## INTRODUCTION

Bold capitals are used for German entries only. Wherever an appropriate English translation could be established it appears in brackets after the entry; e.g. **PARODIE** (parody).

The = sign is used to denote synonyms; e.g. **STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS** (stream of consciousness) = *Bewußtseinsstrom* means Stream of Consciousness as used in German is exactly the same as in English but there is also a German synonym.

Italics are used for titles and foreign words appearing in the explanatory text and occasionally to differentiate between related concepts.

The sign  $\rightarrow$  is used only in the sense 'refer to' and the appropriate reference appears in capitals immediately after the sign; e.g.  $\rightarrow$  LITERATURWISSENSCHAFT means look up the entry *Literaturwissenschaft*.

## Abbreviations used are:

- A.D. after Christ
- B.C. before Christ
- c. circa
- cf. compare
- e.g. for example
- ed. edited
- esp. especially
- et al. et alii
- etc. et cetera
- f. (ff.) following
- FRG Federal Republic of Germany
- GDR Democratic Republic of Germany
- i.e. that is
- M.A. Middle Ages
- Med. Medieval
- MHG Middle High German
- N.B. nota bene
- N.T. New Testament
- O.E.D. Oxford English Dictionary
- OHG Old High German
- O.T. Old Testament
- U.S.A. United States of America
- Vs. versus
- St. Saint