . . .	102,787,348(7)	24.63%

\* Less than 1%.

- (1) As of December 31, 2007, based on information provided in a Schedule 13G/A filed February 14, 2008. Each entity has declared shared voting and investment power over a portion of the reported shares.
- (2) As of December 31, 2007, based on information provided in a Schedule 13G/A filed February 13, 2008. T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has sole voting power with respect to 7,286,013 of the reported shares and sole investment power with respect to 21,202,936 of the reported shares and no shared voting and investment power with respect to the reported shares. For purposes of the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. is deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares; however, it expressly disclaims that it is, in fact, the beneficial owner of such shares.

- (3) Includes 22,000 shares held by a charitable trust of which Mr. Alberg is a trustee and as to which he shares voting and investment power. Mr. Alberg disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock held by the charitable trust.
- (4) Includes 11,454 shares owned by KPCB Information Sciences Zaibatsu Fund II, a California limited partnership ("KPCB Info"). Mr. Doerr is a general partner of KPCB VII Associates, L.P., a California limited partnership, which is the general partner of KPCB Info. Mr. Doerr disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock held by KPCB Info except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest in his distributive shares therein.
- (5) Includes 6,000 shares issuable under a stock-based award that vested April 9, 2008.
- (6) Includes 2,500 shares issuable under a stock-based award that vested April 12, 2008.
- (7) Includes 223,730 shares beneficially owned by other executive officers of the Company, of which 111,256 shares are issuable under stock-based awards exercisable as of February 29, 2008 and 8,400 shares are issuable under stock-based awards vesting from March 1, 2008 to April 29, 2008.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Amazon.com's approach to compensating its employees, including its "named executive officers," is to tie total compensation to long-term shareholder value, as reflected primarily in the Company's stock price. "Named executive officers" are the Company's (i) Chief Executive Officer, (ii) Chief Financial Officer and (iii) other three most highly compensated executive officers based on SEC regulations. The Company's employment offer letters with its named executive officers provide for at-will employment, and named executive officer compensation generally consists of stock-based compensation, base salaries, new-hire cash bonuses and other compensation and benefits.

*Stock-Based Compensation.* The primary component of a named executive officer's total compensation is stock-based compensation in order to closely tie total compensation to long-term shareholder value. Accordingly, named executive officers receive sizeable stock-based awards at the time of hire and are also eligible for stock-based awards on a periodic basis.

Since late 2002, the Company has used restricted stock units as its primary stock-based compensation vehicle. The Company believes that restricted stock units better align the long-term interests of named executive officers and shareholders and help efficiently manage overall shareholder dilution from stock awards. Mr. Szkutak, who joined the Company in 2002, received a restricted stock unit award at the time of hire and a subsequent restricted stock unit award in the second quarter of 2006. Messrs. Valentine and Onetto, who joined the Company in 2006, and Mr. Gunningham, who joined the Company in 2007, each received a restricted stock unit award at the time of hire. Mr. Bezos has never received any stock-based compensation from the Company.

Restricted stock unit grant amounts and vesting for named executive officers, whether for new hire or subsequent grants, are established by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee after receiving recommendations from the Vice President of Human Resources and the Chief Executive Officer.

For new hire grants, the Vice President of Human Resources, the Chief Executive Officer and the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee consider various factors, including past compensation from the named executive officer's former employer, future compensation from such former employer that will be forfeited upon joining the Company, the compensation of similarly-situated senior executives at the Company, the named executive officer's expected level of responsibility at the Company and expected contributions to the Company's future success and the market compensation of similarly-situated executives at other companies as reflected in third party surveys.

For periodic grants, the Vice President of Human Resources, the Chief Executive Officer and the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee consider various factors, including the named executive officer's level of responsibility, past contributions to Company performance, and expected contributions to the Company's future success, as well as the market compensation of similarly-situated executives at other companies as reflected in third party surveys.

For both new hire and periodic restricted stock unit grants, the Vice President of Human Resources and Chief Executive Officer develop grant recommendations by subjectively evaluating the factors above to set a total compensation target for each named executive officer and then designing restricted stock unit grants to help meet those total compensation targets based on certain stock price assumptions, taking into account the named executive officer's cash compensation and the estimated value of pre-existing stock-based compensation vesting in subsequent years, if any. In this process, the Vice President of Human Resources and Chief Executive Officer view projected total compensation for a given year as cash compensation expected to be earned in that year plus the projected value of stock-based compensation vesting in that year. Because the Company focuses on total compensation over time and takes into account existing compensation, periodic grants for a smaller number of

shares do not necessarily reflect lower total compensation. For the 2007 new hire restricted stock unit grant, as well as certain other grants issued prior to 2007 held by executive officers, the Company imposed additional vesting conditions designed to qualify the award as tax-deductible compensation under Section 162(m)(4)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, in addition to time-based vesting schedules.

*Base Salaries.* Base salaries for named executive officers are designed to be significantly less than those paid by similarly situated companies. Base salaries for named executive officers during 2007 ranged from \$81,840 for Mr. Bezos to \$150,000 for the other named executive officers. Due to Mr. Bezos' substantial ownership in the Company (approximately 24%), Mr. Bezos again requested not to receive additional compensation in 2007 and has never received annual cash compensation in excess of his current amount. In addition, the salaries of the other named executive officers did not change in 2007.

*New-Hire Cash Bonuses.* New-hire cash bonuses generally are paid in monthly installments to a named executive officer. These bonuses are also determined by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee after receiving recommendations from the Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President of Human Resources. Bonuses are generally designed to provide appropriate total compensation to named executive officers until their stock-based compensation begins to vest. In 2007, Messrs. Gunningham, Onetto and Valentine received new-hire cash bonus payments as shown in the "Bonus" column of the Summary Compensation Table.

*Other Compensation and Benefits.* Named executive officers receive additional compensation in the form of vacation, medical, 401(k), relocation and other benefits generally available to all of the Company's employees. The Company provides security for Mr. Bezos, including security in addition to that provided at business facilities and during business-related travel. The Company believes that all Company-incurred security costs are reasonable and necessary and for the Company's benefit. The Company provides relocation assistance to newly hired executives consistent with what it provides to other employees, and it provided this assistance to Messrs. Gunningham and Onetto in 2007. Amounts attributable to relocation assistance for Messrs. Gunningham and Onetto are included in the "All Other Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table. Mr. Onetto's employment offer letter also provided for a severance payment, which expired under its terms in December 2007, if he was terminated during the first twelve months of his employment. The Company does not provide any other perquisites or other personal benefits to its named executive officers.

### **Leadership Development and Compensation Committee Report**

The Leadership Development and Compensation Committee, which is composed solely of independent members of the Board of Directors, assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to, among other things, establishing and reviewing compensation of the Company's executive officers. The Leadership Development and Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Company's Compensation Discussion and Analysis and, based on the review and discussion, recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

The Leadership Development and  
Compensation Committee

Patricia Q. Stonesifer  
William B. Gordon

## Compensation of Named Executive Officers

The following table sets forth for the year ended December 31, 2007 the compensation reportable for the named executive officers, as determined by SEC rules.

**Summary Compensation Table**

<u>Name and Principal Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Stock Awards(1)</u>	<u>All Other Compensation</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Jeffrey P. Bezos</b> . . . . .	2007	\$ 81,840	\$ —	\$ —	\$1,200,000(2)	\$1,281,840
Chief Executive Officer . . . . .	2006	81,840	—	—	1,200,000(2)	1,281,840
<b>Thomas J. Szkutak</b> . . . . .	2007	150,000	—	1,116,620	3,000(3)	1,269,620
SVP and Chief Financial Officer . . . . .	2006	150,000	450,000(4)	1,255,700	2,993(3)	1,858,693
<b>Sebastian J. Gunningham</b> . . . . .	2007	123,863(5)	1,125,000(6)	3,375,633	183,878(7)	4,808,374
SVP, Seller Services . . . . .	2006	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Marc A. Onetto</b> . . . . .	2007	150,000	1,900,000(6)	3,791,493	343,310(8)	6,184,803
SVP, Worldwide Operations . . . . .	2006	12,452(9)	166,667(6)	248,564	9,384(10)	437,067
<b>H. Brian Valentine</b> . . . . .	2007	150,000	1,300,000(6)	3,740,231	3,115(3)	5,193,346
SVP, Ecommerce Platform . . . . .	2006	43,269(11)	566,667(6)	1,065,710	749(3)	1,676,395

- (1) Represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal years 2006 and 2007 in accordance with FAS 123(R). Estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions have been disregarded. The fair value of each award is recognized as an expense over the service period using the accelerated method under FAS 123(R). Assumptions made in the valuation of stock awards are discussed in Note 1, “*Stock-Based Compensation*,” in Item 8, “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data,” in the Company’s 2007 and 2006 Annual Reports on Form 10-K.
- (2) Represents the approximate incremental cost of security arrangements for Mr. Bezos in addition to security arrangements provided at business facilities and for business travel. The Company believes that all Company-incurred security costs are reasonable and necessary and for the Company’s benefit.
- (3) Represents the value of shares of common stock contributed by the Company under the Company’s 401(k) plan.
- (4) Represents a signing bonus.
- (5) Represents base salary paid to Mr. Gunningham after he commenced employment in March 2007.
- (6) Represents a signing bonus. See “Employment Arrangements.”
- (7) Represents expenses paid by the Company in connection with Mr. Gunningham’s relocation to the Seattle area upon employment with the Company, including \$51,433 in reimbursed expenses related to the purchase of a new home, \$43,304 in temporary living expenses and \$18,588 in reimbursements for taxes.
- (8) Of the amount shown, \$625 represents the value of shares of common stock contributed by the Company under the Company’s 401(k) plan and \$342,685 represents expenses paid by the Company in connection with Mr. Onetto’s relocation to the Seattle area upon employment with the Company, including \$214,678 in reimbursed expenses related to the sale of a former home, \$39,693 in reimbursed expenses related to the purchase of a new home and \$8,312 in reimbursements for taxes.
- (9) Represents base salary paid to Mr. Onetto after he commenced employment in December 2006.
- (10) Of the amount shown, \$125 represents the value of shares of common stock contributed by the Company under the Company’s 401(k) plan and \$9,259 represents expenses paid by the Company in connection with Mr. Onetto’s relocation to the Seattle area upon employment with the Company.
- (11) Represents base salary paid to Mr. Valentine after he commenced employment in September 2006.

## Employment Arrangements

*Sebastian J. Gunningham.* Mr. Gunningham’s 2007 employment offer letter provided for an initial annual salary of \$150,000. Mr. Gunningham’s employment is for no specified length of time. Mr. Gunningham’s offer letter provides for a new-hire signing bonus of \$1,350,000 during his first year of employment and an additional



\$600,000 during his second year of employment, in each case payable in equal monthly installments and subject to his continued employment with the Company. As additional consideration for entering into a confidentiality, noncompetition and invention assignment agreement with the Company, the Company awarded Mr. Gunningham a restricted stock unit award in the amount of 375,000 shares vesting at the rate of 20% after two years of employment and 20% after every year of employment thereafter, subject to continued employment with the Company.

*Marc A. Onetto.* Mr. Onetto's 2006 employment offer letter provided for an initial annual salary of \$150,000. Mr. Onetto's employment is for no specified length of time. Mr. Onetto's offer letter provides for a new-hire signing bonus of \$2,000,000 during his first year of employment and an additional \$800,000 during his second year of employment, in each case payable in equal monthly installments and subject to his continued employment with the Company. As additional consideration for entering into a confidentiality, noncompetition and invention assignment agreement with the Company, the Company awarded Mr. Onetto a restricted stock unit award in the amount of 375,000 shares vesting at the rate of 20% after two years of employment and 20% after every year of employment thereafter, subject to continued employment with the Company. Mr. Onetto's offer letter also provided for a severance payment of \$1,300,000 if his employment were terminated without cause during the first twelve months of his employment, subject to his execution of a release of all claims against the Company.

*H. Brian Valentine.* Mr. Valentine's 2006 employment offer letter provided for an initial annual salary of \$150,000. Mr. Valentine's employment is for no specified length of time. Mr. Valentine's offer letter provides for a new-hire signing bonus of \$1,700,000 during his first year of employment and an additional \$500,000 during his second year of employment, in each case payable in equal monthly installments and subject to his continued employment with the Company. As additional consideration for entering into a confidentiality, noncompetition and invention assignment agreement with the Company, the Company awarded Mr. Valentine a restricted stock unit award in the amount of 400,000 shares vesting at the rate of 20% after two years of employment and 20% after every year of employment thereafter, subject to continued employment with the Company.

The following table supplements the disclosure in the Summary Compensation Table with respect to stock awards made to the named executive officers in 2007, of which the only award made was to Mr. Gunningham, in connection with his offer of employment, as set forth below.

#### Grants of Plan-Based Awards in Fiscal Year 2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grant Date</u>	<u>All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)(1)</u>	<u>Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards(2)</u>
<b>Jeffrey P. Bezos</b> .....	—	—	—
<b>Thomas J. Szkutak</b> .....	—	—	—
<b>Sebastian J. Gunningham</b>			
Restricted Stock Unit Award .....	3/5/07	375,000(3)	\$14,130,000
<b>Marc A. Onetto</b> .....	—	—	—
<b>H. Brian Valentine</b> .....	—	—	—

- (1) Represents shares subject to a restricted stock unit award that vests as set forth in footnote 3 below. Vesting schedules for each grant reflect total compensation targets for future years for the individual named executive officer based on the number of shares vesting and stock price assumption for each future year.
- (2) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock unit awards received in fiscal year 2007, computed in accordance with FAS 123(R). Fair value is determined based on the number of shares granted multiplied by the average of the high and the low trading price of Amazon.com common stock on the grant date without regard to the fact that the grants vest over a number of years. The holder of the restricted stock unit award does not have any voting, dividend or other ownership rights in the shares of common stock subject to the award unless and until the award vests and the shares are issued.
- (3) Vests as to 75,000 shares on March 5, 2009 and as to 75,000 shares yearly thereafter through March 5, 2013, assuming continued employment.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End and Equity Awards Realized in 2007

The following table sets forth information concerning the outstanding options and stock awards held at December 31, 2007 by the named executive officers.

### Outstanding Equity Awards at 2007 Fiscal Year End

Name	Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested\$(1)
<b>Jeffrey P. Bezos</b> .....	—	—
<b>Thomas J. Szkutak</b>		
Restricted stock units .....	217,753(2)	\$20,172,638
<b>Sebastian J. Gunningham</b>		
Restricted stock units .....	375,000(3)	34,740,000
<b>Marc A. Onetto</b>		
Restricted stock units .....	375,000(4)	34,740,000
<b>H. Brian Valentine</b>		
Restricted stock units .....	400,000(5)	37,056,000

- (1) Reflects the closing market price of Amazon.com common stock on December 31, 2007, \$92.64, multiplied by the number of restricted stock units that were not vested as of December 31, 2007.
- (2) Reflects shares of Amazon.com common stock subject to: (a) a restricted stock unit award for 500,000 shares, the unvested portion of which vests as to 71,430 shares October 1, 2008 and 71,425 shares on October 1, 2009, assuming continued employment and (b) a restricted stock unit award for 74,898 shares vesting as follows, assuming continued employment: 18,725 shares on May 15, 2010; 18,724 shares on August 15, 2010; 18,725 shares on November 15, 2010; and 18,724 shares on February 15, 2011.
- (3) Reflects shares of Amazon.com common stock subject to a restricted stock unit award for 375,000 shares, vesting as to 75,000 shares on March 5, 2009 and as to 75,000 shares yearly thereafter through March 5, 2013, assuming continued employment.
- (4) Reflects shares of Amazon.com common stock subject to a restricted stock unit award for 375,000 shares, vesting as to 75,000 shares on December 4, 2008 and as to 75,000 shares yearly thereafter through December 4, 2012, assuming continued employment.
- (5) Reflects shares of Amazon.com common stock subject to a restricted stock unit award for 400,000 shares, vesting as to 80,000 shares on September 18, 2008 and as to 80,000 shares yearly thereafter through September 18, 2012, assuming continued employment.

The following table sets forth information concerning stock awards that vested during the last fiscal year by or for the named executive officers.

### Stock Vested in 2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stock Awards</u>	
	<u>Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting(#)</u>	<u>Value Realized on Vesting(\$)(1)</u>
<b>Jeffrey P. Bezos</b> .....	—	—
<b>Thomas J. Szkutak</b> .....	71,430	\$6,672,276
<b>Sebastian J. Gunningham</b> .....	—	—
<b>Marc A. Onetto</b> .....	—	—
<b>H. Brian Valentine</b> .....	—	—

(1) Amount is the number of shares of stock acquired upon vesting multiplied by the market price (closing price) of Amazon.com common stock on the vesting date.

### Potential Payments Upon Termination of Employment or Change-In-Control

#### *Termination and Change-in-Control Agreements or Arrangements*

The Company does not have arrangements with any of its named executive officers providing for additional benefits or payments in connection with a termination of employment, change in job responsibility or change-in-control, except the provision in Mr. Onetto’s offer letter described under “Employment Arrangements” above, which lapsed in December 2007. Upon termination of employment for any reason, all unvested restricted stock units expire.

#### *Change-in-Control Provisions of 1997 Plan*

In the event of (i) the merger or consolidation of the Company in which it is not the surviving corporation pursuant to which shares of common stock are converted into cash, securities or other property (other than a merger in which holders of common stock immediately before the merger have the same proportionate ownership of the capital stock of the surviving corporation immediately after the merger), (ii) the sale, lease, exchange or other transfer of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets (other than a transfer to a majority-owned subsidiary), or (iii) the approval by the holders of common stock of any plan or proposal for the Company’s liquidation or dissolution (each a “Corporate Transaction”), the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee will determine whether provisions will be made in connection with the Corporate Transaction for the assumption of stock-based awards under the 1997 Plan or the substitution of appropriate new awards covering the stock of the successor corporation or an affiliate of the successor corporation. If the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee determines that no such assumption or substitution will be made, vesting of outstanding awards under the 1997 Plan will automatically accelerate so that such awards become 100% vested immediately before the Corporate Transaction. On a hypothetical basis, assuming the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee had made such a determination in a Corporate Transaction that closed on December 31, 2007, the dollar value of the stock-based awards held by named executive officers that would have vested based on the closing price of Amazon.com common stock of \$92.64 on December 31, 2007 is set forth in the “Outstanding Equity Awards at 2007 Fiscal Year End” table.

## SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets forth information concerning the Company's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2007:

<u>Plan Category</u>	<u>Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights</u>	<u>Weighted-average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights</u>	<u>Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans</u>
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders .....	17,274,844(1)	\$20.25(2)	110,504,550(3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders .....	<u>940,595</u>	14.87	<u>18,790,112</u>
Total .....	<u><u>18,215,439(4)</u></u>	19.98	<u><u>129,294,662</u></u>

- (1) Includes 16,346,338 shares issuable pursuant to restricted stock unit awards, which awards may be granted only under the Company's shareholder-approved 1997 Plan. There is no exercise price associated with a restricted stock unit award.
- (2) Calculation excludes shares subject to restricted stock unit awards.
- (3) For the fiscal years 2001 through 2010, the maximum number of shares issuable pursuant to the 1997 Plan is increased as of the first day of each fiscal year of the Company by an amount equal to (a) the lesser of (i) 4% of the outstanding common stock as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year, and (ii) 15 million shares, or (b) a lesser amount as determined by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee.
- (4) Excludes 10,473 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options having a weighted average exercise price of \$1.38 that are outstanding under stock option plans assumed by the Company as a result of acquisitions.

*Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved By Security Holders.* The Board adopted the 1999 Nonofficer Employee Stock Option Plan (the "1999 Plan") to enable the grant of nonqualified stock options to employees, consultants, agents, advisors and independent contractors of the Company and its subsidiaries who are not officers or Directors of the Company. Restricted stock units, the Company's primary form of stock-based compensation since 2002, are not granted from the 1999 Plan. The 1999 Plan has not been approved by the Company's shareholders. The Leadership Development and Compensation Committee is the administrator of the 1999 Plan, and as such determines all matters relating to options granted under the 1999 Plan, including the selection of the recipients, the size of the grants and the conditions to vesting and exercisability. The Leadership Development and Compensation Committee has delegated authority to make grants under the 1999 Plan to another committee of the Board and to certain officers of the Company, subject to specified limitations on the size and terms of such grants. A maximum of 40 million shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the 1999 Plan.

## **CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS**

Gianna Puerini, an employee of Amazon.com who shares the same household as Brian Valentine, an executive officer of the Company, earned \$131,250 in salary in 2007 and was granted a restricted stock unit award in 2007 with respect to 12,523 shares, vesting over four years. Her compensation is consistent with the total compensation provided to other Company employees of the same level with similar responsibilities.

Justin Burks, the son-in-law of Thomas O. Ryder, a director of the Company, was employed by the Company in 2008. Mr. Burks' salary for 2008, annualized, is set at \$122,500 and he received a signing bonus in 2008 in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Burks also was granted a restricted stock unit award with respect to 750 shares of common stock vesting over four years. Mr. Burks' compensation is consistent with the compensation provided to other Company employees of the same level with similar responsibilities.

The Company owns 13.46% of the stock of drugstore.com and under the terms of a voting agreement has the right to designate a nominee for election to the drugstore.com board of directors. The Company has designated Geoff Entress to serve on the drugstore.com board. Mr. Entress is a principal of Madrona Venture Group, L.L.C. ("Madrona"), a venture capital firm in which Amazon.com director Tom Alberg is a managing director. While the Company and Madrona are not affiliates, in exchange for Mr. Entress' agreement to serve as the Company's designated nominee, the Company has agreed to indemnify Mr. Entress and Madrona from losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses incurred as a result of Mr. Entress's service as a director of drugstore.com, subject to certain limits and only to the extent not covered by any indemnification or insurance provided by or on behalf of drugstore.com.

The Audit Committee reviews and, as appropriate, approves and ratifies "related person" transactions, defined as any transaction, arrangement or relationship (including any indebtedness or guarantee of indebtedness), or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, in which (a) the aggregate amount involved will or may be expected to exceed \$120,000, (b) the Company is a participant, and (c) any Related Person has or will have a direct or indirect interest (other than solely as a result of being a director or trustee (or any similar position) or a less than 10 percent beneficial owner of another entity). A "Related Person" is any (a) person who is an executive officer, director or nominee for election as a director of the Company, (b) greater than 5 percent beneficial owner of the Company's outstanding common stock, or (c) Immediate Family Member of any of the foregoing. An "Immediate Family Member" is any child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law and any person (other than a tenant or employee) sharing the household of a person. The Company does not have written policies or procedures for related person transactions but relies on the Audit Committee's exercise of business judgment, consistent with Delaware law, in reviewing such transactions.

## **SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

To the Company's knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required, the Company believes that during the year ended December 31, 2007, its officers, directors and greater-than-10% shareholders timely filed all reports required by Section 16(a).

## **EXPENSES OF SOLICITATION**

The accompanying proxy is solicited by and on behalf of the Board of Directors, and the cost of such solicitation will be borne by the Company. Georgeson Inc. will distribute proxy materials to beneficial owners, may solicit proxies by personal interview, mail, telephone, and electronic communications, and will request brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries to forward soliciting material to the beneficial owners of the common stock held on the record date by such persons. The Company will pay Georgeson Inc. \$5,000 for its proxy solicitation services and will reimburse Georgeson Inc. for payments made to brokers and other nominees for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials. Solicitations also may be made by personal interview, telephone, and electronic communications by directors, officers and other employees of the Company without additional compensation.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, there are no other matters that the Company intends to present, or has reason to believe others will present, at the Annual Meeting. If, however, other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the accompanying proxy authorizes the persons named as proxies or their substitutes to vote on such matters as they determine appropriate.

## **PROPOSALS OF SHAREHOLDERS**

Proposals of shareholders to be considered for inclusion in the Proxy Statement and proxy card for the 2009 Annual Meeting pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Company, Amazon.com, 1200 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Suite 1200, Seattle, WA 98144-2734, and must be received by 11:59 p.m. Pacific time on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. The submission of a shareholder proposal does not guarantee that it will be included in the Company's Proxy Statement.

In addition, the Company's Bylaws include advance notice provisions that require shareholders desiring to bring nominations for directors or other business before an annual shareholders meeting to do so in accordance with the terms of the advance notice provisions regardless of whether the shareholder seeks to include such matters in the Proxy Statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8. These advance notice provisions require that, among other things, shareholders give timely written notice to the Secretary of the Company regarding such nominations or other business and otherwise satisfy the requirements set forth in the Bylaws. To be timely, a shareholder who intends to present nominations or a proposal at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders other than pursuant to Rule 14a-8 must provide written notice of the nominations or other business they wish to propose to the Secretary no earlier than Saturday, February 28, 2009, and no later than Monday, March 30, 2009. However, in the event the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders is to be held on a date that is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after May 29, 2009, then such notice must be received not earlier than the 90th day prior to the date of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and not later than the later to occur of (i) the 60th day prior to the date of such annual meeting, or (ii) the tenth day following the day on which notice of the date of such annual meeting was mailed or public disclosure was made. If a shareholder fails to meet these deadlines and fails to satisfy the requirements of Rule 14a-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company may exercise discretionary voting authority under proxies it solicits to vote on any such proposal as it determines appropriate.

The Company reserves the right to reject, rule out of order or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with these and other applicable requirements.

## HOUSEHOLDING; AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K AND PROXY STATEMENT

A copy of the Company's combined Annual Report to Shareholders and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 (the "2007 Annual Report"), accompanies this Proxy Statement. If you and others who share your mailing address own common stock in street name, meaning through a bank or brokerage firm or other nominee, you may have received a notice that your household will receive only one annual report and proxy statement, or Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, as applicable, from each company whose stock is held in such accounts. This practice, known as "householding," is designed to reduce the volume of duplicate information and reduce printing and postage costs. Unless you responded that you did not want to participate in householding, you were deemed to have consented to it, and a single copy of our Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (and/or a single copy of this Proxy Statement and the 2007 Annual Report) have been sent to your address. Each street name shareholder receiving the Proxy Statement by mail will continue to receive a separate voting instruction form.

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