

PART 1



Setting the Table

First learn computer science and all the theory. Next develop a programming style. Then forget all that and just hack.

—George Carrette

Writing code has a place in the human hierarchy worth somewhere above grave robbing and beneath managing.

—Gerald Weinberg

Real Programmers always confuse Christmas and Halloween because Oct31 == Dec25.

—Andrew Rutherford

A computer is like an Old Testament god, with a lot of rules and no mercy.

—Joseph Campbell

In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But in practice, there is.

—Yogi Berra

Mister, are you a computer biologist?

—An unnamed preschool student, said to me as I worked on the classroom PC

The Internet is a telephone system that's gotten uppity.

—Clifford Stoll

I got an idea, an idea so smart my head would explode if I even began to know what I was talking about.

—Peter Griffin, from the *Family Guy* episode “Lethal Weapons”