



Publisher: Stamford House, Stamford, CT: #45 – 54

[same], New York, NY: #s 55 – (64)

Distributor: none given, see notes

Format: short pb Price: 25¢

The copyright registration for #45 identified Stamford House as a "dept. of Periodical Publishers Bureau, Inc." This was apparently a subsidiary of Hearst Magazines, Inc., according to *Publishers' Weekly*. The same news item also mentioned that Pony Books were distributed by International Circulation Co., also a Hearst subsidiary.

Only 22 **Pony Books** were published, numbered from 45 to 66. All books give a year of publication, with 3 dated 1945, 18 dated 1946 and 1 dated 1950. Publishers' Weekly states that the first 4 books were all issued in January 1946, which accords with the one copyright registration and makes the 1945 dates misleading. The announced publication schedule was four books per month but this was either not adhered to or several months were skipped. PW only mentioned Pony Books again in a forecast for June, July and August 1946, with 3, 2, and 3 books each, respectively, the August books not being issued at all. The unpublished titles are appended to the Numerical Listing.

Two or three pairs of the early books are advertised reciprocally in back cover ads. These are followed by a short string, through at least #54, that advertise the immediately prior number on the back cover. No later than number 57, back cover ads were discontinued. These ads would seem to give a better idea of how this series was actually issued.

Fifty Famous Sports Stories was apparently issued several months after the imprint had ceased regular publication. The imprint was resurrected for the last time in 1950, for the issuance of a crossword puzzle book. Bruce Black has kindly provided me with scans of the latter, verifying the 1950 date. This suggests that Hearst had no other paperback subsidiary and that when they felt moved to issue a random paperback they resurrected the old imprint.

There were no interior ads or book listings in any of the volumes I've seen. This suggests that this series had only newsstand distribution and made no attempt at alternate distribution. The somewhat childish logos reproduced above might give the impression that this was a children's series, but the contents of the books themselves belie that.

To the best of my knowledge, there is no evidence that any Pony Book had multiple printings.

Six books were originals, the other 16 were reprints. More than half (14) were mysteries; two each were westerns and romances. There was one adventure novel, two non-fiction titles, and one book of puzzles.

All 22 covers are displayed in the Bookscans database. The cover of the puzzle book is a graphic design; #45 has a photo. All the other volumes had painted covers. About a third of the covers have visible signatures, the most common one being not quite decipherable; I have included a scan of it the Artist Index.

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