

# FANTASTIC TOMES & LIBRAMS

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Every once in a while adventurers stumble across the study of an archmage, a long-lost library, a university, or even just a wizard's bedchamber. What book does a wizard have in his bedside table? What's on the shelves of the archmage's secret study? Which book is being talked about in the streets and taverns of the wealthy district?

Traditionally fantasy roleplaying games have included spellbooks and scrolls in treasure hoards. Sometimes a plot-important diary or journal may be featured, containing a vital clue or letter for the adventure. But what of all the other books, the ones that do not contain spells and aren't critical storywise?

You can use this article to generate a library of magical and non-magical books and tomes suitable for use in any fantasy roleplaying game. Until you've read Nori the Dark's *Resplendent Creed of Volatile Illusion*, Dolin the Accursed's *Dangerous Guide of Unknown Magics*, and Bili the Umbral's *Telestic Manual of Demented Divinity*, you haven't lived! That's not to mention *The Fine Handbook Of Divination and Husbandry*, *The Lexicon Of Illuminated Alchemy* By Finor The Infernal, and the critically panned *Transformation and Gambling: A Tome By Nofur The Numinous*.

Simply roll 1d100. Each entry contains the book's name, its author, a short description, and an optional notation indicating its rarity, relative value, and number of pages.

## 1D100

- 1. *The Large Manuscript of Satyrs and Divinity.*** The cover of this weighty palimpsest is dominated by an illustration of a mermaid. [Uncommon; 40gp; 247 pages].
- 2. *The Small Guide of Monsters and Hexes.*** Red ribbons are used to mark pages throughout this faded manual. [Uncommon; 80gp; 121 pages].
- 3. *The Vade Mecum of Unknown Monsters*** by Colin Turner the Elegant. The title of this waxed charcoal manual is emblazoned in silver. [Uncommon; 30gp; 15 pages].
- 4. *Abjuration and Fishing: A Creed*** by Duke Nofur the Umbral. This gargantuan, ancient guide is charcoal in colour. [Common; 6gp; 229 pages].
- 5. *Charting the Villainous Oubliette of Demons*** by Abbess Be'Elanna the Numinous. A large octagon dominates the cover of this ancient grey manual. [Common; 8gp; 180 pages].
- 6. *The Gargantuan Scroll of Rituals and Chronology.*** Artwork by the famous Dofur Thunderbeam decorates the cover of this waxed book. [Uncommon; 30gp; 297 pages].
- 7. *Evocation and Thaumaturgy: A Compilation*** by Sir Magdor the Hidden. A large hexagon dominates the cover of this old yellow palimpsest. [Common; 8gp; 226 pages].
- 8. *The Enchantment Folio.*** You can see the words "*Hakon moipar kair idish estivas!*" inscribed on the inside cover. [Common; 10gp; 70 pages].
- 9. *The Vade Mecum of Hallowed Divinity*** by Sandra Turner the Black. Blue ribbons are used to mark pages throughout this weighty book. [Common; 3gp; 181 pages].
- 10. *Alison Chapman the Draconic's Numinous Pamphlet of Resonant Astrology.*** This embossed lexicon contains an afterword by Thobur Redlock. [Common; 1gp; 59 pages].
- 11. *Black Pudding Recipes: A Palimpsest*** by Sir D'CiQ the Obscene. This handwritten compilation contains a foreword by Thobur Steelaxe. [Common; 6gp; 219 pages].
- 12. *The Large Tome of Flower Arranging and Alchemy.*** The cover of this leather-bound lexicon is burnished with bronze. [Common; 6gp; 196 pages].
- 13. *Queen Stormhold the Luminous's Olde Vade Mecum of Planar Sorcery.*** The cover of this illustrated tome is dominated by an illustration of a satyr. [Uncommon; 100gp; 298 pages].
- 14. *The Chaos Libram.*** The cover of this illustrated journal is dominated by an illustration of a manticore. [Common; 7gp; 15 pages].
- 15. *The Coins & Tokens Compendium.*** This ancient folio contains a foreword by Thrain Silverbeard. [Common; 2gp; 199 pages].
- 16. *Oliver Young the Scioptic's Luminous Folio of Unequalled Summoning.*** You can see the words "*Tsaran locitum tsaran xaquin!*" inscribed on the inside cover. [Uncommon; 80gp; 61 pages].
- 17. *The Athletics Guide.*** This handwritten creed contains a foreword by Dolin Greyhold. [Common; 9gp; 200 pages].
- 18. *Duchess Thrabur Deepmace the Alabaster's Insidious Manuscript of White Illusion.*** This bejewelled compendium contains a foreword by Bomnor Warbrow. [Common; 2gp; 188 pages].
- 19. *The Divinity Vade Mecum.*** You can see the words "*Kali digas ast!*" inscribed on the inside cover. [Uncommon; 10gp; 213 pages].
- 20. *Emperor Nofur Warforge the Boundless's Monstrous Tome of Celestial Astrology.*** The cover of this ancient compendium is burnished with adamantium. [Uncommon; 40gp; 17 pages].
- 21. *Basil Baker the White's Monstrous Vade Mecum of Elegant Demonology.*** The cover of this faded scroll is burnished with steel. [Common; 6gp; 152 pages].

- 22.** *Delving into the Dark Pits of Chaos* by Marquise Aredglor the Trifold. The title of this bejewelled purple compilation is emblazoned in adamantium. [Uncommon; 50gp; 32 pages].
- 23.** *A Codex of Demonology* by Russell Harris the Solar. The cover of this well-preserved folio is burnished with adamantium. [Rare; 100gp; 66 pages].
- 24.** *A Libram of Demonology* by Grilka the Demented. You can see the words "Jistrathar vinaquirem jalaran kiranann igira!" inscribed on the inside cover. [Common; 9gp; 285 pages].
- 25.** *The Gargantuan Lexicon of Porcelain, China, Crystal, and Legends*. Iron rivets punctuate the cover of this waxed crimson compendium. [Common; 8gp; 106 pages].
- 26.** *Detailing the White Dungeons of Shadows* by Earl Dwain Fireforge the Accursed. The text "Of lambs or goats unblemish'd, he may yet" is just about visible. [Common; 9gp; 31 pages].
- 27.** *Kiri Thunderhorn the Hidden's Gilded Vade Mecum of Hermetic Evocation*. A large circle dominates the cover of this illustrated crimson scroll. [Common; 9gp; 204 pages].
- 28.** *The Pamphlet of Olde Transmutation* by Gimlin Stormmine the Terrible. This embossed guide is Volume 6 of a 9-part set. [Common; 9gp; 88 pages].
- 29.** *Trophies, Skins and Necromancy: A Folio* by Emperor Kargan the Resplendent. Adamantium rivets punctuate the cover of this crumbling yellow compendium. [Common; 4gp; 78 pages].
- 30.** *The Medium Libram of Mermaids and Transformation*. There are clearly pages missing from this bejewelled ivory palimpsest. [Common; 4gp; 71 pages].
- 31.** *The Troll Scroll*. There are clearly pages missing from this well-preserved yellow folio. [Common; 1gp; 179 pages].
- 32.** *Mathir Redforge the Hallowed's Magnificent Creed of Illuminated Minerals*. The cover of this waxed book is burnished with iron. [Very Rare; 10,000gp; 117 pages].
- 33.** *Evocation and Coins & Tokens: A Codex* by Abbess Gimfur the Illuminated. Green ribbons are used to mark pages throughout this leather-bound tract. [Rare; 400gp; 89 pages].
- 34.** *Discovering the Insidious Mines of Sorcery* by Abbess Bobur Stonequarry the Solar. This slim compendium contains a foreword by Babur Copperfist. [Common; 8gp; 145 pages].
- 35.** *Escape from the Black Caverns of Blood* by Tuormo the Numinous. The text "In Tenedos and Cilla the divine," is just about visible. [Common; 4gp; 20 pages].
- 36.** *A Handbook of Magicks* by Countess Stormfist the Forgotten. You can see the words "Jalaran nal tangus ya!" inscribed on the inside cover. [Common; 10gp; 128 pages].
- 37.** *Discovering the Gilded Catacombs of Shadows* by King Celeriel the Umbral. A silver clasp holds this weighty manual closed. [Common; 7gp; 233 pages].
- 38.** *Bomli Slatebane the Lunar's Hidden Creed of Alabaster Conjuration*. The pages of this slim compilation are lined with crimson hexagons. [Common; 7gp; 155 pages].
- 39.** *The Libram of Dark Porcelain, China, & Crystal* by Emperor Thralin Firebrow the Monstrous. This crumbling palimpsest contains an afterword by Birin Goldbeard. [Common; 3gp; 69 pages].
- 40.** *Hunting and Armor: A Tract by Princess Biri the Mystagogical*. This well-preserved journal contains an afterword by Thoin Redmine. [Common; 1gp; 205 pages].
- 41.** *A Vade Mecum of Transmutation* by Arthur Jones the Black. The title of this embossed tan vade mecum is emblazoned in steel. [Common; 7gp; 290 pages].

42. *The Libram of Telestic Chronology* by Queen Thrafur the Volatile. The title of this waxed charcoal guide is emblazoned in steel. [Common; 3gp; 120 pages].
43. *The Fine Codex of Shields and Drugs*. You can see the words "Hakon du dolibix korilath!" inscribed on the inside cover. [Common; 8gp; 286 pages].
44. *Lord Firebeam the Whispering's Black Manuscript of Great Light*. The cover of this embossed lexicon is burnished with gold. [Rare; 1000gp; 238 pages].
45. *Discovering The Trifold Tower of the Dead* by Koloth the Infernal. The cover of this illustrated book is burnished with bronze. [Common; 10gp; 138 pages].
46. *The Small Compilation of Gambling and Summoning*. Artwork by the famous Bombur Rockbeam decorates the cover of this faded manuscript. [Common; 10gp; 180 pages].
47. *The Encyclopedia of Mystagogical Trolls* by John Thomas the Black. The text "Dog unabashed, and yet at heart a deer!" is just about visible. [Common; 4gp; 188 pages].
48. *Treasures of the Volatile Isle of Bones* by Queen Fifur Stiffhorn the Accursed. The title of this old burgundy doctrine is emblazoned in gold. [Uncommon; 60gp; 145 pages].
49. *The Small Compendium of Demonology and Engineering*. Purple ribbons are used to mark pages throughout this well-preserved creed. [Common; 4gp; 131 pages].
50. *Sir Erestglor the Wonderful's Resplendent Codex of Monstrous Evocation*. There are clearly pages missing from this faded yellow lexicon. [Common; 9gp; 221 pages].
51. *Argorm Stoneheart the Alabaster's Revised Encyclopedia of Great Exotic Animals*. The cover of this handwritten folio is dominated by an illustration of a centaur. [Uncommon; 60gp; 80 pages].
52. *Countess Gimri the Scioptic's Poisonous Manuscript of Hidden Artwork*. This slim manual is Volume 6 of an 8-part set. [Common; 10gp; 60 pages].
53. *A Libram of Light by Prioress Gudag the Dark*. You can see the words "Vi moipar xaquin soth!" inscribed on the inside cover. [Rare; 600gp; 179 pages].
54. *The Sorcery Scroll*. A gold clasp holds this crumbling pamphlet closed. [Common; 7gp; 108 pages].
55. *Engineering and Enigmas: A Pamphlet* by Queen Noin the Mystagogical. This illustrated manuscript contains a foreword by Bruenor Ironbeard. [Common; 3gp; 237 pages].
56. *Jennifer Carter the Solar's Luminous Codex of Trifold Conjunction*. Gold rivets punctuate the cover of this bejewelled blue pamphlet. [Uncommon; 70gp; 297 pages].
57. *The Enchantment Scroll*. The title of this leather-bound crimson creed is emblazoned in iron. [Rare; 800gp; 168 pages].
58. *The Creed of Shadowed Engineering* by Queen Nobur Battlehorn the Telestic. The title of this embossed purple encyclopaedia is emblazoned in bronze. [Common; 4gp; 139 pages].
59. *Rose Butler the Telestic's Illuminated Lexicon of Mystagogical Engineering*. You can see the words "Aran a xaquin kyrnawi!" inscribed on the inside cover. [Rare; 900gp; 174 pages].
60. *Glorli Longbeam the Wonderful's Dangerous Palimpsest of Black Transmutation*. This illustrated manual contains a foreword by Dori Stiffbane. [Uncommon; 20gp; 190 pages].
61. *The Gargantuan Codex of Chronology and Demonology*. The title of this illustrated orange doctrine is emblazoned in iron. [Common; 7gp; 210 pages].

- 62. *Divinity and Demonology: A Doctrine*** by Roger Brown the Lost. This handwritten folio is Volume 4 of a 9-part set. [Common; 5gp; 177 pages].
- 63. *A Folio of Transformation*** by Mark Green the Veiled. The text "*Thy word, which to obey is always best.*" is just about visible. [Common; 10gp; 141 pages].
- 64. *The Vade Mecum of Illuminated Rituals*** by Barbara Thatcher the Lost. The cover of this illustrated handbook indicates that it was edited by Barin Whiteheart. [Common; 5gp; 200 pages].
- 65. *The Fine Manual of Chronology and Artwork***. The cover of this old creed is dominated by an illustration of a hydra. [Uncommon; 100gp; 110 pages].
- 66. *Finor the Poisonous's Inscrutable Encyclopaedia of Celestial Drugs***. Artwork by the famous Gimfur Waraxe decorates the cover of this handwritten pamphlet. [Uncommon; 10gp; 298 pages].
- 67. *The Guide of Numinous Drugs*** by Lady Imtor the Luminous. The text "*Which we have taken, hath already passed*" is just about visible. [Common; 8gp; 158 pages].
- 68. *The Child's Tome of Summoning and Rituals***. The pages of this bejewelled doctrine are lined with green circles. [Uncommon; 50gp; 128 pages].
- 69. *A Compilation of Rituals*** by Emma Price the Great. The text "*And a whole hecatomb in Chrysa bleed.*" is just about visible. [Rare; 400gp; 258 pages].
- 70. *Escape from the Hallowed Ruins of the 6 Geases*** by Dolin the Resonant. This diminutive, leather-bound journal is grey in colour. [Common; 9gp; 40 pages].
- 71. *A Manual of Enchantment*** by Sir Orodril the Onymatic. Artwork by the famous Bruebur Firehorn decorates the cover of this recent palimpsest. [Common; 4gp; 83 pages].
- 72. *The Thaumaturgy Palimpsest***. You can see the words "*Igira xaquin miopiar!*" inscribed on the inside cover. [Common; 10gp; 67 pages].
- 73. *The Conjuraton Palimpsest***. You can see the words "*Sula kiranann aran tsaran!*" inscribed on the inside cover. [Common; 2gp; 72 pages].
- 74. *Askade the Resplendent's Lost Manual of Trifold Secrets***. You can see the words "*Sinur a ithikitalkus khetsaram!*" scrawled on the back. [Common; 10gp; 62 pages].
- 75. *Archbishop Thorin the Dark's Hermetic Encyclopaedia of Gilded Abjuration***. You can see the words "*Pveathr xaquin akula gadurm!*" inscribed on the inside cover. [Common; 4gp; 222 pages].
- 76. *The Large Folio of Knives & Daggers***. The pages of this leather-bound codex are lined with purple squares. [Common; 9gp; 98 pages].
- 77. *Sir Bombur Longhold the Villainous's Olde Lexicon of Wonderful Secrets***. Artwork by the famous Kibur Battlebrow decorates the cover of this embossed encyclopaedia. [Uncommon; 30gp; 38 pages].
- 78. *Wines, Spirits and Hexes: A Doctrine by Empress Dwari the Dangerous***. The title of this leather-bound vade mecum is emblazoned in copper. [Common; 3gp; 179 pages].
- 79. *The Enchantment Book***. The cover of this well-preserved manuscript indicates that it was edited by Banor Ironforge. [Uncommon; 60gp; 41 pages].
- 80. *Lady Dwanor Greyaxe the Resonant's Resonant Scroll of Draconic Politics***. The cover of this ancient compilation is burnished with gold. [Uncommon; 100gp; 48 pages].
- 81. *The Legends Palimpsest***. This medium, illustrated tome is white in colour. [Common; 2gp; 56 pages].

82. *The Manual of Demented Eagles* by Abbess Kandel the Enchanted. The cover of this embossed doctrine is dominated by an illustration of a devil. [Common; 9gp; 267 pages].
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84. *The Heraldry Manual*. The cover of this recent lexicon is burnished with adamantium. [Common; 9gp; 164 pages].
85. *The Manuscript of Lost Sorcery* by Kagga the Forlorn. A large triangle dominates the cover of this embossed amber vade mecum. [Uncommon; 100gp; 123 pages].
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88. *A Handbook of Witchcraft* by Archbishop Gistad the Volatile. There are clearly pages missing from this embossed grey creed. [Uncommon; 30gp; 131 pages].
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92. *The Doctrine of Infernal Zoology* by Kilin the Black. Gold rivets punctuate the cover of this leather-bound yellow pamphlet. [Rare; 900gp; 23 pages].
93. *The Diminutive Creed of Hexes and Rituals*. The title of this bejewelled purple handbook is emblazoned in steel. [Uncommon; 60gp; 60 pages].
94. *What Became of the Onymatic Vault of Ichor?* by Oromakil the Alabaster. The title of this old tan libram is emblazoned in adamantium. [Common; 7gp; 221 pages].
95. *A Manual of Athletics* by Catherine Thatcher the Gilded. The cover of this recent palimpsest indicates that it was edited by Doin Surefist. [Uncommon; 70gp; 242 pages].
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