

Identifying first editions (updated October 2008)

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The table below lists the first **trade** edition identification criteria for each of Stephen King's books. The early Doubleday books all say "First Edition" explicitly on the copyright page (CP). There are other identifiers for these books as well.

For books that contain strings of numbers to denote the printing, the important consideration is the presence of the numeral 1 in that string, regardless of the format of the numbers. Some possible variations of the printing numbers are:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2
 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

All three of these denote a first edition. The numeral 1 will be removed for a second printing. Random House (*Black House*) is the exception. First edition copies state "First Edition" on the copyright page and the number sequence will be "2 4 6 8 9 7 5 3".

Trim size is given because Book Club editions are often smaller than trade editions. Also, Book Club edition dust jackets (DJ) are occasionally found on first editions to replace lost or damaged jackets. Book Club edition dust jackets are easily identified because they do not have a price marked inside the front cover. Later printing trade edition dust jackets will often have a different price from what is found in the table.

Title	Year	Publisher	Trim size	DJ price	First edition identifiers
Carrie	1974	Doubleday	5.75 x 8.5 x 0.9"	\$5.95	"First Edition" on CP P6 on page 199
Salem's Lot	1975	Doubleday	5.75 x 8.5 x 1.25"	\$7.95/ \$8.95	"First Edition" on CP Q37 on page 439 Three dust jacket states: 1) \$8.95 on DJ, Father Cody error (rare!) 2) price clipped, \$7.95, Father Cody error 3) \$7.95 on DJ, Father Callahan
The Shining	1977	Doubleday	5.75 x 8.5 x 1.5"	\$8.95	"First Edition" on CP R49 on page 447
Rage	1977	Signet	4.2 x 7.0 x 0.7"	\$1.50	"First Signet Printing, September, 1977" on CP "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9" on CP
Night Shift	1978	Doubleday	5.75 x 8.5 x 1"	\$8.95	"First Edition" on CP S52 on page 336
The Stand	1978	Doubleday	5.75 x 8.5 x 1.9"	\$12.95	"First Edition" on CP T39 on page 823
The Long Walk	1979	Signet	4.2 x 7 x 0.75"	\$2.25	"First Signet Printing, July, 1979" on CP "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9" on CP

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The Dead Zone	1979	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.45"	\$11.95	"First published in 1979 by the Viking Press" on CP
Firestarter	1980	Viking (Phantasia Press)	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.6"	\$13.95	"First published in 1980 by the Viking Press" on CP
Cujo	1981	Viking (Mysterious Press)	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.2"	\$13.95	"First published in 1981 by the Viking Press" on CP
Danse Macabre	1981	Everest (Everest)	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.25"	\$13.95	RRD281 on CP
Roadwork	1981	Signet	4.2 x 7.0 x 0.6	\$2.25	"1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9" on CP
The Running Man	1982	Signet	4.2 x 7.0 x 0.6"	\$2.50	"First Printing May 1982" on CP "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9" on CP
The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger	1982	Donald M. Grant (Donald M. Grant)	6.2 x 9.25 x 1.0"	\$20.00	"FIRST EDITION" on CP
Different Seasons	1982	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.6"	\$16.95	"First published in 1982 by the Viking Press" on CP
Christine	1983	Viking (Donald M. Grant)	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.6"	\$16.95	"First published in 1983 by the Viking Press" on CP
Pet Sematary	1983	Doubleday	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.2"	\$15.95	"First Edition" on CP Y38 on page 374 (see note below) Two dust jacket states: 1) Caretakers listed as 1982 2) Caretakers listed as 1983
Cycle of the Werewolf	1983	(Land of Enchantment)	8.75 x 11.25 x 0.5"		No special notes. Later reprinted in trade paperback by Signet and combined with script for Silver Bullet
The Talisman (w/ Peter Straub)	1984	Viking (Donald M. Grant)	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.8"	\$18.95	"First published in 1984 by Viking Penguin, Inc." on CP
Thinner	1984	New American Library	5.8 x 8.75 x 1.2"	\$12.95	"First Printing, November 1984" on CP "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9" on CP
Skeleton Crew	1985	Putnam (Scream Press)	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.6"	\$18.95	"1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10" on CP
The Bachman Books	1985	NAL		\$19.95	"First (omnibus) Printing, October 1985" on CP
IT	1986	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 2.3"	\$22.95	"First published in 1986 by Viking Penguin, Inc." on CP
Eyes of the Dragon	1987	Viking (Philtrum)	6.25 x 9.5 x 0.9"	\$18.95	"First published in 1987 by Viking Penguin, Inc." on CP
Misery	1987	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.1"	\$18.95	"First published in 1987 by Viking Penguin, Inc." on CP
The Tommyknockers	1987	Putnam	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.6"	\$19.95	"1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10" on CP "Permissions to come" on CP Two simultaneous dust jacket states: 1) author name in red 2) author name in gold
The Dark Tower: The Drawing of the Three	1987	Donald M. Grant (Donald M. Grant)	6.2 x 9.2 x 2"	\$35.00	"FIRST EDITION" on CP
My Pretty Pony	1988	Knopf (Whitney Museum)	9.25 x 13.6 x 0.6"	No DJ	"First trade edition" on CP, which is inside back cover
The Dark Half	1989	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.3"	\$21.95	"First published in 1989 by Viking Penguin" on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP

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Four Past Midnight	1990	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.9"	\$22.95	"First published in 1990 by Viking Penguin" on CP "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1" on CP First state has SK in gold on front cover. Second state lacks gold.
The Stand - Complete and Uncut	1990	Doubleday (Doubleday)	6.25 x 9.4 x 2.5"	\$24.95	"FIRST TRADE EDITION" on CP
Needful Things	1991	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 2.0"	\$24.95	"First published in 1991 by Viking Penguin" on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Dark Tower: The Wastelands	1991	Donald M. Grant (Donald M. Grant)	6.2 x 9.2 x 2"	\$38.00	"FIRST EDITION" on CP
Gerald's Game	1992	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.1"	\$23.50	"First published in 1992 by Viking Penguin" on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Dolores Claiborne	1993	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.2"	\$23.50	"First published in 1993 by Viking Penguin" on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Nightmares and Dreamscapes	1993	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 2.25"	\$27.50	"First published in 1993 by Viking Penguin" on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Insomnia	1994	Viking (Mark V. Ziesing)	6.25 x 9.5 x 2.1"	\$27.95	"First published in 1994 by Viking Penguin" on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP Two simultaneous dust jacket states with red and white reversed
Rose Madder	1995	Viking	6.25 x 9.5 x 1.3"	\$25.95	"First published in 1995 by Viking Penguin" on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Green Mile	1996	Signet	4.25 x 6.9 x .4"	No DJ \$2.99 (\$3.99 Part 6)	"First Printing, <i>month</i> , 1996" on CP <i>month</i> = March (Part 1) through August (Part 6) "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1" on CP
Desperation	1996	Viking (Donald M. Grant)	6.5 x 9.5 x 2.25"	\$27.95	"First published in 1996 by Viking Penguin" on CP "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1" on CP
The Regulators	1996	Dutton (Dutton)	6.5 x 9.5 x 1.6"	\$24.95	"First Trade Printing, October 1996" on CP "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1" on CP
The Dark Tower: Wizard and Glass	1997	Donald M. Grant (Donald M. Grant)	6.5 x 9.25 x 2.1"	\$45.	"First Edition" on CP
Six Stories	1997	(Philtrum)	6.0 x 9.0 x 0.9"	No DJ	Only one edition exists
Bag of Bones	1998	Scribner	6.5 x 9.5 x 1.6"	\$28.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Storm of the Century	1999	Pocket Books (BOMC)	6.1 x 9.25 x 1"	\$15.00	"First Pocket Books Trade Paperback Printing Feb 1999" on CP "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1" on CP (BOMC released a hardcover edition)
The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon	1999	Scribner	5.75 x 8.75 x 0.9"	\$16.95	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Hearts in Atlantis	1999	Scribner	6.5 x 9.5 x 2.0"	\$28.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Green Mile (hardcover)	2000	Scribner	6.1 x 9.25 x 1.1"	\$25.00	First Scribner edition 2000 on CP

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On Writing	2000	Scribner	5.9 x 8.75 x 1"	\$25.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Secret Windows	2000	Book of the Month Club	5.75 x 8.5 x 1.4"	\$18.75	BOMC volumes don't specify edition information
Dreamcatcher	2001	Scribner	6.5 x 9.5 x 2.0"	\$28.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Black House (w/ Peter Straub)	2001	Random House (Donald M. Grant)	6.5 x 9.5 x 1.8"	\$28.95	"First Trade Edition" on CP "2 4 6 8 9 7 5 3" on CP
Everything's Eventual	2002	Scribner	6.5 x 9.5 x 1.75"	\$28.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
From a Buick 8	2002	Scribner (Cemetery Dance)	6.3 x 9.5 x 1.3"	\$28.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger (revised and expanded)	2003	Viking	6.1 x 9.25 x 0.9"	\$25.00	This edition published in 2003 by Viking Penguin, a member of Penguin Group (USA) Inc. "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla	2003	Donald M. Grant, in association with Scribner (Donald M. Grant)	6.4 x 9.2 x 2.0"	\$35.00	FIRST TRADE EDITION on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah	2004	Donald M. Grant, in association with Scribner (Donald M. Grant)	6.4 x 9.3 x 1.8"	\$30.00	FIRST TRADE EDITION on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Faithful (w/ Stewart O'Nan)	2004	Scribner	6.3 x 9.2 x 1.2	\$26.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower	2004	Donald M. Grant, in association with Scribner (Donald M. Grant)	6.4 x 9.0 x 2.3"	\$35.00	FIRST TRADE EDITION on CP "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
The Colorado Kid	2005	Hard Case Crime	4.2 x 6.8 x 0.6"	No DJ \$5.99	Only one edition exists. Subsequent printings not anticipated at this point.
'Salem's Lot (Illustrated Edition)	2005	Doubleday	6.5 x 9.5 x 1.75	\$35.00	FIRST EDITION on CP "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1" on CP
Cell	2006	Scribner	6.3 x 9.5 x 1.4"	\$26.95	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Lisey's Story	2006	Scribner	6.3 x 9.5 x 1.7"	\$28.00	"1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Blaze	2007	Scribner	5.7 x 8.75 x 1.1"	\$25.00	First Scribner hardcover edition June 2007 "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10" on CP
Duma Key	2008	Scribner	6.3 x 9.5 x 2.1"	\$28.00	First Scribner hardcover edition January 2008 "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP
Just After Sunset	2008	Scribner	6.3 x 9.5 x 1.4"	\$28.00	First Scribner hardcover edition November 2008 "1 3 5 7 9 10 8 6 4 2" on CP

Notes:

- Names in brackets denote publisher of limited edition
- Date codes for Doubleday books are found near the inner margin at the bottom of the specified page. For *Pet Sematary*, the code is partially obscured in the binding. Be careful to avoid damaging the book when confirming the presence of the 8 in "Y38"
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