

Vladimir Nabokov: A Descriptive Bibliography, Revised

Transparent Things

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Transparent Things began to germinate in Nabokov's mind at the end of November 1968. On 7-Oct-1969 he began the first draft. Not until 30-Jun-1970 did the novel-to-be "burst into life", as Nabokov noted in his diary. He continued to work on it through the summer. He took four months off from it and then wrote, off and on, until, on 1-Apr-1972 he finished the novel. (See *VNTAY* 565, 572, 576, 577, 580, 583-87, 608.)

The short novel appeared in full, but with some changes, in the December 1972 issue of *Esquire* magazine.

Edition Summary

- A42.1 *Transparent Things*** FIRST EDITION (MCGRAW-HILL), 13-Oct-1972, 3 issues
- A42.2 *Transparent Things*** FIRST BRITISH EDITION (WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON), 1973, 1 issue
- A42.3 *Transparent Things*** FIRST WRAPPERS EDITION (FAWCETT), Jan-1974, 1 issue
- A42.4 *Transparent Things*** FIRST BRITISH WRAPPERS EDITION (PENGUIN), Sep-1975, 7 issues
- A42.5 *Transparent Things*** NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS EDITION (MCGRAW-HILL), 1981, 1 issue
- A42.6 *Transparent Things*** NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS EDITION (VINTAGE), Oct-1989, 2 issues
- A42.7 *Transparent Things*** NEW BRITISH WRAPPERS EDITION (PENGUIN), 3-Feb-2011, 1 issue
- A42.8 *Transparent Things*** NEW BRITISH EDITION (PENGUIN), 2012, 1 issue

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A42.1

FIRST EDITION (MCGRAW-HILL)

¶ First printing, 13-Oct-1972



A42.1 First printing, 1972, cover, front



A42.1 First printing, 1972, title page



A42.1 First printing, 1972, copyright page

Collation: (21.2 X 14.3 cm), [1–2]¹⁶ [3]⁸ [4]¹⁶, 56 leaves, pp. [i–viii] 1–104

Title page: VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | TRANSPARENT | THINGS | A Novel | by the | Author of LOLITA | and ADA | McGraw-Hill Book Company | New York • St. Louis • San Francisco • Toronto

Copyright page: Copyright © 1972 by McGraw-Hill International, Inc. | All rights reserved. | Printed in the United States of America. | No part of this publication may | be reproduced, stored in a retrieval | system, or transmitted, | in any form or by any means, | electronic, mechanical, photocopying, | recording, or otherwise, without the prior permission | of the publisher. | Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Data | Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich, 1899- | Transparent things. | I. Title | PZ3.N121Tr [PS3527.A15] 813'.5'4 72-3989 | ISBN 0-07-045734-4 | 123456789BPBP798765432

Binding: Black cloth over boards with headband. Red endpapers. Top edge stained red. Top and bottom edges trimmed. Fore-edge untrimmed. **Front cover:** \blind stamping\ VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | TRANSPARENT | THINGS | A New Novel | by the | Author of LOLITA | and ADA. **Back cover:** \gilt stamping\ 07-045734-4. **Spine:** \running across\ \gilt stamping\ TRANS- | PARENT | THINGS | \running down\ \gilt stamping\ NABOKOV | \running down\ \gilt stamping\ McGraw-Hill.

Covering: White dust jacket with silver-gray background. **Front cover:** VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | \red\ TRANSPARENT | \red\ THINGS | A New Novel | by the | Author of LOLITA | and ADA. **Back cover:** \photo of Nabokov by Halsman\ \red-filled oval\ 07-045734-4. **Spine:** \running across\ \red\ TRANS- | \red\ PARENT | \red\ THINGS | \running down\ NABOKOV | \running down\ McGraw-Hill. **Front flap:** \$5.95 | VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | \red\ TRANSPARENT | \red\ THINGS | \short blurb\ **Back flap:** \list of books by author\ \photo credit\ \publisher information\.

Contents: [i] half-title, [ii] blank, [iii] books by author, [iv] blank, [v] title page, [vi] copyright page, [vii] dedication, [viii] blank, 1–104 text

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-07-045734-4

Price: \$5.95

Works:

- 1) Transparent Things

¶ Second printing, 1972

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As first printing, except

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A42.2

FIRST BRITISH EDITION (WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON)

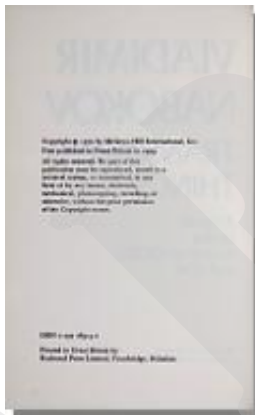
¶ First printing, 1973



A42.2 First printing, 1973, cover, front



A42.2 First printing, 1973, title page



A42.2 First printing, 1973, copyright page

Collation: (21.5 X 13.6 cm), [1–7]⁸, 56 leaves, pp. [i–viii] 1–104

Title page: VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | TRANSPARENT | THINGS | A Novel | by the | Author of LOLITA | and ADA | Weidenfeld and Nicolson | 5 Winsley Street London W1

Copyright page: ... | First published in Great Britain in 1973 | ... | ISBN 0 297 76514 0 | Printed in Great Britain by | Redwood Press Limited, Trowbridge, Wiltshire

Binding: Red cloth over boards. White endpapers. All edges trimmed. Top edge stained pale plum. **Front and back covers:** \blank\ **Spine:** \gilt stamping, running down\ Vladimir Nabokov | \vertical rule\ | *Transparent Things* | \running across\ Weidenfeld | & Nicolson

Covering: White dust jacket with silver-gray background. **Front cover:** VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | \red\ TRANSPARENT | \red\ THINGS | A New Novel | by the | Author of LOLITA | and ADA. **Back cover:** \photo of Nabokov by Halsman\ **Spine:** \running down\ \red\ TRANSPARENT | \red\ THINGS | NABOKOV | \running across\ Weidenfeld | & Nicolson. **Front flap:** VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | \red\ TRANSPARENT | \red\ THINGS | \short description\ | Price | (in UK only) | £1.75 net. **Back flap:** \list of books by author\ \photo credit\ | ISBN 0 297 765140 0.

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ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-297-765140-0

Price: £1.75

Works:

- 1) Transparent Things

A42.3

FIRST WRAPPERS EDITION (FAWCETT)

¶ First printing, Jan-1974

Collation: (17.8 X 10.5 cm), 160 pages

Title page: TRANSPARENT | THINGS | *A NOVEL BY* | Vladimir Nabokov | A FAWCETT CREST BOOK | Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut

Copyright page: ... | Selection of the Book Find Club, July 1972 | ... | January 1974

Binding: White wrappers with cover art of patterned orange and green topless woman. Top edge stained yellow.

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 449-02035-125

Series and Number: P2035



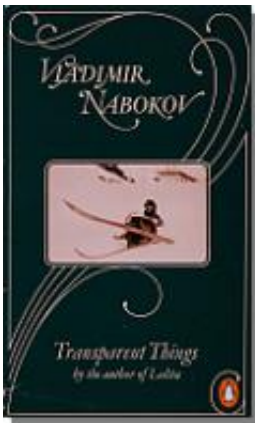
A42.3 First printing, 1974, cover, front

Price: \$1.25

Works:

- 1) Transparent Things

A42.4 FIRST BRITISH WRAPPERS EDITION (PENGUIN)



A42.4 First printing, 1975, cover, front

¶ First printing, Sep-1975

Collation: (18.1 X 11.0 cm), 112 pages

Title page: Vladimir Nabokov | Transparent Things | Penguin Books

Copyright page: ... | Published in Penguin Books 1975 | ...

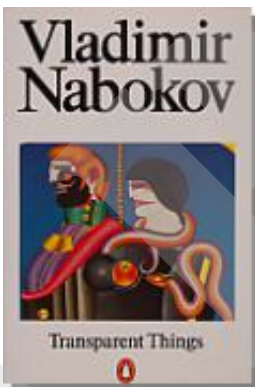
Binding: White wrappers with cover photo of woman falling on skis by Jacques-Henri Lartigue.

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-14-003968-6

Price: 50p

Works:

- 1) Transparent Things



A42.4 Second printing, 1981, cover, front

¶ Second printing, 1981

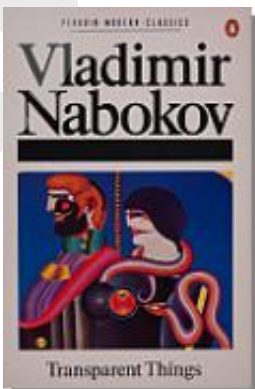
As first printing, except

Collation: (19.4 X 12.8 cm), 112 pages

Copyright page: ... | Reprinted 1981 | ...

Binding: White wrappers with cover art *And Eve*, 1977 by Richard Lindner

Price: £1.25



¶ Third printing, issue a, 1987

As second printing, except

Collation: (19.8 X 12.8 cm), 112 pages

Title page: Vladimir Nabokov | Transparent Things | \publisher's device\ | Penguin Books

Copyright page: ... | Reprinted 1981, 1987 | ...

Binding: Different cover layout than second printing

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-14-008624-2

Series and Number: Penguin Modern Classics

Price: £2.95

A42.4 Third printing, issue a, 1987, cover, front



A42.4 Fourth printing, issue a, cover, front

¶ Third printing, issue b, 1987

As third printing, issue a, except

Price: £3.50

¶ Fourth printing, issue a, date unknown

As third printing, except

Copyright page: ... | 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 | ...

Binding: White wrappers with cover art of a detail from *A Lake Landscape at Sunset* by Atkinson Grimshaw

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-14-018171-7

Series and Number: Penguin Twentieth-Century Classics

Price: £4.50

¶ Fourth printing, issue b, date unknown

As fourth printing, issue a, except

Price: £4.99

¶ New (first stated) printing, Nov-1993

As fourth printing, issue a, except

Copyright page: ... | Reprinted with minor corrections 1993 | 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | ...

Price: £5.99

A42.5

NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS EDITION (MCGRAW-HILL)

¶ First printing, 1981

As first edition, except

Collation: (20.2 X 13.4 cm), 120 pages

Title page: VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | TRANSPARENT | THINGS | McGraw-Hill Book Company | New York ...

Copyright page: ... | ISBN 0-07-045734-7 | ISBN 0-07-045699-2 (Pbk) | First McGraw-Hill paperback edition, 1981 | 1234567890 FGFG 87654321

Binding: White wrappers with silver-gray background and white, black, and burgundy lettering

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-07-045699-2

Price: \$4.95



A42.5 First printing, 1981, cover, front

A42.6

NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS EDITION (VINTAGE/RANDOM HOUSE, USA)

¶ First printing, Oct-1989

As first edition, except

Collation: (20.2 X 13.1 cm), 128 pages

Title page: TRANSPARENT | THINGS | *Vladimir Nabokov* | VINTAGE INTERNATIONAL | VINTAGE BOOKS | A DIVISION OF RANDOM HOUSE, INC. | NEW YORK

Copyright page: \publisher's device\ | FIRST VINTAGE INTERNATIONAL EDITION, OCTOBER 1989 | ... | ISBN 0-679-72541-5 | ... | 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Binding: White wrappers with cover photo by Barnaby Hall

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-679-72541-5

Series and Number: Vintage International



A42.6 First printing, 1989, cover, front



A42.6 Eleventh printing, 2009, cover, front

Price: \$6.95

Description: The Vintage International series incorporated textual corrections of earlier typesettings, usually of the first editions, of the English language issues. *Transparent Things* needed no such corrections.

¶ Eleventh printing, 2009

As first printing, except

Copyright page: ... | 20 29 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** art of a specimen box filled with multi-colored transparent/translucent gewgaws and the title pinned to the surface, by Marian Bantjes, cover photograph by Alison Gootee\

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-0-679-72541-1

Price: \$13.00

A42.7

NEW BRITISH WRAPPERS EDITION (PENGUIN)

¶ First printing, 3-Feb-2011

Collation: (19.6 X 12.6 cm), 112 pages

Title page: VLADIMIR NABOKOV | *Transparent Things* | \publisher's device\ | PENGUIN BOOKS

Copyright page: PENGUIN CLASSICS | ... | Reissued in Penguin Classics 2011 | 1 | ... | 978-0-141-198040 | ...

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** art by Masumi Briozzo of supine young woman, eyes closed, on a background of polygons\

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-0-141-19804-0

Series and Number: Penguin Classics/Modern Classics

Price: £12.00

Works:

- 1) *Transparent Things*



A42.7 First printing, 2011, cover, front

A42.8

NEW BRITISH EDITION (PENGUIN)

¶ First printing, 2012

Title page: VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | *Transparent Things* | \publisher's device\ | PENGUIN | \rule\ | CLASSICS

Copyright page: PENGUIN CLASSICS | ... | This edition published in Penguin Classics 2012 | 001 | ... | ISBN 978-0-141-19714-2 | ...

Binding: Pale gray paper over boards with black stamping

Covering: White dust jacket with pale blue borders and black and pale blue lettering

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-0-141-19714-2

Series and Number: Penguin Classics, 15

Price: £20.00



A42.8 First printing, 2012,
cover, front

Description: One of 22 hardcover volumes in a uniform set of Nabokov editions published by Penguin Classics, an imprint of Penguin Books.

Works:

- 1) Transparent Things