

Vladimir Nabokov: A Descriptive Bibliography, Revised

A15

Отчаяние Despair

Nabokov began the first draft of *Отчаяние* [*Otchaianie / Despair*] in early June 1932, finished it on 10-Sep, and completed a revision in November. (VNTRY 382, 395)

The novel was excerpted in *Poslednie novosti* on 31-Dec-1932 as “Otchaianie”, on 8-Oct-1933 as “Still ist die Nacht”, and on 5-Nov-1933 as “Ot'ezd Ardaliona [Ardalion's departure]”. It was serialized in full in *Современные записки* [*Sovremennye zapiski / Contemporary annals*], Feb–Oct 1934 (issues 44–46). It wasn't published in book form until 1936 by Petropolis in Berlin.

The first English translation was worked on from September 1935 through the end of that December and sent to the British publisher Hutchinson in April 1936 for its John Long imprint of cheap popular fiction. That imprint had put out the Winifred Roy translation of *Камера обскура* [*Kamera obskura*] as *Camera Obscura* at the beginning of 1936. *Despair* came out in the spring of 1937. Neither of the editions sold very well because, Nabokov felt, they didn't fit into the imprint's line. (VNTRY 421, 429–30)

In February 1964 Nabokov began to revise his English translation. It was serialized in *Playboy* from December 1965 through February 1966 and published in book form by Putnam's in May 1966.

Edition Summary

- A15.1 Отчаяние** FIRST EDITION (PETROPOLIS), 20-Feb-1936, 1 issue
- A15.2 Despair** FIRST TRANSLATED EDITION (JOHN LONG), 15-Apr-1937, 2 issues
- A15.3 Despair** FIRST TRANSLATED EDITION (G.P. PUTNAM'S SONS), 16-May-1966, 2 issues
- A15.4 Despair** FIRST BRITISH TRANSLATED EDITION (WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON), 28-Jul-1966, 1 issue
- A15.5 Despair** FIRST WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (POCKET BOOKS), Mar-1968, 1 issue
- A15.6 Despair** FIRST BRITISH WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (PANTHER), 1969, 1 issue
- A15.7 Despair** NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (CAPRICORN BOOKS, PARAGON BOOKS, PERIGEE BOOKS), 11-May-1970, 7 issues
- A15.8 Отчаяние** FIRST AMERICAN EDITION (ARDIS), 1978, 2 issues
- A15.9 Despair** NEW BRITISH WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (PENGUIN), 19-Nov-1981, 4 issues
- A15.10 Despair** NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (VINTAGE), May-1989, 4 issues
- A15.11 Despair** NEW BRITISH WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (PENGUIN), 30-Nov-2000, 2 issues
- A15.12 Отчаяние** FIRST RUSSIAN EDITION (AZBUKA), 2007, 5 issues
- A15.13 Despair** NEW BRITISH TRANSLATED EDITION (PENGUIN), 2012, 1 issue

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Отчаяние Despair

A15.1

FIRST EDITION (PETROPOLIS)

¶ First printing, 20-Feb-1936



A15.1 First printing, 1936, cover, front



A15.1 First printing, 1936, title page



A15.1 First printing, 1936, copyright page

Collation: (19.2 X 12.9 cm), [1]⁸ 2–12⁸ 13⁶, 102 leaves, pp. [1–4] 5–201 [202–204]

Title page: В. СИРИНЪ | ОТЧАЯНИЕ | РОМАНЪ | ПЕТРОПОЛИСЪ / БЕРЛИНЪ [V. Sirin" | Otchaineie | Roman" | Petropolis" | Berlin" / V. Sirin | Despair | A novel | Petropolis | Berlin]

Copyright page: Alle Rechte, insbesondere das der Uebersetzung, | vorbehalten. | Copyright by the author. | Druck: Speer & Schmidt, Berlin SW 68

Binding: White wrappers. Bottom edge untrimmed. Top and fore-edges unopened. **Front cover:** \heavy and thin double-ruled border in blue\ | \blue\ В. СИРИНЪ | \red\ ОТЧАЯНИЕ | \blue bloated rule\ | \blue\ ПЕТРОПОЛИСЪ. **Back cover:** \“Printed in Germany” stamped in purple on some copies\ . **Spine:** \running up\ \blue square\ В. СИРИНЪ - ОТЧАЯНИЕ \blue square\

Contents: [1] publisher's device, [2] blank, [3] title page, [4] copyright page, 5–201 text, [202] text, [203] blank, [204] list of books by author

Price: 20 francs

Works:

- 1) Отчаяние [Otchaineie / Despair]

A15.2

FIRST TRANSLATED EDITION (JOHN LONG, IMPRINT OF HUTCHINSON) FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, issue a, 15-Apr-1937

Collation: (18.4 X 12 cm), [A]⁸ B–S⁸ χ^{12} , 156 leaves, pp. [1–6] 7–286 [287–288] 1–24

Title page: DESPAIR | by | VLADIMIR NABOKOFF-SIRIN | *Translated*

POINTS

Variant a is bound in black cloth with gilt stamping; variant b is in orange cloth with black stamping. Variant b's cover has

no blind border or top and bottom spine rules. In all other respects, including the ads, the two variants are identical.



A15.2 First printing, issue a, 1937, cover, front



A15.2 First printing, issue a, 1937, binding, front



A15.2 First printing, issue a, 1937, title page



from the Russian by the Author | LONDON | JOHN \publisher's device\
LONG | Limited

Copyright page: First Published 1937 | Made and Printed in Great Britain | for John Long Ltd. 34 Paternoster | Row, London, E.C.4, at The | Gainsborough Press, St. Albans, by | Fisher, Knight & Co., Ltd.

Binding: Black cloth over boards. White endpapers. All edges trimmed.

Front cover: \blind rule border\ \all gilt stamping\ *Despair* | *Vladimir Nabokoff-Sirin*. **Back cover:** \blank\. **Spine:** \running across\ \all gilt stamping\ \rule\ | *Despair* | *Vladimir* | *Nabokoff-* | *Sirin* | *John Long* | \rule\

Covering: White dust jacket. **Front cover:** \black-and-white illustration over pink background of hatted man looking over shoulder of hatless man with walking stick on one shoulder and white bag over the other\ | \white with black outlining\ *DESPAIR* | \four lines in white\ *VLADIMIR* | *NABOKOFF* | *-SIRIN* | \script\ Author of *Camera Obscura*. **Back cover:** \author in pink\ *VLADIMIR* | *NABOKOFF-SIRIN* | wrote | *Camera Obscura* | 7s. 6d. net | *Some Press Reviews:* | \five blurbs\ | \rule\ | \publisher's note\. **Spine:** \running across pink background\ \white\ *DESPAIR* | \small silhouette of gun in white\ | *VLADIMIR* | *NABOKOFF* | *-SIRIN* | \black-and-white illustration of man sitting next to table with lamp, head in hands, elbows on knees\ | \four lines in white\ 7/6 | net | *JOHN* | *LONG*. **Front flap:** \title, author, book description\. **Back flap:** \two lines in pink\ *JOHN LONG'S* | *NEW 7/6 NOVELS* | \rule\ | \listing of novels\

Contents: [1] half-title, [2] other book by author, [3] title page, [4] copyright page, [5] chapter heading, [6] blank, 7–286 text, [287] text, [288] blank, 1–24 publisher's ads. Each chapter but the first begins with an unnumbered heading page on a recto and the text on the verso. The first chapter begins on the recto of the leaf following the chapter heading.

Price: 7/6

Description: In his foreword to the second translation, Nabokov wrote, “In 1937 John Long Limited, of London, brought out *Despair* in a convenient edition with a catalogue raisonné of their publications at the back. Despite that bonus, the book sold badly, and a few years later a German bomb destroyed the entire stock. The only copy extant is, as far as I know, the one I own...”

There is certainly more than one extant copy of this edition. Nevertheless, it is a rare book. Its dust jacket is rarer still.

The Washington University Library at St. Louis has a copy, which I have not examined. It is in plain gray paper covers (or boards, depending on who describes it) with the dust jacket as described above. The library's head of special collections in the 1980s and the dealer from whom the book was purchased both feel that this is an advance or review copy.

Ralph Sipper of Joseph the Provider, Santa Barbara, CA, in Jun-1990 offered for sale a copy with a binding of orange cloth with black stamping and in dust jacket. He says that copy is owned by a private collector. I have not examined it.

Another copy with dust jacket in orange cloth, which I have examined, was sold at Swann Galleries, New York, in 1999. That copy was again sold, this time at Christies, New York, on 19-Jun-2007.

The *English Catalogue of Books* and *The Hollins Critic* (III:3, Jun-1966), mention a “cheap edition” published by John Long in wrappers in 1939 at a price of 3/6. Apparently it was common practice in Britain in the 1930s for publishers to sell off their remaining copies at a reduced price, which they called a “cheap edition”. Did this involve a different binding or dust jacket? I don't know. However, I have seen no physical evidence or firm citations to show that this book was ever issued in wrappers.

It is clear that my 1986 census was very limited. At least 13 different libraries around the world claim ownership of at least one copy, most without dust jacket, according to the OCLC (WorldCat). And many collectors clearly have their own copies.

A15.2 First printing, issue a, 1937, copyright page



A15.2 First printing, issue b, binding, front

Works:

- 1) Despair [Отчаяние]
 - First translation.

¶ First printing, issue b, unknown date

As variant a, except

Binding: Orange cloth over boards. All stamping in black. **Front cover:** \no blind rule border\ **Spine:** \no top and bottom rules\

Description: The evidence strongly suggests that this issue in orange binding is the “cheap edition” mentioned in the description of issue a above. If so, it is a second issue. The copy examined had a dust jacket with a price of 7/6 on the spine.

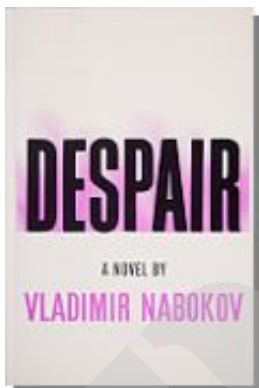
A15.3

FIRST TRANSLATED EDITION (G.P. PUTNAM'S SONS) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, variant a, 16-May-1966

POINTS

The title on the front flap of the dust jacket is printed in pinkish-red in variant a but in black in variant b.



A15.3 First printing, variant a, 1966, cover, front



A15.3 First printing, variant a, 1966, binding, front

Collation: (21.2 X 14.2 cm), [1–7]¹⁶, 112 leaves, pp. [1–6] 7–10 [11–12] 13–222 [223–224]

Title page: DESPAIR | A NOVEL BY | Vladimir Nabokov | \publisher's device\ | G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS *New York*

Copyright page: © 1965, 1966 BY VLADIMIR NABOKOV | All rights reserved. This book, or parts thereof, | must not be reproduced in any form without permission. | Published simultaneously in the Dominion of Canada | by Longmans Canada Limited, Toronto. | Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 65-20683 | A somewhat briefer version of this novel originally appeared in PLAYBOY. | PRINTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | VAN REES PRESS • NEW YORK

Binding: Black cloth over boards. Violet endpapers. Top and bottom edges trimmed. Fore-edge untrimmed. Top edge stained pinkish-red. **Front cover:** \blind stamping of “VN” in oval\ **Back cover:** \blank\ **Spine:** \running down\ \all gilt stamping\ DESPAIR | Vladimir Nabokov | PUTNAM

Covering: White dust jacket. **Front cover:** \over pinkish-red wisps\ DESPAIR | \gray\ A NOVEL BY | \pinkish-red\ VLADIMIR NABOKOV. **Back cover:** \photo of author\ | © Gertrude Fehr | \excerpt from foreword\ **Spine:** \running across\ \over pinkish-red wisps\ DESPAIR | \pinkish-red\ VLADIMIR NABOKOV | PUTNAM. **Front flap:** D | \$5.00 | \pinkish-red\ DESPAIR | By VLADIMIR NABOKOV | \book description\ **Back flap:** \book description continued\ | \publisher information\

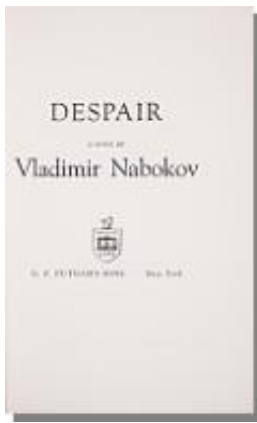
Contents: [1] half-title, [2] books by author, [3] title page, [4] copyright page, [5] dedication, [6] blank, 7–10 foreword, [11] fly-title, [12] blank, 13–222 text, [223–224] blank

Price: \$5.00

Description: There is no priority between the variants. Review copies sent out by the publisher come in both variants.

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) Despair [Отчаяние]
 - Second translation.



A15.3 First printing, variant a, 1966, title page



A15.3 First printing, variant a, 1966, copyright page

¶ First printing, variant b, 16-May-1966

As variant a, except

Covering: White dust jacket. **Front flap:** \title in black\

A15.4 FIRST BRITISH TRANSLATED EDITION (WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, 28-Jul-1966

Collation: (19.7 X 12.8 cm), [A]¹⁶ B–G¹⁶, 112 leaves, pp. [1–6] 7–222 [223–224]

Title page: DESPAIR | a novel by | Vladimir Nabokov | WEIDENFELD AND NICOLSON | 20 New Bond Street London

Copyright page: © 1965, 1966 by Vladimir Nabokov | A somewhat briefer version of this novel originally | appeared in PLAYBOY in the United States | Reprinted by Photolithography in Great Britain by | Bookprint Limited, Kingswood and Crawley

Binding: Dark brown cloth over boards. White endpapers. All edges trimmed. **Front and back covers:** \blank\. **Spine:** \running down\ \all gilt stamping\ DESPAIR \vertical rule\ *Vladimir Nabokov* | \running across\ Weidenfeld | & Nicolson

Covering: White dust jacket. **Front cover:** \brown background\ \two lines white\ VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | \black bar\ | \purple background\ \white\ despair. **Back cover:** \ads with blurbs for seven Nabokov books\. **Spine:** \brown background\ \running down\ \white\ despair \black rectangle\ \white\ VLADIMIR NABOKOV | \running across\ WEIDENFELD | & NICOLSON. **Front flap:** \book description\ | Jacket design by George Mayhew | Price (in UK only) | 25s net. **Back flap:** \author photo\ *Photo by Colin Sherborne* \author biography\

Contents: [1] book description, [2] books by author, [3] title page, [4] copyright page, [5] dedication, [6] blank, 7–10 foreword, [11] fly-title, [12] blank, 13–222 text, [223–224] blank



A15.4 First printing, 1966, cover, front



A15.4 First printing, 1966, title page



A15.4 First printing, 1966, copyright page

A15.5



A15.5 First printing, 1968, cover, front

Price: 25s

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) Despair [Отчаяние]
– Second translation.

FIRST WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (POCKET BOOKS) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, Mar-1968

Collation: (17.8 X 10.6 cm), pp. [i–vi] vii–x [xi–xii] 1–178 [179–180]

Title page: VLADIMIR NABOKOV | \wobbly rule\ | Despair | PUBLISHED BY POCKET \publisher's device\ BOOKS NEW YORK

Copyright page: DESPAIR | G. P. Putnam edition published May, 1966 | A somewhat briefer version of this novel originally appeared in | PLAYBOY | A Pocket Book edition | 1st printing.....March, 1968 | ...

Binding: White wrappers. All edges stained red. **Front cover:** \superimposed profiles of two men\

Series and Number: 75258

Price: \$0.75

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) Despair [Отчаяние]
– Second translation.

A15.6

FIRST BRITISH WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (PANTHER) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, 1969

Collation: (17.7 X 10.9 cm), pp. [1–6] 7–9 [10–12] 13–205 [206–208]

Title page: Vladimir Nabokov | Despair | A Panther Book

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

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** \illustration by John Holmes of a face with a superimposed mirror giving the impression of a man crying out through a very large mouth\

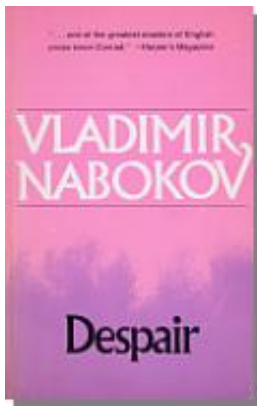
ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 586-02841-2

Price: 6/-, 30p



A15.6 First printing, 1969,
cover, front

A15.7



A15.7 First printing, 1970,
cover, front

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) *Despair* [Отчаяние]
– Second translation.

NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (CAPRICORN BOOKS, IMPRINT OF PUTNAM'S) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, 11-May-1970

Collation: (20.3 X 12.9 cm), 224 pages

Title page: DESPAIR | A NOVEL BY | Vladimir Nabokov | CAPRICORN BOOKS New York

Copyright page: ... | Capricorn Books Edition 1970 | ...

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** design by Sam Salant \ pink background \ blur \ \rule \ \white VLADIMIR NABOKOV \ \rule \ \becoming purple background \ Despair

Series and Number: Cap Giant, 317

Price: \$1.95

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) *Despair* [Отчаяние]
– Second translation.

¶ Second printing, unknown date

As first printing, except

Copyright page: ... | Capricorn Books Edition 1970 | ... | Second Impression | SBN: 399-50065-0 | ...

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 399-50065-0

¶ Third printing, unknown date

As first printing, except

Title page: DESPAIR | A NOVEL BY | Vladimir Nabokov | *Capricorn Books* | *G. P. Putnam's Sons* | New York

Copyright page: ... | Capricorn Books Edition 1970 | ... | Third Impression | SBN: 399-50065-0 | ...

Price: \$3.45

¶ Fourth printing, unknown date

As third printing, except

Copyright page: ... | FOURTH PRINTING | ...

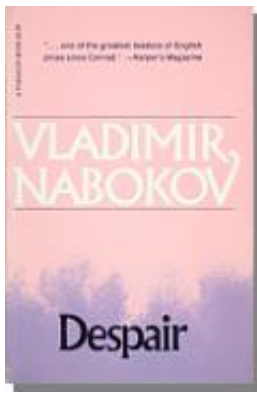
Price: \$3.95

¶ Fourth printing, 1979

As first printing, except

Title page: DESPAIR | A NOVEL BY | Vladimir Nabokov | A PARAGON BOOK

Copyright page: PARAGON BOOKS | are published by | G. P. Putnam's Sons | 200 Madison Ave. | New York, New York 10016 | ... | First Paragon Books Printing, 1979 | ... | *Fourth Impression* | SBN: 399-50065-0



A15.7 Fourth printing, 1979, cover, front



A15.7 Fifth printing, cover, front

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-399-50065-0

Price: \$3.95

¶ Fifth printing, unknown date

As fourth printing, except

Title page: DESPAIR | A NOVEL BY | Vladimir Nabokov | A PERIGEE BOOK

Copyright page: Perigee Books | are published by | G. P. Putnam's Sons | ... | First Perigee Printing, 1979 | *Fifth Impression* | ...

Price: \$5.95

¶ Sixth printing, unknown date

Copyright page: ... | *Sixth Impression* | ...

Price: \$5.95

A15.8

FIRST AMERICAN EDITION (ARDIS)

¶ First printing, variant a, 1978

POINTS

Variant a is bound in leatherette over boards; variant b is bound in wrappers.



A15.8 First printing, variant a, 1978, binding, front

Collation: (17.7 X 12.4 cm), [1–5]¹⁶ [6]⁸ [7]¹⁶, 104 leaves, pp. [1–4] 5–201 [202–208]

Title page: ВЛАДИМИР | НАБОКОВ | ОТЧАЯНИЕ | Ardis / Ann Arbor

Copyright page: ОТЧАЯНИЕ | Copyright © 1936 by Vladimir Nabokov | Ardis reprint of the first edition 1978, | ISBN 0-88233-323-2 (cloth), | ISBN 0-88233-324-0 (paperback). | Ardis Publishers, 2901 Heatherway, | Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. | Manufactured by McNaughton & Gunn, | Ann Arbor, Michigan

Binding: Burgundy leatherette over boards with headband. All edges trimmed. **Front cover:** \silver stamping\ ВЛАДИМИР | НАБОКОВ | ОТЧАЯНИЕ. **Back cover:** \blank\. **Spine:** \silver stamping\ \running down\ НАБОКОВ ОТЧАЯНИЕ | \running across\ Ardis

Covering: Issued without

Contents: [1] publisher's device, [2] blank, [3] title page, [4] copyright page, 5–201 text, [202] text, [203–208] blank

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-88233-323-2

Press run: 200 copies

Works:

1) Отчаяние [Otchaianie / Despair]



A15.8 First printing, variant a, 1978, title page



A15.8 First printing, variant a, 1978, copyright page



A15.8 First printing, variant b, 1978, cover, front

¶ First printing, variant b, 1978

As variant a, except

Binding: Pale orange wrappers.

Press run: 1300 copies

A15.9

NEW BRITISH WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (PENGUIN) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, 19-Nov-1981

Collation: (19.7 X 12.8 cm), 176 pages

Title page: Vladimir Nabokov | Despair | Penguin Books

Copyright page: ... | Published in Penguin Books 1981 | ...

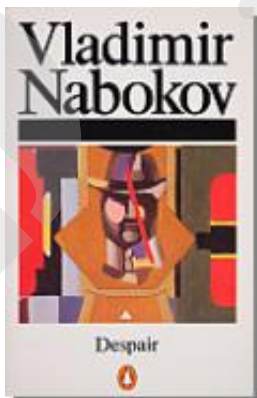
Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** illustration of detail from *Stranger No 2* by Richard Lindner\

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-14-005474-X

Price: £2.50

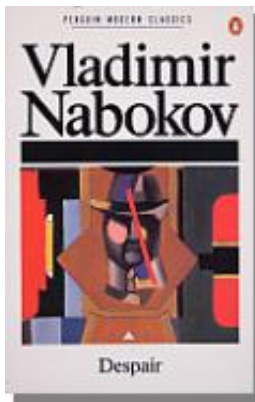
Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) Despair [Отчаяние]
– Second translation.



A15.9 First printing, 1981, cover, front

¶ Second printing, 27-Aug-1987



A15.9 Second printing, 1987, cover, front



A15.9 Third printing, 1990, cover, front



A15.9 Fourth printing, cover, front

A15.10



A15.10 First printing, 1989, cover, front

As first printing, except

Copyright page: ... | Published in Penguin Books 1981 | Reprinted 1987 | ...

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-14-008618-8

Series and Number: Penguin Modern Classics

Price: £3.95

¶ Third printing, 28-Jun-1990

As first printing, except

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

Copyright page: ... | Published in Penguin Books 1981 | 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 | ...

Covering: White wrappers. **Front cover:** Photo, *Figure in the Moonlight* by Atkinson Grimshaw.

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-14-018164-4

Series and Number: Penguin Twentieth-Century Classics

Price: £4.99

¶ Fourth printing, unknown date

As third printing, except

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

Price: £5.99

NEW AMERICAN WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (VINTAGE, IMPRINT OF RANDOM HOUSE, USA)
SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, May-1989

Collation: (20.3 X 13.1 cm), 240 pages

Title page: \ruled border with corner bullets\ | \title with drop-shadow\
DESPAIR | A NOVEL BY | VLADIMIR NABOKOV | VINTAGE
INTERNATIONAL | VINTAGE BOOKS A DIVISION OF RANDOM
HOUSE, INC. | NEW YORK

Copyright page: ... | First Vintage International Edition, May 1989 | ... |
ISBN 0-679-72343-9 (pbk.) | ... | 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** \photo by Barnaby Hall of two men
superimposed, one right-side up, the other upside-down\
ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-679-72343-9

Series and Number: Vintage International

Price: \$7.95

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

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) *Despair* [Отчаяние]
– Second translation.

¶ Sixth printing, unknown date

As first printing, except

Price: \$13.00

¶ Stated second printing, 2009

As first printing, except

Copyright page: ... | 2468C9753

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** \art of a specimen box filled with strips of multi-colored paper and the title pinned to the surface, and the author's name, by Jason Fulford and Tamara Shopsin, cover photograph by Alison Gootee\.

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-0-679-72343-1

Price: \$15.00

Description: The copyright page states that this is a second printing. But there are higher printing numbers with the old cover.



A15.10 Stated second printing, 2009, cover, front

¶ Library printing, unknown date, distributed by Paw Prints

As stated second printing, except

Binding: Pictorial boards. **Back cover:** \bottom fifth of the back cover has information about Paw Prints instead of Vintage\. **Spine:** \no publisher information\

Description: This binding in pictorial boards was produced for the library market. The 240 internal pages are exactly the same as for the second printing. But the binding has the differences noted above.



A15.10 Library printing, cover, front

A15.11 NEW BRITISH WRAPPERS TRANSLATED EDITION (PENGUIN) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, 30-Nov-2000

Collation: (19.7 X 12.7 cm), 176 pages

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

Copyright page: ... | Published in Penguin Books 1981 | Reprinted in Penguin Classics 2000 | 1 | ...

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** \grainy closeup photo by Nathan Kelly of man's eyebrowless and staring face\

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 0-14-118454-X

Series and Number: Penguin Classics

Price: £6.99

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) *Despair* [Отчаяние]



A15.11 First printing, 2000, cover, front

– Second translation.



A15.11 Eleventh printing, 2010, cover, front

¶ Eleventh printing, 2010

As first printing, except

Title page: VLADIMIR NABOKOV | *Despair* | *Translated from the Russian by Vladimir Nabokov* | \publisher's device\ | PENGUIN BOOKS

Copyright page: PENGUIN CLASSICS | ... | This edition first published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York 1965 | Reissued in Penguin Classics 2010 | 11 | ... | ISBN: 978-0-141-18454-8 | ...

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** \two hands holding a central box, containing author, title, series, covering the head and shoulders of a walking man, illustrated by Stawa Harasymowicz\ . **Back cover:** \central box containing book information with hand holding bar-code box, overlaying a vertical trail of dark gray squares\ .

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-0-141-18454-8

Series and Number: Penguin Modern Classics

Price: 176

Description: This issue continues a printing number sequence (eleventh) and uses a continuing ISBN. But the text has been reset and it has a new pagination.

Includes three pages of publisher's ads for Nabokov books.

One in a series of Nabokov books that Penguin reset and issued with new covers in late 2009 and into 2010.

The covers' background pattern for this printing was dropped in error. It will be included in later printings.

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FIRST RUSSIAN EDITION (AZBUKA)



A15.12 First hardcover printing, 2007, cover, front

¶ First hardcover printing, 2007

Collation: (16.5 X 10.4 cm), 256 pages

Title page: ВЛАДИМИР | НАБОКОВ | ОТЧАЯНИЕ | \publisher's device\ | Санкт-Петербург | Издательский Дом | «Азбука-классика» | 2007

Copyright page: ... | ISBN 978-5-91181-423-6 | ...

Binding: Pictorial boards. **Front cover:** \illustration of a black 1920's automobile\

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-5-91181-423-6

Press run: 7000 copies according to the colophon

Works:

(† means a work translated by someone other than Nabokov)

1) Отчаяние

2) † Предисловие автора к американскому изданию [of *Despair*] [Предисловие автора к американскому изданию [of *Despair*] / Author's foreword to the American edition [of *Despair*]] [Foreword [to *Despair*]]
– Does not include a paragraph, the fourth, about the English translation.

¶ First wrappers printing, 2009

As first hardcover printing, except

Collation: (18.0 X 11.4 cm), 224 pages

Title page: Владимир | Набоков | *Отчаяние* | *Roman* | \publisher's device\ | Санкт-Петербург | Издательский Дом | «Азбука-классика» | 2009

Copyright page: ... | ISBN 978-5-395-00296-9 | ...

Binding: White wrappers. **Front cover:** \illustration of a black 1920's automobile\

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-5-395-00296-9



¶ New hardcover printing, 2009

As first hardcover printing, except

Press run: 7000 copies according to the colophon

¶ New hardcover printing, 2012

As first hardcover printing, except

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-5-389-03241-5

Press run: 5000 copies according to the colophon

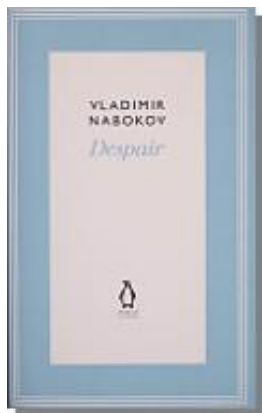
¶ New wrappers printing, 2012

As first wrappers printing, except

ISBN/ISBN-13/SBN: 978-5-389-03094-7

Press run: 5000 copies according to the colophon

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A15.13 First printing, 2012,
cover, front

NEW BRITISH TRANSLATED EDITION (PENGUIN) SECOND ENGLISH TRANSLATION

¶ First printing, 2012

Collation: (19.1 X 11.8 cm), 272 pages

Title page: VLADIMIR | NABOKOV | *Despair* | *Translated from the Russian by* | VLADIMIR NABOKOV | \publisher's device\ | PENGUIN | \rule\ | CLASSICS

Copyright page: ... | Reissued in Penguin Classics 2010 | This edition published in Penguin Classics 2012 | 001 | ... | ISBN: 978-0-141-19696-1 | ...

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: 978-0-141-19696-1

Series and Number: Penguin Classics, 6

Price: £20.00

Works:

- 1) Foreword [to *Despair*]
- 2) *Despair* [Отчаяние]
– Second translation.