I am proud to announce the immediate availability of the first book about Tiki — *Tiki Essentials*. Currently, *Tiki Essentials* is available for purchase through LuLu.com and Amazon.com, with other retailers coming soon!

For details (including discount pricing!!), see [http://tikiforsmarties.com/Books](http://tikiforsmarties.com/Books).

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**Rick's TikiWiki User Page**

Hi, I'm Rick! I've been using Tiki since early 2005, when I selected TikiWiki as the CMS for my primary website: [KeyContent.org](http://KeyContent.org).

I am first and foremost an **End-user Advocate** — not a hard-core programmer. I have nearly 15 years of experience in usability, documentation, and training (primarily with computer software, but other fields too). My primary contributions to the Tiki community are:

- Monitoring the [Forums](http://Forums) and [IRC channel](http://IRC channel), helping when I can.
- Working on the [Tiki Docs](http://Tiki Docs)
- Contribution useful plugins and mods, where I can.
  
  It has been a **long** time since I've done any real coding (does anyone still use Pascal and Fortran?), so most of my code contributions can surely be improved. You can read about some of my Tiki ideas modifications in my [Tiki blog](http://Tiki blog).
- Monitoring the [TikiWiki feedback](http://TikiWiki feedback).
- Working the [Tiki Promo Squad](http://Tiki Promo Squad) to improve Tiki's pubic image (or lack-there-of)

If you're new to Tiki, I encourage you to check out my online book: *TikiWiki for Dummies Smarties* — A beginner's guide to using TikiWiki. If you've used the guide and found it useful (or even if you didn't!), I'd love to have your comments.

Additionally, if you want to contribute to **Smarties**, that would be great too.
The easiest way to get Smart is by using the Smarties toolbar:

It provides instant (and constant) access to TikiWiki for Dummies Smarties, anytime you're online. Get it here.

About my handle

I've been asked by several people.... "What does the 99 (in ricks99) signify?" Here's the story:

In the old days (back when 1200bps was fast and Prodigy was bigger than AOL), I got involved in BBSing. On one of the first sites I logged into, I tried to select ricks as my username, but it was already taken. So I tried ricks1 and it was taken too. Then I tried ricks2, but it was taken too.

Rather than continuing up number list, I decided to start at the top and work my way down. I started with ricks99. It worked, and the rest, as they say, is history.

New Blog

This page has become too long (and out of date). So, I started a Tiki Blog to describe and document my personal Tiki journey. Enjoy....

My Sites

Currently, I admin the following Tiki-based sites:

http://www.keycontent.org

KeyContent.org

Completely customized theme with 4.x. You can read the details on my How Did They Do It page.

http://www.noah-noelle.com

Noah-Noelle

An online store, modeled after eBay.

http://www.hawkinsrun.org

Hawkins Run

Using a modified Eatlon (from themes.tiki.org).

http://www.stc-carolina.org

No image specified. One of the following parameters must be set: fileId, randomGalleryId, fgalId, attId, id, or src.

Completely customized theme.

http://newsletter.stc-carolina.org

Carolina Communiqué

An online newsletter using a completely customized theme.

2009, 2008 APEX Award of Excellence winner.

http://twbasics.keycontent.org

TikiWiki for Smarties

A beginner's guide to TikiWiki, using a completely customized theme.

2008-9 STC Award of Merit winner.
Read more about this project.
Did You Know....

Flash

Did you know that you can use Tiki's Flash plugin to embed more than flash movies? Lots of Web 2.0 widgets use Flash to deliver content.

For example, here's my Shelfari bookshelf:

This was created with the code:

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{FLASH(movie="http://www.shelfari.com/ws/shelf.swf?username=XXXXXX",width=>325,height=>465,quality=>high)}{FLASH}
```

Tiki does Pandora, too. Here's what I'm listening to:

Facebook

Rick Sapir

Create Your Badge

Rick is on Facebook! Yeah, I know... so is everyone else, too. Oh well..

Annotation plugin test

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testme1¹: testme2
testme3²: testme4
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Alias

- Ricks99