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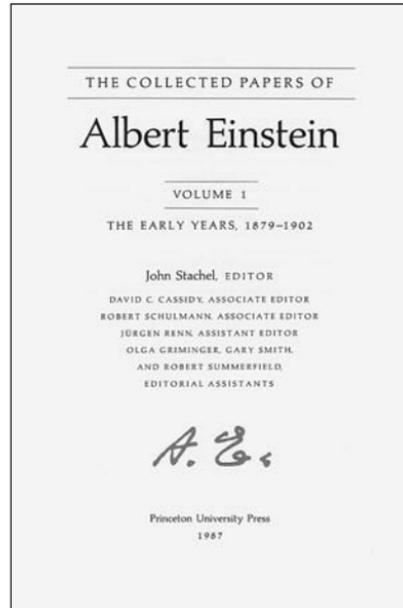
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Beyond its editorial complexity, the project has presented unmatched challenges to successive Press directors. First, the Press has been responsible for the funding and management of the editorial office since its inception—a unique arrangement for a large papers project. And although a publishing agreement was signed in 1971 with the executors of the Einstein Estate, many troubles—legal, editorial, and otherwise—ensued, and the first volume did not appear until 1987. The project has been through six different editors.



Nonetheless, the endeavor is now well established, with nine volumes published. Currently located at and supported by the California Institute of Technology, the project proceeds, under the directorship of Diana Buchwald, in its grand effort to bring forth this monumental collection.