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“Jack Vance is one of the finest writers that the science fiction field has ever known.” ?*Poul Anderson, author of The Boat of a Million Years*

#### About the Author

**Jack Vance**, born John Holbrook Vance in 1916, was one of the greatest masters of fantasy and science fiction. He was the winner of many awards for his work and career: the Damon Knight Memorial Grand Master Award from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, and the World Fantasy Award for Life Achievement. Among his awards for particular works were the Hugo award in 1963 for *The Dragon Masters*, in 1967 for *The Last Castle*, and in 2010 for his memoir *This is Me, Jack Vance!* He won a Nebula Award in 1966 for *The Last Castle*. He won the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel in 1990 for *Lyonesse: Madouc*. . He also won an Edgar for the best first mystery novel in 1961 for *The Man in the Cage*.

Vance published more than 60 books in his long career, sometimes under pseudonyms. Among them were 11 mystery novels, three of them as Ellery Queen. He wrote some of the first, and perhaps best, examples of "planetary adventures", including a novel called *Big Planet*. His "Dying Earth" series were among the most influential fantasy novels ever written, inspiring both generations of writers, and the creators of Dungeons and Dragons.

Vance's series from Tor include *The Demon Princes*, *The Cadwal Chronicles*, *The Dying Earth*, *The Planet of Adventure*, and *Alastor*. Vance's last novels were a series of two: *Ports of Call* and *Lurulu*.

Jack Vance was a sailor, a writer, an adventurer, a music critic, and a raconteur. He died in May 2013.

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