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To the million-or-so of you

who bought my previous WordPerfect book. This one's for you.

(My wife thanks you too. She gets the money.)

Thanks to Bill Gladstone and the gang at Waterside Productions, my literary agency. It's been over a decade now, gang.

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#### INTRODUCTION

IRST of all, thanks for buying this book. If you just borrowed it from someone else, then thanks for giving it a chance. I appreciate it. Now with gratitude aside, let's get to specifics.

#### Whom This Book Is For

You. That is, this book is for every WordPerfect user, from the absolute beginner to the experienced WordPerfect wizard who wants to take full advantage of everything WordPerfect has to offer. Here's a little guidance on how to get started with this book, depending on which of those two types of people you are.

#### **Road Map for Beginners**

If you're new to WordPerfect, you might want to take this route to get up to speed in a jiffy:

- The five quick hands-on lessons in Chapter 1 will teach all you need to know about creating, printing, saving, retrieving, and editing documents with WordPerfect.
- Read Chapters 2 through 4 to get a broader, and deeper, understanding of the features you learned about in Chapter 1.

• When you're working on your own and feel stuck, lost, or confused, look to Appendix C for quick first aid to common problems.

## Road Map for Experienced Users

If you're already a WordPerfect wizard, but you've recently upgraded to (or are considering upgrading to) Version 6.0 for DOS, try this route:

- Browse through Appendix B for a quick overview of Version 6.0's best new features.
- Skim through the first three chapters, if you wish. And take a close look at Chapter 4. There you'll learn about the new graphical interface, Button Bars, and other hot new features.

#### **Road Map for Everyone**

Once you've gotten your bearings, use the book to find answers to questions, and solutions to problems, as they arise. No, I don't expect you to read this entire book. Nobody (except an author like me) needs to know everything about WordPerfect.

After all, if you don't use equations in your documents, why learn about equations? If you have no interest in desktop publishing, why read Part Seven? On the other hand, if you know the basics already, and you enjoy being creative, you certainly wouldn't want to miss Part Seven.

# Features and Structure of This Book

This book has one goal. To make the time you spend at the keyboard with WordPerfect as productive and enjoyable as possible. WordPerfect is loaded with information. And here's how that information is organized to help you get to what you need, when you need it.

## Glossary, Table of Contents, Index

Like any book, this one has a Table of Contents up front and an index at the back to help you look up the information you need. I've also added a glossary to the back of the book, so you can look up any unfamiliar terms you might come across.

#### **Step-by-Step Instructions**

Within each chapter, I typically describe a feature by first identifying it with a heading, such as "Starting WordPerfect." That's usually followed by a brief description of the feature. The description, in turn, is usually followed by step-by-step instructions for using the feature.

When you're in a hurry, feel free to skip the paragraph under the heading, and jump right to step 1 to put that feature to work.

#### **Fast Tracks**

Fast Tracks at the beginning of each chapter summarize the main features discussed in the chapter. Use these for an overview of things to come, or as reminders after you've learned about a feature and just need a quick nudge on how to get to it.

#### **First Aid for Common Problems**

I've summarized the most common day-to-day problems and confusions in Appendix C. There you can look up a problem and find a solution in a hurry. If that doesn't do the trick, you can always use the index or table of contents to find more in-depth information about a way to solve the problem.

#### **Quick Reference Charts**

We've got a lot of quick-reference type information inside the front and back covers of this book. If you just need to remember how to get at a particular feature, you may be able to find the answer right there inside the covers.

For beginners, I offer a couple of simplified reference charts near the end of Chapter 1. Feel free to make copies and keep them near your keyboard for quick reminders on using the more common day-to-day features of WordPerfect.

#### Notes, Tips, and Warnings

My Notes and Tips provide references to related topics in the book, shortcuts, good ideas, and tips on using the feature in conjunction with other features.

The Warnings point out actions that, if taken carelessly, might not be too easy to "undo" (such as deleting your entire document from disk!). Think of a warning as a way of saying "Hmmm.... You better think before you act here."

#### **Sample Documents**

Sometimes the best way to learn something new is to look at something someone else has created and then find out how they did it. Because of that, this book is loaded with sample documents. We cover everything from your basic business letter to professional-quality newsletters.

If you'd like to see some of the more advanced and particularly fancy sample documents I've dished up for you experienced (and soon-to-be-experienced) WordPerfect mavens, thumb through Chapters 5, 7, and 26–28.

If you did just go and peek at those sample documents, you may be thinking "I could never do that one." Au contraire! If I can do it, you can do it. It's simply a matter of knowing which features to use and when to use them. And that, ultimately, is really what this book is all about.

Perhaps I should mention that I typed all the text in this entire book with WordPerfect, before sending it to the publisher. And, except for a little custom artwork here and there, I created virtually all of the sample documents in this book with WordPerfect, too.

I did take the liberty of using fonts and clip art beyond those that come with the WordPerfect program. I did so under the assumption that if you're going to be creating more advanced documents, you too will probably use additional fonts and clip art. Chapter 10 explains how to expand

your font collection. Chapter 26 talks about expanding your clip art collection. It's remarkably inexpensive to do these days. So it's pretty hard to resist!

# Installing/Upgrading to Version 6.0

If you (or someone else) hasn't already installed WordPerfect on your computer, you'll need to do so before you can do anything in this book. You can refer to Appendix A for installation instructions.

#### **About WordPerfect Interim Releases**

WordPerfect occasionally puts out *interim releases* of their products. These interim releases fix minor bugs or improve features as users offer up their suggestions.

An interim release has the same version number as the initial release. If you want to be sure that you're always using the latest and greatest release, you can contact WordPerfect's Software Subscription Service to learn about the various programs they have for keeping you up to date. The phone number is (800) 282-2892.

#### **Additional Support**

Part of the success WordPerfect has enjoyed stems from the fact that they're serious about offering telephone support to their customers. WordPerfect Corporation phone numbers for answers to specific questions are listed below:

Orders	(800) 321-4566
Installation	(800) 533-9605
Features	(800) 541-5096

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Graphics/Tables/Equations	(800) 321-3383
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There's also the monthly magazine titled WordPerfect the Magazine. For more information, contact

WP Magazine Circulation Department 270 West Center Street Orem, UT 84057-9927 Voice: (801) 228-9626

# One Last Pep Talk for the Technically Timid

One last pep talk for those of you who are still feeling a little skittish. Keep in mind that like everything else in life, from driving a car to skiing down a mountain, WordPerfect is only confusing and intimidating when you're at the very bottom of the learning curve—that disorienting time when you're struggling to get your bearings and figure out how to work the darn thing.

WordPerfect is not an evil menace. Nor is it solely for the use of Nobel prize—winning scholars and other assorted geniuses. Nope. It's a writing tool that *everyone* can use. I promise you: Once you get a little time "behind the wheel," the fear and intimidation will melt away, as it does in *every* endeavor we humans undertake. So do what I always do: Quit worrying and start *enjoying* yourself already!

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