

A HANDY LIBRARY

FOR THE STYLEBOOK WRITER

DICTIONARIES

Webster's New World (The AP's dictionary and therefore the standard of the newspaper industry)

Merriam-Webster

Random House

American Heritage (a treasure trove of notes on usage, word history and regionalisms)

LANGUAGE BOOKS

CURRENT OFFERINGS

"Woe Is I" and "Words Fail Me" by Patricia O'Conner

"That or Which, and Why" by Evan Jenkins

"Lapsing Into a Comma" and "The Elephants of Style" by Bill Walsh

OLD STANDARDS

"The Careful Writer" by Theodore Bernstein

"Words on Words" by John Bremner

Fowler's "Modern English Usage," 2nd edition

"Harper Dictionary of Contemporary Usage" by William and Mary Morris

"The Elements of Style" by Strunk and White

OTHER REFERENCES

An atlas (the National Geographic Atlas of the World is a good one)

Almanacs