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Preface

The first version of this book, *Packaging Materials and Containers* was published in 1967 and was revised extensively ten years later under the title *The Packaging Media*. Some thirty or so authors were involved in producing the initial texts for these books, and I must acknowledge their material, much of which is still valid. It is now thirteen years since *The Packaging Media*—high time to take stock and incorporate the considerable advances in materials, forms, techniques and machinery that have taken place. In 1977, wherever possible, we asked the original authors to carry out the revisions, but retirements and job changes have now eliminated over twenty of the original authors.

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