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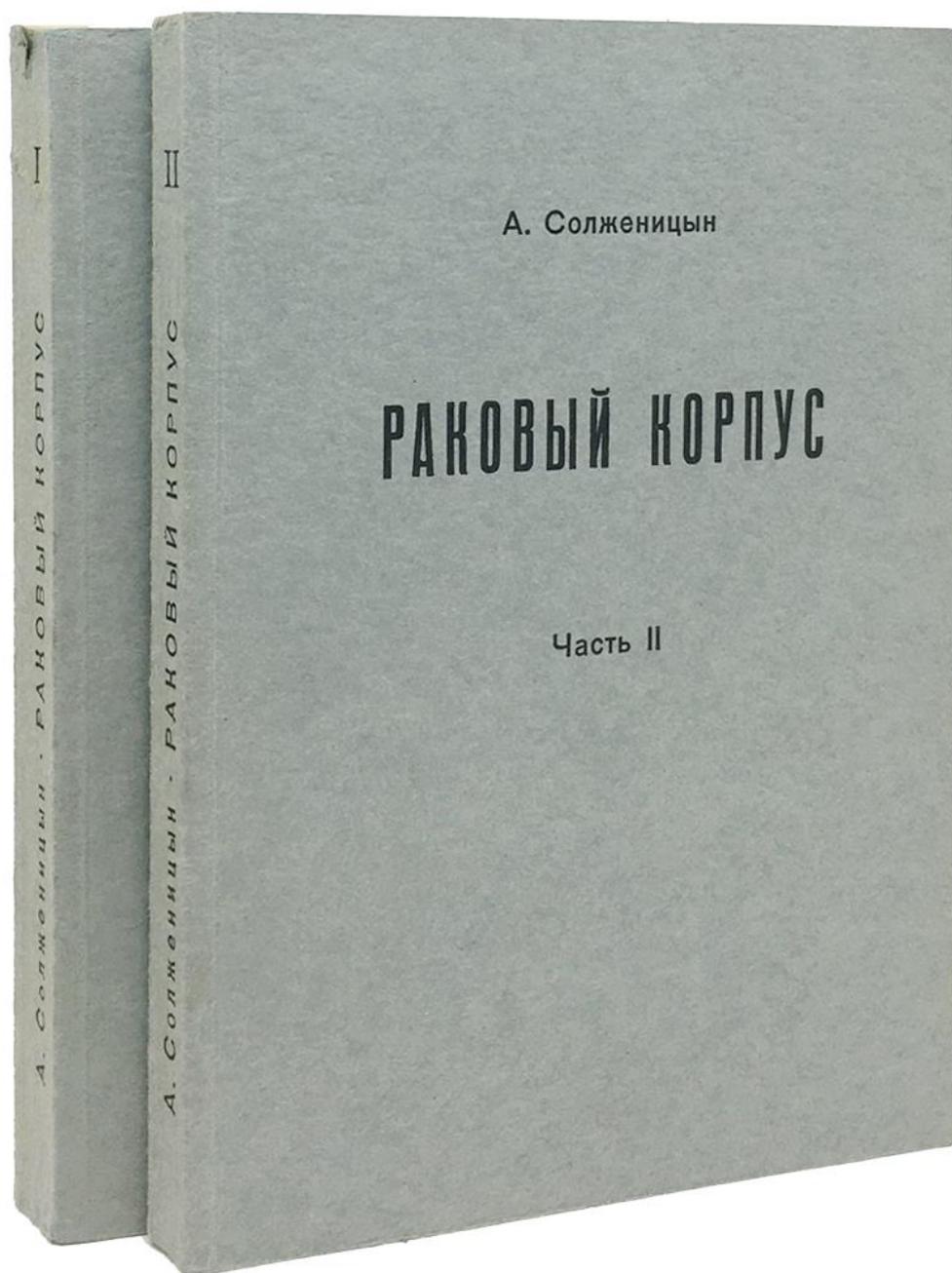
The first edition published in April 1968 in Milan, (Mondadori), incomplete only contained the first part of the novel.

The author's masterpiece, with *The Gulag Archipelago*, which contributed to the fact that the author was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1970.

Partly autobiographical, the author having been treated for cancer in Tashkent after being freed from the gulag, cancer ward was written from 1963 to 1967.

Solzhenitsyn had initially hoped to see his novel published in the Soviet Union. Novyi Mir had accepted the book and prepared the plates to print the first eight chapters in 1967 but had to reverse his decision.

Self-produced typescripts (samizdats) circulated under the mantle and eventually passed to the west. In 1968, several European publishers published the novel in Russian according to these typescripts.



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