

The commercial will go something like this ...

<i>8 reams of 20# white paper</i>	\$38.88
<i>5 HP94 black printer cartridges</i>	\$97.40
<i>1 HP95 color printer cartridge</i>	\$27.05
<i>Time to write the book</i>	6 months
<i>Time to edit and tweak the book</i>	1 month
<i>Number of words</i>	48,447
<i>Number of characters</i>	286,965
<i>The moment when you see the first edition of your first book in print</i>	Priceless

I don't think words would suffice for the look on my face and the joy in my heart when I opened the package. At 6:25 pm, it was real - finally - my first book in print, right there before my eyes! I can't say that it has really sunk in just yet. Part of that is because of the sheer mental effort required to simply get it out the door. Let's face it - I'm pooped from it all. Six months of writing wasn't a big deal, in all honesty. The writing part was truly enjoyable - challenging, but enjoyable. It was the month of editing that took its toll! Twenty years ago this month, I graduated with a degree in physical therapy. Now, twenty years later, I have seen the birth of my first book. I guess that after at least 25,000 patient visits, I could muster up at least 48,447 words. Those are some crazy numbers - in hindsight. The next chapter ... has already started writing itself ... Priceless, it is!