Rules for Writers

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Rules for Writers succeeds because it has always been grounded in classroom experience. By looking at her own students needs, Diana Hacker created an affordable and practical classroom tool that doubles as a quick reference. Developed with the help of instructors from two- and four-year schools, the sixth edition gives students quick access to the information they need to solve writing problems in any college course.In the Hacker tradition, the new contributing authors - Nancy Sommers, Tom Jehn, Jane Rosenzweig, and Marcy Carbajal Van Horn have crafted solutions for the writing problems of today s college students. Together they give us a new edition that provides more help with academic writing and research and one that works better for a wider range of multilingual students. Flexible content options in print and online allow students to get more than they pay for.

DIANA HACKER personally class-tested her handbooks with nearly four thousand students over 35 years at Prince George's Community College in Maryland, where she was a member of the English faculty. Hacker handbooks, built on innovation and on a keen understanding of the challenges facing student writers, are the most widely adopted in America. Other Hacker handbooks, all published by Bedford/St. Martin's, include The Bedford Handbook, Seventh Edition (2006); A Writer's Reference, Sixth Edition (2007); and A Pocket Style Manual, Fifth Edition (2008). ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTING AUTHORS

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