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When Canadian author A.E. van Vogt first stepped into the science fiction arena in 1939, he was immediately recognized as a major talent. But it wasn't until 1940, when his first novel Slan appeared as a serial in the pages of Astounding Science Fiction, that his true potential was realized. This story of the slans, a breed of highly evolved humans who are hunted and persecuted in a future Earth dominated by a ruthless dictatorship, instantly became a legend, making an indelible mark on the quickly growing genre. Although he was to follow with countless popular books and stories over the next four decades, Slan remains his most famous work.

Although his popularity has waned in the last twenty years he still maintains a strong and loyal fan base of people of all ages around the world, and there are numerous websites in a variety of languages frequented by long-standing aficionados and new readers alike. And now, over sixty years since it first appeared and seven years after van Vogt's passing in 2000, a sequel to Slan has been completed by best-selling author Kevin J. Anderson, creating a newfound interest in the original story.

Although short in length, Slan is a complex and fascinating work that requires multiple readings to fully absorb. To assist in this, Slanology is an exhaustive reader's guide to the book itself, containing a detailed plot summary and a timeline, sections discussing

the various aspects of slan anatomy, history, and telepathic abilities, and information on the characters, places, and gadgets that appear in the story. Page references to the easily-obtained Berkley printings of the novel appear throughout the document, citing the source for each item of information presented. And for those interested in the novel's history, a special section is also included that compares the 5 different versions of Slan that have appeared over the years.

This booklet is a perfect companion to the novel, a valuable reference for van Vogt fans or for anyone interested in gaining a better understanding of this important piece of science fiction's history.

About the Author



Isaac Wilcott runs an award-winning website about the legendary science fiction author A.E. van Vogt, and is currently working on The Sevagram Handbook, an encyclopedic guide to all of van Vogt's fiction. He lives in the Californian Mojave Desert, surrounded by too many books, not enough cats, and far too much dust.

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