

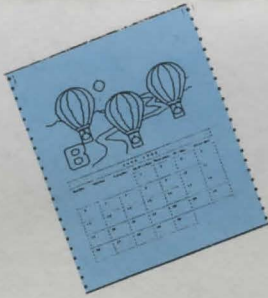
# NEWS FROM THE ANTARCTIC

The POLARWARE News

## ELECTRIC CRAYON COMPUTER COLORING BOOK SERIES

The Electric Crayon series is a wonderful tool to help primary-aged children learn about and enjoy computers.

Electric Crayon is a computer coloring book with 26 to 30 pictures that you can color again and again. Not only does Electric Crayon offer the entertainment of coloring, but it also includes the educational value of each title's respective theme. And it's simple to use! Children point and click to choose a color, then point and click to fill areas in a picture. If they don't like the way the color looks, they can fill the area with another color. Pictures can be erased and colored repeatedly! With a color printer and ribbon (see compatibility - pg. 6) youngsters can print out the pictures with the colors from the computer! With a black and white printer, the pictures can be printed and colored by hand. As an extra bonus, any month's calendar can be printed with any picture! The Electric Crayon series includes:



**ABCs** -- color your way through the alphabet

**Fun On The Farm** -- color pigs orange and goats green

**This Land Is Your Land** -- put the purple in the majestic mountains from sea to shining sea



### BIG BIRD AND SESAME STREET FRIENDS JOIN FORCES WITH POLARWARE

Polarware and Children's Television Workshop (the folks that bring you Sesame Street and other fine educational television programming) have joined forces to add the excitement of the Sesame Street characters to the Electric Crayon. The series, which includes "Letters For You," "Numbers Count," and "Opposites Attract" will especially appeal to preschool and primary-aged children. Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Grover, Bert and Ernie will introduce children to ABC's, numbers, and opposites.

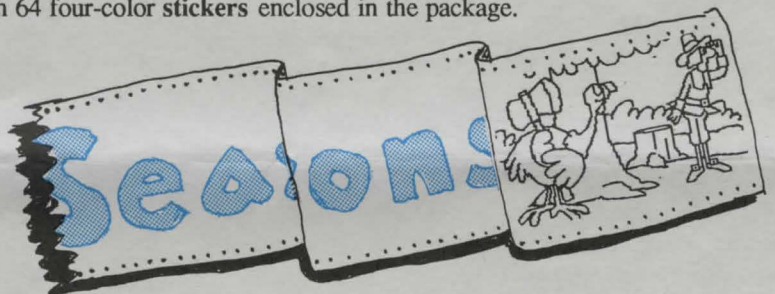


## electric crayon goes **DELUXE**

To even further the excitement of the Electric Crayon, the new DELUXE series is enhanced to provide more hours of fun! The Electric Crayon DELUXE computer coloring books offer custom banner, calendar, and poster-making capabilities. Design a banner with your colored picture printed at each end and your personal message in the middle. Write your own poster message to be displayed below your work of art, or print the picture with the computer-supplied description that will tell you all about what you have just colored! Make calendars and mark special occasions with 64 four-color stickers enclosed in the package.

### DINOSAURS ARE FOREVER

Just what color was a Stegosaurus? Extinct for longer than Peg and Trish go back, these enchanting and fun-loving creatures come back to life in "Dinosaurs Are Forever." Learn how each dinosaur evolved, their approximate size, eating habits, the movies they liked to see and their favorite songs. An evolutionary tree poster is included.



### Holidays and Seasons

A blue Easter bunny?? Green hearts on Valentines Day?? You're the artist, you choose the colors! Make banners and posters to celebrate Christmas, birthdays, vacations, holidays... or design calendars and sticker those special days!

WARNING: The SURGEON GENERAL PENGUIN has declared that the Electric Crayon Computer Coloring Book series is compatible with only the equipment listed on page 6. If your equipment is not listed, be advised that buying this program is at your own risk.



## COMPREHEND Interactive Novels

The best of both worlds -- the kind of vocabulary depth and understanding previously found in only the best all-text adventures, plus superb graphics!

# Talisman

Challenging the Sands of Time

TALISMAN VANISHES!  
PERSIAN EMPIRE IMPERILLED!

After a year of turmoil throughout the Persian Empire, palace spokesman, Abdul J. Bar, came forward today and informed reporters at a news conference held at the Imperial Palace that the all-powerful Talisman belonging to King Darius has been missing over a year. It is believed to be the cause of the havoc now besieging the land. Palace sources say the Talisman was thought to have been stolen by an evil genie. The King's favored magician, Schazabe, went in search of the Talisman and has not been seen since. King Darius is extending a plea to all adventurous persons willing to travel with the King's trusted vizor, Abu, in search of the magician and ancient Talisman. The King will bestow riches and honor upon the hero who succeeds in this dangerous task. All "would-be" heroes may apply at the Palace Gates immediately.

by Bruce "Xerxes" Hoffman

**Transylvania™** - The classic adventure by Antonio Antiochia. Rescue Princess Sabrina before dawn and avoid the Transylvanian night life.

**The Crimson Crown™** (Transylvania II) - In this sequel to Transylvania by Antonio Antiochia, return and rid the kingdom of the evil Vampire! Princess Sabrina and Prince Erik accompany you on this quest to find the vampire and recover the magical crown.

**Go-Topos™** - A science-fiction adventure based on the story by Michael Berlyn. You've been captured by space pirates while on an important mission. You must get past the aliens, find your ship and its cargo, and escape.

**The Coveted Mirror™** - An excellent medieval adventure by Eagle Berns and Holly Thomason. King Voar has seized control of Starbury and almost has omnipotent powers . . . except for the fifth piece of a magical mirror. With the help of the townspeople, recover the pieces of the mirror and put an end to Voar's rule.



## Graphics Adventure

**Apprentice** -- Drawing on the powers of darkness, the warlock Karuba has imprisoned my soul in a crystal ball. Thus imprisoned, my power has been nearly neutralized and my physical form has been reduced to that of a hag. With his power now unchallenged, Karuba has altered the natural balance of the land, threatening the lives of all.

As an apprentice magician, you must eliminate the warlock, free my soul and return the land to its natural state. The four elemental stones; ruby, sapphire, emerald, and diamond must be brought together to overcome the warlock residing in the uppermost part of the old castle.



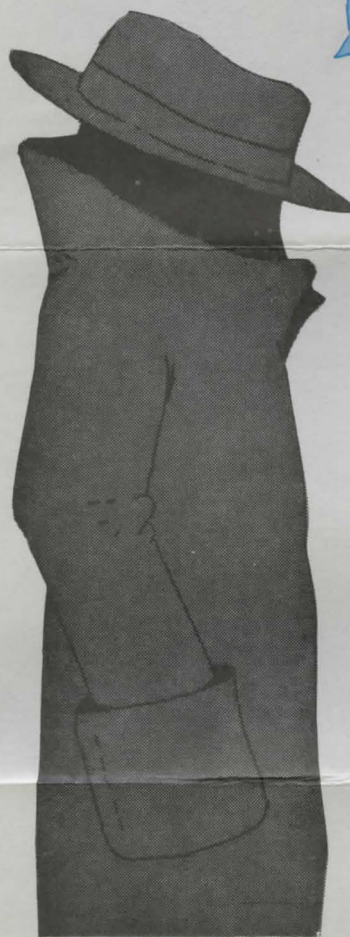
Beware the dark guardians of the castle. Vines will attempt to ensnare you. Gargoyles will emerge from their stone confines. Daggers will hurl themselves at your body. Rings of fire will surround your feet...

I can offer only a ball and staff to aid you on your journey. Return here with the weapon and the crystal ball. My power is not yet entirely consumed...





# The Spy's ADVENTURES AROUND THE WORLD



HEY...  
PSSSSSTT...

TOP SECRET: PRIORITY ONE  
ATTENTION: ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

Word has reached main headquarters from our top informant in Rio de Janeiro, that the infamous Dr. Xavier Tortion, alias Dr. X, has been sighted leaving the city in possession of several stolen documents. These documents contain information vital to the security of the country. Until further notice, all current assignments for special agents are suspended. Your new mission in The Spy's Adventures in South America is to locate Dr. X and retrieve the stolen documents. We currently have very little information to go on. Remember that we do have informants in the field who may be able to supply you with clues to the whereabouts of the Doctor.  
Good luck on your mission! M

The Spy's Adventures in South America is our newest release in The Spy's Adventures Around The World series. The adventure takes you on a continental search for the fiendish Dr. X who may be hiding anywhere from Belize to the Antarctic. Learn the geography of the continent as you play or just play for fun. The adventure may be played by a single player or with up to six people in a spy against spy network or in a cooperative spy network. Never play the same game twice. Recommended for ages 8 to adult. Current titles available in the Spy's series are: "Adventures in North America", "Adventures in Europe", and "Adventures in South America". Coming soon: "Adventures in Asia", "Adventures in Africa", and "Adventures in Australia and the Pacific Islands".



## AWARDS!

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We are pleased to announce that **The Sesame Street Crayon series** and **The Spy's Adventures Around the World series** have both been awarded the **1987 Parent's Choice Gold Award** for outstanding achievement in educational computer software for school-aged children.

*Classroom Computer Learning Magazine* has also recognized **The Spy's Adventures Around the World series** by awarding us the **1988 Classroom Computer Learning Software Award of Excellence**. We are proud to have been recognized by these distinguished groups as leaders in the educational field.



## NERD SEARCH '88

Do you sit in front of your computer all day and night programming and playing games? Is your computer your best friend? *Is your computer your only friend?* Have you produced something you're particularly proud of? **Seriously though.** If you have a work of art you would like to take to market, we are always looking for new and interesting talent. If you are serious -- so are we. For us to consider a submission, it should be a completed program or as near to a finished program as possible. Please send the disk and support materials for our evaluators to get through the software quickly. Software evaluation takes approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Programmers interested in contract work: please send resumes.

## SEND IN THOSE WARRANTY CARDS! . . .

**. . . and get FREE STUFF!!!!** You are placed on our mailing list when you return a warranty card to us. And now, when you send in your warranty card, you are automatically entered in our "monthly free-stuff drawing". We will draw one card per month. If your card is pulled, we will give you a FREE Polarware package of your choice listed on our availability list. No purchase necessary. (If you do not have a warranty card, please send in your name, address, city, state, and zip along with your phone number and mention that you would like to enter our "monthly free-stuff drawing".) Ask about our monthly specials.



## APPLICATIONS AND GRAPHICS SOFTWARE

**Home Data Manager** -- This is an easy-to-use and reliable data manager that lets you store, sort, search for, and print information. It uses the graphics screen to display information in an intuitive file drawer format, and is simple to learn. You can create your own print format for lists and labels. Great for Christmas card lists, address files, etc.

**The Complete Graphics System** -- Draw in standard or double hi-res, label pictures, create 3-D figures, and view them from any perspective. This easy-to-use program lets you draw freehand or with lines, circles, ellipses, triangles, boxes, and automatic color fills. In 3-D you can draw the sides of your object, then assemble the parts in true 3-D perspective.

**Additional Type Sets** -- This is a 2-sided disk of extra type faces, in both sizes, for use with The Complete Graphics System.

**Map Pack** -- This 2-sided disk has over 50 U.S. and World maps that can be used with The Complete Graphics System or any other graphics program that uses standard-format Apple hi-res pictures.

**The Graphics Magician Painter and Animator** -- This classic is a programmer's tool for animation and drawing compact pictures for use in your own software. The animator lets you create animations with a shape editor, path editor, and choreographer. The painter "records" the artist's moves, making picture storage very compact. You can even "replay" and edit the moves then add the graphics to your own programs! Programming examples are included.

**The Graphics Magician Junior** -- An easy to use drawing program for freehand drawing, lines, circles, magnification, and more. So easy, even a child can use it.

**The Disk Repair Kit** -- Helps you recover information from damaged disks, even those that appear unreadable. It can repair most disks automatically. *Apple DOS 3.3 only!*

### Developer's Software

**The Graphics Magician Developer's Package** -- We have always made it easy for developers to use our commercial software by offering affordable licensing fees. Now, we are making available our "in-house" version of The Graphics Magician PICDRAW routines. These are the same routines you see in our COMPREHEND novels and the Spy's Adventures Series. These routines are continually updated and improved, so our packaging isn't fancy but our support is. Currently available for Apple ProDOS and IBM (no editor). \$95.00

**COMPREHEND Development System** -- Our last newsletter prematurely announced this development system. It is still not available. Stay tuned for future release.

For information about our Developer's Software please write to: Polarware, Developer's Software, 1055 Paramount Pkwy, Suite A, Batavia, IL 60510

### PROBLEMS WITH OUR SOFTWARE?

Yes, we're human. We can admit to someone else's mistake. Through the process of play-testing, we attempt to discover and exterminate all bugs in our software prior to publication. However, some bugs may go undetected. We also experience the industry standard 5% failure rate of duplicated disks. If you are experiencing a problem, and have checked your disk drive for alignment, speed adjustment, and cleaning, please return the disk to Polarware, Customer Service, 1055 Paramount Pkwy, Suite A, Batavia, IL 60510. Please include a description of the problem (what happened when), the name of the computer you are using, your name, address and daytime telephone number. As soon as we correct the problem, we will send you a replacement disk.

## ADVENTURE HINTS

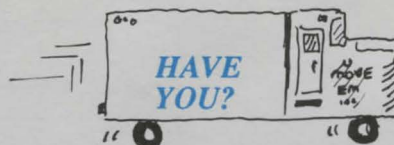
#1 Are you stuck in one of our COMPREHEND Interactive Novels? Never fear! Unlike other companies who charge \$5 to \$8 for their hint booklets, ours are available for the mere cost of two stamps and two envelopes. We will send you a coded hint book for your game, if and only if, you send a self-addressed (that's one that is addressed to you), stamped envelope along with the name of your game, put that inside another envelope addressed to Polarware Hint Department, 1055 Paramount Parkway, Suite A, Batavia IL 60510. We'll pay for the printing of the booklet if you help out by paying for the postage. In other words, no self-addressed stamped envelope included with your request -- no hint booklet.

#2. Read the inserts in the packages carefully. There are always a few critical hints for the novels in the printed materials such as newspapers, recipe cards, mail-order catalogs, business cards, or computer printouts that we include in the packages.

#3 If all else fails, the hint department is open between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday at (312) 232-1984. Calls for hints will be accepted only during these hours and only one hint a day is allowed. Please save yourself the money of a phone call, and order the hint book. We do our best to turn around orders for hint books within 48 hours after receiving your request.



Thanks to the support we have received from you, our end-users, we've outgrown our old facilities. All correspondence, defective merchandise, returns, orders, etc. should be sent to our new address: Polarware, 1055 Paramount Parkway, Suite A, Batavia IL 60510.



If you are moving and would like to stay on our mailing list, please notify us of any address changes. Because our data base is kept by zip code, please send us both your old address and your new one.

**Back-up policy.** Back-up disks or "oops, I blew it" disks are available for current products. They may be purchased for \$5.00 along with proof of purchase of the program. (i.e. warranty card, sales slips with product names, box flap, the disk, etc.)









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We now have 3-1/2" disks available for selected titles in our product line. To check 3-1/2" availability for each title, please consult the availability/price list included in this newsletter. If you wish to update a program on the list to 3-1/2" format, please return your original disk only (not the box and contents) along with \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

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## Computer, Printer, and accessory compatibilities for Electric Crayon Computer Coloring Book Series

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**Apple IIe** (extend 80-column card), **IIgs**, and **IIc**.  
Black and white printers: Imagewriter, Imagewriter II, Scribe, and OkiMate 20 (DELUXE only). Color printers: Imagewriter II, Scribe, and OkiMate 20 (DELUXE only). Input devices: mouse, joystick, Koalapad, or keyboard.

**Commodore 64, 128, and 64C**. Black and white printers: Commodore 1200 printer and OkiMate 20. Color printer: Okimate 20. Input devices: mouse, joystick, or keyboard.

**IBM and 100% compatibles with 256K**. Graphics cards: Color Graphics Adaptor, Enhanced Graphics Adaptor, and Tandy 16 color mode. Black and white printers: Epson MX/FX/EX/RX and JX series, Epson LQ/SQ series, C. Itoh Prowriter and Apple Imagewriter, Okidata 192/193/292/293/294 alternatives, IDS Prism series and DataProducts 80xx series, and Toshiba P3xx, 134x, and 135x families. Input devices: keyboard, joystick, or Microsoft mouse.

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