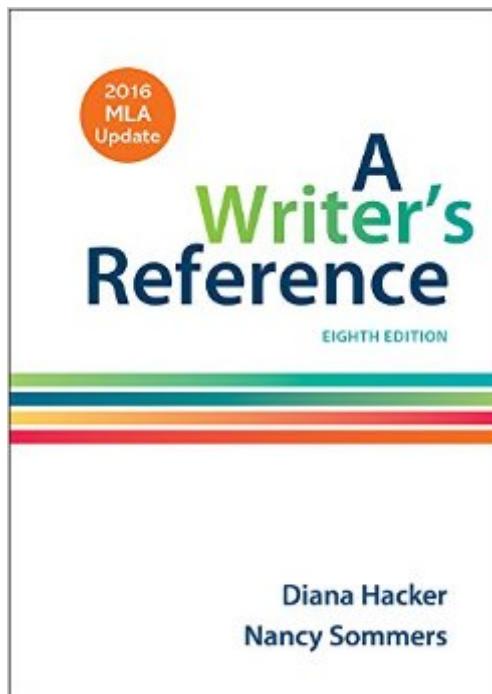


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COLLEGE TEXTBOOK While teaching UC Berkeley's courses in "The Professional Sequence in Editing," I regularly assigned "The Harbrace Handbook" as a basic reference. At the suggestion of a former colleague, I agreed to take a look at his favorite, "The Bedford Handbook" and its compact version "A Writer's Reference." The first thing I noticed was its publisher's claim that the Bedford/A Writer's Reference is the all-time best-selling college textbook now. I had been introducing the Harbrace to my classes by quoting its publisher's identical claim. Sic gloria transit mundi (Thus transits the glory of the world). After perusing the Bedford/A Writer's Reference, I agreed it was more user-friendly. For example, Harbrace's opening chapters on grammar introduce adjectival and adverbial clauses without adequate explanations, which discourages many students. Bedford/A Writer's Reference begins its grammar section with the traditional parts of speech; in contrast, Harbrace mentions "parts of speech" only in its Glossary of Terms at the very end of the book.

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