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Introduction

As a student, I always enjoyed English, but I never understood grammar. I had a natural talent for language and writing, so I got good grades on my papers without knowing what I was doing.

I began learning grammar when I was working on my Master's degree in English at Florida State University. When I became a teacher and saw my students getting frustrated by the traditional approach to learning grammar, I developed a more practical approach which presents the material step-by-step and provides a variety of tricks for students to use.

I have taught English grammar, composition, and literature to college freshmen and sophomores for over twenty years, and the methods presented in this handbook work for all kinds of students, those who love writing and those who find it difficult. These methods work because they are based on logic rather than intuition or memorization.

My students have told me, "I always hated English, but this isn't too bad," and "I never understood grammar before, but this method makes it easy." *The Practical Grammar Handbook for College Writers* focuses on what you need to know and explains everything quickly and clearly. Grammar may never be your favorite subject, but it doesn't have to be a mystery or a misery.

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