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I don't know where anyone got the idea that they had some guarantee that the rules of punctuation and grammar would never change in their lifetime. If that were true, we would still be speaking the language of Geoffrey Chaucer! Not every change is a dumbing down of the language or a signal of the decline of civilization, folks. If you don't like the BOS, find a different reference and become familiar with it. I don't know of any language reference that hasn't gone through several editions, though, so what are you going to do? You can keep up with the small changes that happen over the years, or you can ignore the whole issue for a decade and then just throw up your hands and declare that you refuse to learn anything new.

This is far afield of Ed's problem with moronic QA, of course, but it's just something I cannot understand. English is a living, organic thing. Styles in punctuation do change, new words are coined, and we learn them. Or we don't.

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