

# Vladimir Nabokov: A Descriptive Bibliography, Revised

## Nabokov's Quartet

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This is the third of the four Nabokov books that Phaedra, a small New York press, published. The others were *The Eye* (1965), *The Waltz Invention* (1966), and the Russian *Lolita* (1967), all spurned by Putnam's for commercial reasons. "The Vane Sisters" is the only story of the quartet that Nabokov originally wrote in English. Of Nabokov's story collections in English, this is only the third. And all of the stories in the first one, *Nine Stories* (1947) were incorporated in the second one, *Nabokov's Dozen* (1958).

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### Edition Summary

**A38.1 Nabokov's Quartet** FIRST EDITION (PHAEDRA), 15-Aug-1966, 2 issues

**A38.2 Nabokov's Quartet** FIRST BRITISH EDITION (WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON), 21-Sep-1967, 2 issues

**A38.3 Nabokov's Quartet** FIRST WRAPPERS EDITION (PYRAMID BOOKS), Sep-1968, 4 issues

**A38.4 Nabokov's Quartet** FIRST BRITISH WRAPPERS EDITION (PANTHER), 1969, 2 issues

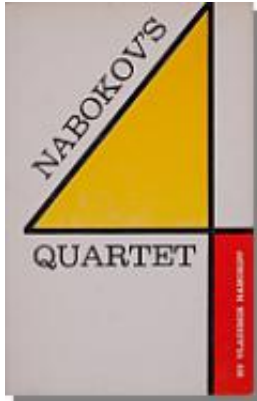
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### A38.1

#### FIRST EDITION (PHAEDRA)

¶ First printing, variant a, 15-Aug-1966



A38.1 First printing, variant a, 1966, cover, front



A38.1 First printing, variant a, 1966, binding, front



A38.1 First printing, variant a, 1966, cover, front

**Collation:** (21.4 X 13.7 cm), [1–2]<sup>16</sup> [3]<sup>4</sup> [4]<sup>16</sup>, 52 leaves, pp. [1–12] 13–43 [44–46] 47–72 [73–74] 75–90 [91–92] 93–104

**Title page:** NABOKOV'S | QUARTET | BY | VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | \publisher's device of Greek woman, apparently Phaedra\ | PHAEDRA PUBLISHERS: 1966

**Copyright page:** Copyright © 1966 by Vladimir Nabokov | Library of Congress Catalog Card No.: 66-28101 | Phaedra Inc. | 220 East 42nd Street | New York, N.Y. 10017 | First Edition | August 15, 1966 | *The Visit to the Museum* | © 1963 *Esquire Magazine* | *An Affair of Honor* | © 1966 *The New Yorker Magazine Inc.* | *Lik* | © 1964 *The New Yorker Magazine Inc.* | *The Vane Sisters* | © 1959 *The Hudson Review*

**Typography/Paper:** Pages bulk about 10.5 mm.

**Binding:** Gray mottled cloth over boards. Green endpapers. All edges trimmed. **Front cover:** \black stamping of author's signature. **Back cover:** blank. **Spine:** \black stamping, running down\ NABOKOV NABOKOV'S QUARTET PHAEDRA

**Covering:** White dust jacket. **Front cover:** \large "4" filled in with yellow and red, "NABOKOV'S" running up from nose to top of "4", "QUARTET" running along underside of "4", "BY VLADIMIR NABOKOV" in white running up red fill-in to right of "4". **Back cover:** \photo of author\ photo J. M. Schlemmer | VLADIMIR NABOKOV. **Spine:** \running across\ NABOKOV | \running down\ NABOKOV'S QUARTET | \running across\ PHAEDRA. **Front flap:** \$3.95 | \book description\ **Back flap:** \book description\ | PHAEDRA INC.—Publishers | 220 East 42nd Street | New York, N.Y. 10017

**Contents:** [1] half-title, [2] blank, [3] title page, [4] copyright page, [5] table of contents, [6] blank, [7] dedication, [8] blank, [9–10] foreword, [11] section title, [12] blank, 13–43 text, [44] blank, [45] section title, [46] blank, 47–72 text, [73] section title, [74] blank, 75–90 text, [91] section title, [92] blank, 93–104 text

**Price:** \$3.95

**Description:** This variant is reflected in a Library of Congress deposit copy, dated 29-Jan-1968.

#### Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Nabokov's Quartet*]
- 2) *An Affair of Honor* [Подлец]
- 3) *Lik* [Лик]
- 4) *The Vane Sisters*
- 5) *The Visit to the Museum* [Посещение музея]



A38.1 First printing, variant a, 1966, copyright page

¶ First printing, variant b, 15-Aug-1966

*As variant a, except*

**Typography/Paper:** Pages bulk about 8.5 mm

**Binding:** As variant a, except with white endpapers.

### A38.2

#### FIRST BRITISH EDITION (WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON)

¶ First printing, 21-Sep-1967

*As first edition, except*

**Collation:** (19.6 X 12.8), [A]<sup>4</sup> B–G<sup>8</sup>, 52 leaves, pp. [1–12] 13–43 [44–46] 47–72 [73–74] 75–90 [91–92] 93–104

**Title page:** NABOKOV'S | QUARTET | BY | VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | WEIDENFELD AND NICOLSON | 5 Winsley Street London W1

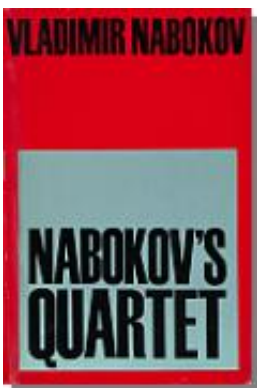
**Copyright page:** ... | First published in Great Britain in 1967 | ... | Printed in Great Britain by | Lowe & Brydone (Printers) Ltd., London, N.W.10

**Binding:** Red cloth over boards. White endpapers. All edges trimmed. **Front and back covers:** \blank\ **Spine:** \gilt stamping, running down\ Nabokov's Quartet \open box\ Vladimir Nabokov Weidenfeld | & Nicolson

**Covering:** White dust jacket. **Front cover:** \red background with title in box of silver background\ VLADIMIR NABOKOV | NABOKOV'S | QUARTET. **Back cover:** \list of and blurbs for seven books by Nabokov\ **Spine:** \red background, running down\ VLADIMIR NABOKOV \silver box\ NABOKOV'S QUARTET Weidenfeld | & Nicolson. **Front flap:** \book description\ | Jacket design by John Curtis | Price (in UK only) | 21s net. **Back flap:** \biographical note\

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**Price:** 21s



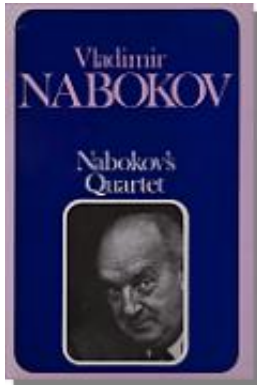
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A38.2 First printing, 1967, title page



A38.2 First printing, 1967,  
cover, front



A38.2 Second printing, 1974,  
cover, front

¶ Second printing, 1974

*As first printing, except*

**Collation:** [1–5]<sup>8</sup> [6]<sup>4</sup> [7]<sup>8</sup>, 52 leaves

**Title page:** \last line replaced with\ London

**Copyright page:** ... | Reprinted 1974 | ... | ISBN 0 297 76183 8 | Printed in Great Britain by | Redwood Press Limited, Trowbridge, Wiltshire

**Binding:** Blue cloth over boards.

**Covering:** White dust jacket. **Front cover:** \round-cornered box with blue background and white lettering\ Vladimir | NABOKOV | Nabokov's | Quartet | \author photo\ **Back cover:** \list of 24 books by Nabokov\ **Spine:** \running down\ V. NABOKOV Nabokov's Quartet | \running across\ Weidenfeld & Nicolson. **Front flap:** \book description\ | Jacket design by John Curtis | \sticker with price of £2.50\ **Back flap:** \biographical note\ | Weidenfeld and Nicolson | 11 St John's Hill London sw11

**ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN:** 0-297-76183-8

**Price:** £2.50

### A38.3

**FIRST WRAPPERS EDITION (PYRAMID BOOKS)**

¶ First printing, Sep-1968

**Collation:** (18.0 X 10.6 cm), 128 pages

**Title page:** NABOKOV'S | QUARTET | VLADIMIR NABOKOV | \publisher's device\ PYRAMID BOOKS • NEW YORK

**Copyright page:** ... | Pyramid edition published September, 1968 | ... | PYRAMID BOOKS are published by Pyramid Publications, Inc., | 444 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022, U.S.A.

**Binding:** White wrappers with design of four overlapping colored circles.

**Back cover:** ... | Cover: Richard Smith ...

**ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN:** 511-01882-095

**Series and Number:** N-1882

**Price:** \$0.95

**Works:**

- 1) Foreword [to *Nabokov's Quartet*]
- 2) An Affair of Honor [Подлец]
- 3) Lik [Лик]
- 4) The Vane Sisters
- 5) The Visit to the Museum [Посещение музея]

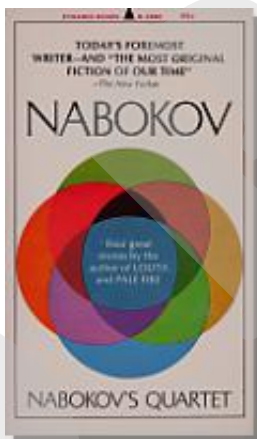
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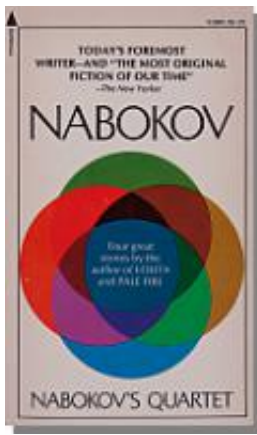
¶ Third printing, May-1973

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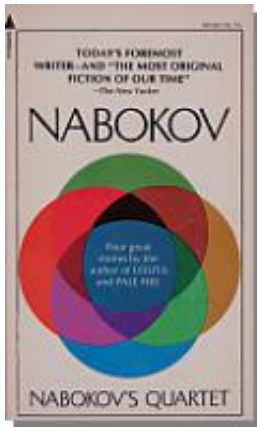
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A38.3 First printing, 1968,  
cover, front

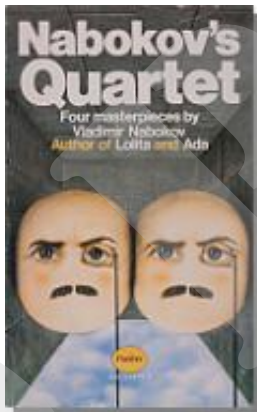


A38.3 Third printing, 1973, cover, front



A38.3 Fourth printing, 1977, cover, front

### A38.4



A38.4 First printing, 1969, cover, front

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**ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN:** 0-515-01882-1  
**Series and Number:** V1882  
**Price:** \$1.25

¶ Fourth printing, May-1977

*As first printing, except*

**Title page:** ... | PYRAMID BOOKS | \publisher's device\ | NEW YORK

**Copyright page:** ... | Fourth Printing May 1977 | ... | Pyramid Publications | (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.) | 757 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017

**Series and Number:** M1882

**Price:** \$1.75

**FIRST BRITISH WRAPPERS EDITION (PANTHER)**

¶ First printing, 1969

**Collation:** (17.7 X 11.0 cm), 128 pages

**Title page:** Vladimir Nabokov | Nabokov's Quartet | A Panther Book

**Copyright page:** ... | ... Panther edition published 1969 | ...

**Binding:** White wrappers with artwork by John Holmes of duplicated man's face (monocle, mustache, no mouth) within a stone cell with a sky floor

**ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN:** 586-02875-7

**Price:** 6/-, 30p

**Works:**

- 1) Foreword [to *Nabokov's Quartet*]
- 2) An Affair of Honor [Подлец]
- 3) Lik [Лик]
- 4) The Vane Sisters
- 5) The Visit to the Museum [Посещение музея]

¶ Second printing, Oct-1972

*As first printing, except*

**Title page:** \last line replaced with\ Panther

**Copyright page:** ... | Reprinted 1972 | ...

**Binding:** White wrappers with photo of table covered with classy items and a pistol

**Price:** 30p



A38.4 Second printing, 1972,  
cover, front

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