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Publisher Profile-Grove's Dictionaries

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Born: June 26, 1947 in Beach Grove, Indiana, in the same hospital where Steve McQueen was born (Beach Grove's claim to fame).

Current Residence: I have a house in Fairview Park, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

Education: BA in French, Ball State University, 1969; MLS, Indiana University, 1973.

Summary of Job Experience: I've held positions in a variety of libraries in both Public Services and Technical Services. These include Reference Librarian, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library; School Librarian, Indianapolis Public Schools; Children's Librarian, Elkhart Public Library; Acquisitions Librarian, University of Notre Dame Law School; Reference Librarian, DePauw University; Acquisitions/Serials Librarian, Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. I also spent two and a half years conducting educational research. For the past ten years I've been Head of Technical Services at Case Western Reserve University Law Library.

Most Recent Professional Accomplishment: I have an article on "Conflict and Stress in Times of Change" due to be published in the next issue of *Library Management*.

First Job: Dental assistant in my local dentist's office.

Favorite Pastimes: Attending sporting events (Cleveland Indians, Indianapolis 500); films (last seen-*Waking Ned Devine*, *Shakespeare in Love*); attending concerts (Cleveland Orchestra, rock, blues, and folk artists); I'm active in an investment club and I enjoy playing golf.

Hobbies: My greatest love is traveling. I've traveled in Europe, Asia, and Africa, as well as making many other trips closer to home. I'm interested in lighthouses and I try to visit as many as possible in my journeys.

Last Book Read: *The Autobiography of Henry VIII*; a novel by Margaret George.

Had I But Time Enough: I would love to spend more time traveling. There are still so many places I haven't seen!

Publisher Profile — Grove Dictionaries

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Estimate Number of New Titles in 1999: 10
In print titles: 35

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