

# **Andreas Kastanas - The official website**

## **Archive**

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I am not a collector for hobby. I became one as a result of my choice of buying and archiving the books I read, very simple for the moment I would like to read them again, thankfully since this happened over twice in over half of my books.

So, in almost twenty years I started to read systematically, I found myself with 2.000 books, and 2.000 comic books, that they had exhausted any available storage space, with the comic books unfortunately stacked in cupboards, having lost any meaning of storing them, since having something without the ability of using it, for my purposes of owning any kind of object, is plain stupid.

The need of digitizing the material was obvious, so from the winter of 2011 that I scanned those 340.000 pages, the base was made for what I call today the "Archive" that also contains the entire audiovisual material I have downloaded from the internet and that has to do with dozens of human activities and knowledge.

The illusion that exists that the internet preserves its files in a mythological place where they will be there accessible for ever is an illusion and nothing more. Download and share what you can before it's too late. The fact of the "filtering" of knowledge from a human personality and not of a searching machine or huge organizations that care about quantity or selfish special characteristics, and only that alone is enough for a private archive to have a special value.

So, what makes it stand apart from any other archive in the world is that it is my own personal archive, with obvious value to me. Whatever other value it is to it, remains for you to discover, I will just share it since I can.

Its presentation would be immediate if there weren't issues of intellectual property and enormous data size (near 1.5TB) that I hope someday to resolve.