



The Compact Vance Integral Edition

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1.0 Contents of the Compact Vance Integral Edition

The Compact Vance Integral Edition (CVIE) is an edition of all of the works of fiction by Jack Vance in six volumes. The CVIE contains everything found in the original Vance Integral Edition (VIE) published in 2004 and 2006, in their official VIE versions, including the unpublished works and fragments found in volume 44. However, the CVIE will also include the VIE-corrected versions of the three novels that Jack Vance wrote “for hire” for the Ellery Queen publications, that were not originally part of the VIE set.

In size, the six volumes of the CVIE will be identical in format, each about 1000 pages. (A sample page is attached.) Each book will weigh about four pounds, and be about eight by ten inches. This first—and possibly only—publication will be hardbound. A leather-bound version may be offered in the future. The paper will be similar, although slightly lighter than the paper used in the VIE.

2.0 Schedule of Publication

Afton House Books (AHB) had intended to release the first volume at the end of October 2009. However, when the volume weight of the five volume set was calculated, it appeared that the individual volumes exceeded a convenient weight for shipping. AHB decided to go to six volumes, despite the increase in cost of an additional binding, because volumes could then be shipped in pairs at appreciable savings to overseas buyers.

As a result, the first two volumes will not be ready until the first or second week of December. Pairs of volumes will follow about three months apart thereafter.

A short newsletter will be sent out periodically so that buyers know “where we are” in the publication process.

3.0 How to Purchase

At present, the CVIE is sold on a subscription basis. In addition, it will only be sold as a set, not as individual volumes. The cost of the set is \$1295, to which the buyer will add shipping outside the United States, as well as any local taxes or fees. To secure a set, a deposit of \$400 is required by December 15st. This makes it possible for AHB to commit to a firm, fixed price contract for all of the books, and to purchase sufficient paper and binding material for the entire print run so that each volume is visually identical.

After the first two volumes are shipped, a payment of \$600 will become due, with a final payment balance payable before the last two volumes. AHB will add shipping & handling to the third payment for non-US customers.

If, after you receive the first two volumes, you do not wish to keep the books, AHB will refund your money less shipping and handling, as long as the first two volumes are returned in re-sellable condition.

Domestic subscribers may enter a subscription by sending \$400 in personal check or money order to

Afton House Books

1779 Mountain Road

Afton, VA 22920

Subscription to the first printing will close on December 31, 2009; if you plan to wait until late December, send an e-mail to inform me, along with your delivery information and a local phone number.

Checks are fine—AHB will wait until the check has cleared in any event, and the buyer has physical evidence that AHB accepted the money. Be sure to send a shipping address and a local telephone number.

Another method is to send funds via PayPal to rc_lacovara@earthlink.net. However, if you wish to use PayPal, add 3% if you are a US subscriber, and 6% if you are non-US. This covers PayPal fees. One note: non-US subscribers may wish to send an International Postal Money Order via surface mail. This is less expensive than using PayPal. Also, some buyers may be able to send an electronic check via PayPal, which may not incur any additional fees. If you have questions, contact me.

If you do not wish to subscribe, but would like to purchase an entire set once printing is complete, send an e-mail note to Bob Lacovara at the address below. This will not reserve a set for you, but will allow me to the number of extra sets to print for purposes of replacement of books lost in shipping, or mis-bound or other mishap. The extra sets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Get your name on this list now for preferential treatment. Historically, we have underestimated demand for VIE products such as the CVIE, and this may result in disappointment.

4.0 Terms and Conditions

Afton House Books will refund your payment, less fees, shipping and handling, if you are not satisfied with the books for any reason. You must return the books to AHB at your expense in new condition.

The buyer is responsible for all taxes or customs fees. Shipping to domestic buyers is included in the price of the set; foreign buyers will pay the difference between domestic US shipping and the cost of shipping to their address.

With the exception of US domestic postage, the buyer is responsible for all shipping and handling fees. "Shipping and handling" means the exact cost to mail plus a small fee for the book container, that will be a substantial cardboard box with additional padding inside.

If you send money, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions set out in this section 4.0. This is the only agreement between you, the buyer, and us, Afton House Books. This constitutes a contract that is governed by the laws of Virginia.

5.0 For More information

Samples of the book setting, and a mockup of a volume, as well as other information can be found at www.AftonHouseBooks.com.

The publisher, Bob Lacovara of Afton House Books, may be reached at his e-mail as rc_lacovara@earthlink.net on his cell phone: 713 907 6170. If you require references, go to www.integralarchive.com and ask there. Or apply to me for a list of references.