

Random House Trade Hardcover Numbers 1 - 20 First Printing Guide

A First Printing will meet all of the following criteria:

	Back Cover Will List to:	Additional First Printing Identification Points/Notes
1 Terror Castle	no back cover list	On page 47 of Ch 5, there is an error in the text. This was corrected in the Second Printing.
2 Stuttering Parrot	no back cover list	The title page of the First Printing simply states "Illustrations by Ed Vebell." There is no reference to Harry Kane (the actual illustrator) or Robert Arthur. First and Second Printings also have wrap-around cover art.
3 Whispering Mummy	no back cover list	
4 Green Ghost	no back cover list	There is a widely available printing of <i>Green Ghost</i> available that lists to itself on the back cover. This is not a First Printing.
5 Vanishing Treasure	Skeleton Island	The back covers of First Printings of <i>Vanishing Treasure</i> and <i>Skeleton Island</i> list the first book in the series as <i>The Mystery of Terror Castle</i> .
6 Skeleton Island	Skeleton Island	
7 Fiery Eye	Silver Spider	
8 Silver Spider	Silver Spider	
9 Screaming Clock	Moaning Cave	
10 Moaning Cave	Moaning Cave	
11 Talking Skull	Laughing Shadow	
12 Laughing Shadow	Laughing Shadow	
13 Crooked Cat	Coughing Dragon	Two printings of <i>Crooked Cat</i> and <i>Coughing Dragon</i> list to <i>Coughing Dragon</i> on their back covers, but only the First Printing does not have an ISBN on the back cover.
14 Coughing Dragon	Coughing Dragon	
15 Flaming Footprints	Nervous Lion	Two printings of <i>Flaming Footprints</i> and <i>Nervous Lion</i> list to <i>Nervous Lion</i> on their back covers, but only the First Printing has the original copyright pages. See images below. In addition, the First Printing of <i>Nervous Lion</i> has a white number 16 on its spine; all subsequent printings had a green 16.
16 Nervous Lion	Nervous Lion	
17 Singing Serpent	Nervous Lion	First Printings of <i>Singing Serpent</i> and <i>Shrinking House</i> should list to <i>Shrinking House</i> on their back covers, but instead list to just <i>Nervous Lion</i> .
18 Shrinking House	Nervous Lion	
19 Phantom Lake	Monster Mountain	There are two printings of <i>Phantom Lake</i> that list to <i>Monster Mountain</i> on the back, but only the First Printing lists just numbers 17 - 20 on the inner page list.
20 Monster Mountain	Monster Mountain	

First Printings of *The Mystery of the Flaming Footprints* and *The Mystery of the Nervous Lion* will have the following original copyright pages:

15 - The Mystery of the Flaming Footprints

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