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Wer Jemandt hie Der gern welt lernen Dütſch ſchriben und läſen  
uß dem aller kurtzſten grundt Den Jeman erdencken kan Do durch  
ein Jeder der vor nit ein büchſtaben kan Der mag kurtzlich und bald  
begriffen ein grundt do durch er mag von jm ſelbs lernen ſin ſchuld  
uff ſchribē und läſen und wer es nit geleruen kan ſo ungelſchickt  
werre Den will ich vñ nit und vergeben gleret haben und ganz nit  
von jm zū lon nemen ee ſig wer ee well burger oder hantwercks ge  
ſellen frouwen und junchfrouwen wer ſin bedarff der kunñ har in der  
wilt drüwlich gleret vñ ein zimlichen lon. Aber die jungē knabē  
und meißliu noch den frouwaltern wie gewonheit iſt . 1516 .



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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The cover illustration reconstructs a school sign designed in 1516 by Hans Holbein. The advertisement read:

“He who wishes to learn to read and write German by the quickest method, and who does not know a single letter, is informed here he will be able to learn all that he needs to know of writing and reading. And if anyone is so foolish that he does not manage to learn it, I shall have taught him *gratis* and for nothing and he shall not owe me anything. Whoever you may be, burgesses, artisans, labourers, women or girls, and whatever your needs, he who comes here will be faithfully instructed for a reasonable fee. On the other hand, children, little boys and little girls, will pay every term as is customary.”

The Basel Museum kindly provided the *Quarterly* with reproductions of the sign-painting in their possession and Vintage Books granted us permission to cite the translation from Phillipe Ariès, *Centuries of Childhood*.

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