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A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

Welcome to *The Second Mack Reynolds Megapack*, continuing our Mack Reynolds reprint program. When Wildside Press purchased Mack Reynolds' literary estate from his son, Emil, in 2013, we were far more familiar with his novels than his short stories. That's undoubtedly because many of those short stories have been undeservedly locked away in dusty old magazines for generations. In fact, as far as we can tell, only one collection of Mack's shorter works was published in his lifetime—*The Best of Mack Reynolds*, in 1976 (Pocket Books). [And decidedly *not* to be confused with another, *unauthorized* collection of random public domain short stories published under the same title many years later and which we are trying to get renamed to avoid confusion among readers.)

Anyway, the Pocket Books edition was the source for most of this volume. I have kept Mack's original introductions, too, which I think add a lot to the stories. I removed several fantasy stories as well as stories which appeared in our first *Mack Reynolds Megapack* to avoid duplication and to focus this volume more on science fiction. (Don't worry, those fantasy stories will appear in other Megapacks. Wildside Press wastes no stories!)

And if after reading the first two *Mack Reynolds Megapacks* and want still more after reading *The Mack Reynolds Megapack* and *The Second Mack Reynolds Megapack*, I refer you to the latest issue of my fanzine, *Adventure Tales* #7, which is a Special Mack Reynolds issue and contains 6 more stories plus 2 essays by Mack (plus work by a lot of other great pulp writers). It should be in the same ebook store where you purchased this volume.

Enjoy!

—John Betancourt