

# Easy Writer animated letter drawings

by Platypus Software

This stack grew from my experience home-schooling my own primary-aged youngsters. I discovered by watching them that, although their letters looked acceptable when finished, they were not forming their letters with the proper strokes. They were wasting a great deal of motion, effort, and time. Proper strokes are important, as they lead to fluency, speed, and ease in handwriting and expression. Children see plenty of examples of well-formed letters every day. What they don't see is the proper stroke sequence required to achieve the letters. The sequence is typically represented in penmanship books by numbered arrows, but that requires a level of abstraction that not many young children have developed yet. So I created this stack to allow them to see "movies" of the letters being drawn.

**Before you open it...**

This stack uses color on color machines. Even if you do not have a color machine, do the following: Click **once** on your Hypercard or Hypercard Player application (**not the Easy Writer**

icon!) Do a Get Info... from the File menu in the finder. Where it says preferred memory, type in 1500K or more. Otherwise it won't have enough memory to do all its stuff.

Now, open the stack. The first time you open it you will probably be asked locate Platypus Common. **You must do this or it will not work.** After that, click the blurb if you want to see our cool new credits panel, or anywhere except the blurb if you want to get into the meat of it. **Note: The first time you click the blurb icon you may be asked to locate the Platypus logo movie.** It should be kept in the folder where Platypus Common is. If you do not have QuickTime™ on your machine, you do not have to worry about this.

### About this manual

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