

Shopping at JPQueen

Disclaimer:

This is a process and analysis that works for me, based on current information that I am aware of. You might find a better process, and that's cool. I use SEA and have never had a problem, but anything can happen, I suppose.

Assumptions:

average yaoi manga about 230 g

average yaoi anthology about 300 g (some up to 400 g)

Suggested Process:

1. Place everything you want in the shopping cart (it sucks to not find it again)
2. When finished, look at your shopping cart and how much your order weighs
3. Remove items carefully (see below for additional notes)
 - (a) try to work the total weight towards an optimum amount/total without exceeding it
 - (b) remove items to get a weight as close to the maximum allowed for that level

Notes:

Prices are in USD

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JPQueen <http://jpqueen.com>

Exchange Rates <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

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North American Shipping Rates

g up to	EMS \$/100g	AIR \$/100g	SAL \$/100g	SEA \$/100g	EMS \$/100g	AIR \$/100g	SAL \$/100g	SEA \$/100g
500	\$18.00	\$13.00	\$9.00		3.600	2.600	1.800	0.000
600	\$20.00	\$14.00	\$10.00		3.333	2.333	1.667	0.000
700	\$21.00	\$16.00	\$11.00		3.000	2.286	1.571	0.000
800	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$12.00		2.875	2.250	1.500	0.000
900	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$13.00		2.778	2.222	1.444	0.000
1000	\$26.00	\$21.00	\$14.00	\$11.00	2.600	2.100	1.400	1.100
1500	\$34.00	\$26.00	\$19.00	\$14.00	2.267	1.733	1.267	0.933
2000	\$42.00	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$14.00	2.100	1.500	1.150	0.700
2500	\$48.00	\$34.00	\$28.00	\$19.00	1.920	1.360	1.120	0.760
3000	\$55.00	\$38.00	\$33.00	\$19.00	1.833	1.267	1.100	0.633
3500	\$62.00	\$43.00	\$38.00	\$26.00	1.771	1.229	1.086	0.743
4000	\$68.00	\$49.00	\$44.00	\$26.00	1.700	1.225	1.100	0.650
4500	\$75.00	\$51.00	\$47.00	\$32.00	1.667	1.133	1.044	0.711
5000	\$82.00	\$58.00	\$54.00	\$32.00	1.640	1.160	1.080	0.640

from JPQueen Website

primary deciding factor, price calculated per 100g

g up to	qty manga	EMS \$/manga	AIR \$/manga	SAL \$/manga	SEA \$/manga	EMS diff	AIR diff	SAL diff	SEA diff
500	2	\$8.28	\$5.98	\$4.14					
600	3	\$7.67	\$5.37	\$3.83		2.000	1.000	1.000	0.000
700	3	\$6.90	\$5.26	\$3.61		1.000	2.000	1.000	0.000
800	3	\$6.61	\$5.18	\$3.45		2.000	2.000	1.000	0.000
900	4	\$6.39	\$5.11	\$3.32		2.000	2.000	1.000	0.000
1000	4	\$5.98	\$4.83	\$3.22	\$2.53	1.000	1.000	1.000	11.000
1500	7	\$5.21	\$3.99	\$2.91	\$2.15	8.000	5.000	5.000	3.000
2000	9	\$4.83	\$3.45	\$2.65	\$1.61	8.000	4.000	4.000	0.000
2500	11	\$4.42	\$3.13	\$2.58	\$1.75	6.000	4.000	5.000	5.000
3000	13	\$4.22	\$2.91	\$2.53	\$1.46	7.000	4.000	5.000	0.000
3500	15	\$4.07	\$2.83	\$2.50	\$1.71	7.000	5.000	5.000	7.000
4000	17	\$3.91	\$2.82	\$2.53	\$1.50	6.000	6.000	6.000	0.000
4500	20	\$3.83	\$2.61	\$2.40	\$1.64	7.000	2.000	3.000	6.000
5000	22	\$3.77	\$2.67	\$2.48	\$1.47	7.000	7.000	7.000	0.000

very rough estimate price per manga

secondary deciding factor, difference between weight levels

highlight = sweet spot / optimal purchase point

Summary Analysis:

EMS & AIR -- Firstly, the more you buy, the cheaper the shipping per book (hands down). However, taking into account jumps in shipping rates between weights, the sweet spot would be a shipment totaling between 900 g and 1000 g. That equates to approximately 4 books with a shipping rate of \$26 and \$21 respectively (for EMS and AIR).

SAL -- the most economical region is between 1500 g and 2000 g with a shipping rate of \$23. This will net you approximately 8 books.

SEA -- the sweet spot is between 2500 g and 3000 g, with a shipping rate of \$19. This will net you approximately 8 to 12 books.

European Shipping Rates

g up to	EMS	AIR	SAL	SEA	EMS \$/100g	AIR \$/100g	SAL \$/100g	SEA \$/100g
500	\$21.00	\$13.00	\$9.00		4.200	2.600	1.800	0.000
600	\$23.00	\$14.00	\$10.00		3.833	2.333	1.667	0.000
700	\$24.00	\$16.00	\$11.00		3.429	2.286	1.571	0.000
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2000	\$47.00	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$14.00	2.350	1.500	1.150	0.700
2500	\$55.00	\$34.00	\$28.00	\$19.00	2.200	1.360	1.120	0.760
3000	\$63.00	\$38.00	\$33.00	\$19.00	2.100	1.267	1.100	0.633
3500	\$70.00	\$43.00	\$38.00	\$26.00	2.000	1.229	1.086	0.743
4000	\$78.00	\$49.00	\$44.00	\$26.00	1.950	1.225	1.100	0.650
4500	\$85.00	\$51.00	\$47.00	\$32.00	1.889	1.133	1.044	0.711
5000	\$93.00	\$58.00	\$54.00	\$32.00	1.860	1.160	1.080	0.640

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US dollar to Canadian dollar conversion

highlighted value in red = data to be entered

Exchange Rate	1.2271
Total Shipping (USD)	\$21.00
Total Shipping (CAD)	\$25.77
Qty Books	12
Per Book Shipping (CAD)	\$2.15

Book (pricing on JPQueen)

<u>USD</u>	<u>CAD</u>	<u>w/ Shipping (CAD)</u>
\$1.90	\$2.33	\$4.48
\$2.90	\$3.56	\$5.71
\$3.90	\$4.79	\$6.93
\$4.50	\$5.52	\$7.67
\$4.90	\$6.01	\$8.16
\$5.90	\$7.24	\$9.39
\$5.50	\$6.75	\$8.90
\$6.90	\$8.47	\$10.61
\$7.90	\$9.69	\$11.84
\$8.90	\$10.92	\$13.07
\$9.90	\$12.15	\$14.30
\$10.90	\$13.38	\$15.52
\$11.90	\$14.60	\$16.75