



Congratulations On Purchasing Your Authentic, One-Of-A-Kind PORCUPEN ©

BODY: The quills come from Old World Porcupines. Quills are an elegant, resilient, renewable resource. They drop out when the porcupine shakes its body, and are released by contact – for example, when the porcupine is attacked by lions or hyenas. New quills grow to replace used ones. There are no species of porcupines listed as endangered.

NIB: The nibs were manufactured by L. W. Holley & Sons of Des Moines, Iowa, in the 1930s and '40s. These unused “Silverene” nibs are made of chilled Sheffield steel, then double coated with copper before the final silver plating.

GRIP: Canadian deerskin provides a firm, soft, textured, non-slip grip. Deer are not endangered and are not subject to controls by CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

The quill, nib, and deerskin grip will last your lifetime, and beyond. Each PORCUPEN © is hand-made and unique.

CAUTION: Both ends – the porcupine quill and the dip-nib – are sharp! Please be careful.



A few things to know about your PORCUPEN ©

- Writing with a dip-nib pen, especially if you have never done so before, is a bit of an art. Don't clench your hand too tightly, and don't press too hard on the nib. Start with a soft touch.
- You'll quickly learn how deep to dip your PORCUPEN © into the ink, how much ink adheres to the nib, and how many words you can write, or drawing strokes you can make, with one dip.
- Don't worry if you get some ink on the grip. There is no reason to try to keep your PORCUPEN © in spotless condition. Likewise, if you get a bit of ink on your hands – soap and warm water should quickly solve the issue. Think of others who wrote with feather-quill and dip-nib pens, including some of the writers of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Shakespeare, the Fathers of Confederation, Jane Austen, and Mary Ann Evans, who wrote under the pen name George Eliot. A little ink on your fingers is a sign that you're connecting with thinkers, writers, scientists, and artists from hundreds or even thousands of years ago.
- After you use your dip-nib pen, rinse the ink off from the nib with water, and pat the nib dry.
- Your PORCUPEN © is mailed in crushproof cardboard.



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