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Bio (250 words)

Carol J. Amato is a writer, editor, small business owner, writing coach, and speaker. She has published 28 books, over 200 articles in national publications, and two short stories. Her articles have appeared in national publications, and she was a regular contributor to high-tech magazines, such as *PC Novice* and *Smart Computing*. Ms. Amato also has been an editor for major publishers and several magazines. She has appeared on television and radio shows.

In addition to *Maximize Your Competitive Edge*, her recent titles include *How to Start and Run a Writers' Critique Group*, *How to Write a Teacher's Guide for Your Middle-grade Book*, and *Running a Writer's Critique Group in Your Classroom*.

Titles due out in 2018 include *The World's Easiest Guide to Using the APA*, 6th edition, *The World's Easiest Guide to Using the MLA*, 2nd edition, and *Maximize Your Visibility: Exhibiting at Trade Shows on a Shoestring Budget*.

Ms. Amato has a B.A. in Spanish and French from the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon, and an M.A. in Cultural Anthropology from California State University, Fullerton, California.

She is a member of the Writer's Club of Whittier, Inc., a professional writers' critique group, and past president of the Professional Writers of Orange County. She was a board member of the Orange County Section of the Independent Writers of Southern California. She is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the West*, and the *World Who's Who of Women*.