

The Core of the Matter Errata Sheet

During the production of a book, there are many inspections made. In spite of this, it is not uncommon for errors to be discovered after the book has gone to press. When this occurs, it is common trade practice to issue an Errata Sheet such as this one. We regret the need to do so and apologize to the reader.

These errors are normally corrected in the next print run, whenever that occurs.

In this case, the font which was purchased had limitations the publisher was unaware of and which did not show up in the screen or quick print versions of the book, because both simply substituted a font that did recognize them.

The actual print version, however does not make substitutions, and instead prints a small box where the unrecognized character would appear.

The symbols it did not recognize are :

A hyphen used as a minus sign : $10 - 8 = 2$

A pound sign used in place of the word "number": # 3

A possessive or contraction using a single quote: Bob's can't

Double quotation marks for phrases: "finicky"

Double quotation mark as an abbreviation for inch: ".250" is a quarter inch.

In all the above cases a small box appears in its place in the book.

Determining the intended symbol is fairly simple.

If it separates a word and the letter S or the letter T it is a single quote:

Bob's won't

If it is before but not after a number it is a pound sign:

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If it is in a formula, it is a minus sign:

$10 - P = 2$

Otherwise it is a quote mark, either for a quotation, a phrase or if used after a number, to mean inches

He said "Boo", she cried.

A rod ".500" in thickness is considered a half inch rod.

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