

Tome of Tomes

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DESCRIBING THE TOMES

Each book is classified in several ways. Every book has a gold piece value as well as information on what field of study the book falls under for a sage's purpose. In addition, there are other descriptors used, and the complete list below describes them in more detail.

Author: The name of the author if known. Sometimes the author may be a group of individuals, such as the Monks of Merrin.

Race: If the author is an individual or of a group that contains only one race, the race of the author is listed.

Dimensions: This is given in inches in the following order: width, height, depth.

Weight: The weight of the tome in lbs.

Materials: The materials typically used in the construction of the tome if the work is unique. For non-unique works, the material listed should be considered the most commonly found version of the work.

Rarity: A relative value of the rarity of the tome, ranging from common, uncommon, rare, very rare, and unique. It should be noted that, under normal circumstances, rarity has little to do with value.

Fields of Study: All the fields of study within the scope of the work.

Special Knowledge Categories: Which (if any) special categories in which the work belongs.

Value: The value of the tome to a buyer with interest in such matters. The value here assumes a book in good condition - one that is fully readable and without overt blemishes. Prices should be altered based upon differences in condition from this baseline.

THE NEXT ONE HUNDRED TOMES

A Gnomish Primer

Author: Jacinth Infal

Race: Half-elf

Dimensions: 8x10x1.5

Weight: 4lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Common

Fields of Study: Demi-humankind

Special Knowledge Categories: Languages

Value: 45 gp

The most common of Infal's language primers, *A Gnomish Primer* follows the same pattern as her other works, but as this was the last of the series, she had honed her processes down to a fine art, providing the student of *A Gnomish Primer* an easier learning experience. 4 months of studying this primer provides a basic competency in Gnomish providing the student has at least a 9 Intelligence.

A Portable Library

Dimensions: 16x4x1

Weight: 8 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Value: 12,500 gp

Experience Point Value: 2,500

This magical book contains a non-dimensional space in which books, scrolls, maps or any other similar materials can be stored. **A Portable Library** can hold up to 500 lbs. of book or book-like materials. It is extremely durable, making any saves at 4 on the roll.

An Elvish Primer

Author: Jacinth Infal

Race: Half-elf

Dimensions: 8x10x1.5

Weight: 4lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Common

Fields of Study: Demi-humankind

Special Knowledge Categories: Languages

Value: 75 gp

During her middle years, Infal produced a series of language primers, designed for the beginning student. Starting with the script and sounds of the language, she progresses from the simplest of Elvish-language concepts to the more advanced. 5 months of studying this primer gives a basic competency in Elvish providing the student has at least a 10 Intelligence.

An Orc Demographic

Author: Rottacks Auldfarren

Race: Human

Dimensions: 8x10x1.5

Weight: 4lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Common

Fields of Study: Humanoids & giant-kind

Special Knowledge Categories: Demography

Value: 50 gp

Another fine work by Auldfarren, *An Orc Demographic* is the first comprehensive demographics study of orcs in the less civilized temperate lands, Rottacks Auldfarren studied birth and death rates,

infant mortalities, ethnicities, and life expectancies. Like his previous book, *A Human Demographic*, this work filled with detailed, in-depth and generally tedious information, and it is rarely read from cover to cover. Thankfully for the many who have utilized the work, it possesses an excellent index allowing a reader to quickly

Ancient Kemetian Tombs

Author: Liart Spilgie
Race: Elf
Dimensions: 16x16x3
Weight: 15 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: History, architecture & engineering
Value: 950 gp

This guide to all the known tombs of Ancient Kemet (as of 100 years ago) is a lavishly illuminated guide to over 100 major tombs. It is also an invaluable to potential tomb raiders. Although Spilgie's intent was only historical accuracy, he accidentally produced the best work regarding the non-magical and magical protections commonly used in Kemetian tombs. This information has proven invaluable in the past decade, and tombs previously unraided are now being looted at a prodigious speed.

Armar: A History

Author: Frono Humphra
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 25 gp

Legendary city of the Cinnamon Coast, Armar ruled a combine of city-states for more than 300 years. This tome details the rise of Armar at the hand of the red-bearded pirate Melmoth. How he recklessly attacked the fleets of the other city states along the Cinnamon Coast and tore unlikely victories out of certain defeats. It then moves into the middle years where stability and trade flourished, but the history ends with the rise of the sea-devils, the sahuagin that rose from the waters and laid waste to the entire area.

Atlas of Het

Author: Drevi Kapoor
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Geography, topography & cartography
Value: 950 gp

A work long thought lost, *Atlas of Het* is a detailed study of the 700-mile-long peninsula that experiences 8 months of winter and a continuous line of permafrost that encircles the mountainous spine of the peninsula. *Atlas of Het* contains over a dozen highly-detailed maps of the peninsula, including the only map that accurately

displays the entire area. Two copies of *Atlas of Het* have recently went up for sale in Ranste, leading scholars to believe other copies may be available.

Bamghuti Choral Music

Author: Olivar Kizar
Race: Human
Dimensions: 12x12x1
Weight: 6 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & Music
Value: 80 gp

Kizar translates more than three dozen of the polyphonic chorals of the Bamghuti into simplified notation. Included with each translation is a small libretto explaining the meaning and significance of each work for readers lacking knowledge of the Bahmghuti religion. A small appendix includes notes regarding some of the stranger Bamghuti percussion instruments used during the chorals.

Barding: Art and Manufacture

Author: Cormora Foramint
Race: Human
Dimensions: 12x10x1.5
Weight: 20 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, brass clasps and lock
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, architecture & engineering
Value: 355 gp

This tome takes the reader all the way from forging to plate and thoroughly covers the subject of barding, excepting that there is no information on hardened leather varieties. This leads scholars to believe that the tome hails from one of the Inner Sea kingdoms, as only they have the high-quality barding described within coupled with an absence of leather.

Battles of Legion XI

Author: Villus Tarqa
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 30 gp

Legion XI, the Bulls, is the most-lauded of all the legions of Hefestia. This tome by Tarqa contains a concise history of their entire 500 year history, from origination during the Civil Wars, to their eventual disbandment under the conquering Gortha Hoard. Most of the work focuses on the "13 Legendary Battles" which made Legion XI so lastingly famous.

Breadmaking in Derust

Author: Unknown
Race: Human

Dimensions: 8x10x1
Weight: 3 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 125 gp

Known for its rolling fields of grain, it's unsurprising that breakmaking is a high art in Derust. This tome compiles over 100 different types of bread, both savory and sweet, and provides instructions for their preparation. Although it appears the recipes are mostly-correct, each has been slightly changed from how actually prepared, bringing frustration to the reader attempting to duplicate what they once ate in Derust.

Bugbear: A Grammar

Author: Unknown
Race: Unknown
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giant-kind
Special Knowledge Categories: Languages
Value: 50 gp

This brief work lays out the fundamental grammar rules of Bugbear in 8 chapters. A small dictionary is included in the back, but less than 1,000 words are included, making this text far from as useful as it could be. After three months of intense study, a student can haltingly speak Bugbear, but getting beyond that level of ability requires some other source of knowledge.

Bumbleboots and Other Poems

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Arts & music
Value: 30 gp

This brief work contain a dozen long poems, the highlight being Bumbleboots, a long narrative poem concerning a pair of magical boots that provide unearthly grace and agility until they tire of their wearer and then provide clumsiness in equal strength. Such usually results in the death of their current owner and then they move onwards to another. The other poems are of only passing merit.

Cave Formations

Author: Dugal Cavewalker's
Race: Dwarf
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 4 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & minerology
Value: 25 gp

The authoritative work on speleothems and speleogens, *Cave Formations* is the text that made Cavewalker's fortune. The illustrated text looks closely at over 100 different cave formations, and mentions several dozen more in passing. Originally only in the dwarven language, Dugal's many friendships resulted in the translation of the text into multiple languages. More copies of *Cave Formations* have been produced in Common in the past 30 years than all other languages combined: it is now the most common version of Cavewalker's tome.

Cavemen of the Great Wincossa Canyon

Author: Running Feather
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x3
Weight: 6lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giant-kind
Special Knowledge Categories: History, law & customs
Value: 45 gp

The Great Wincossa Canyon stretches for hundreds of miles along the Armogado River. In places deeper than a mile, many sub-canyons are effectively walled off from surface traffic and within are found several populations of cavemen. These cavemen live a simple life of hunting and gathering, communicating with each other via underground passageways. They are remarkably hostile, and their territory has yet to be peaceably entered.

Cavewalker's Guide to Wild Caverns

Cave Formations
Author: Dugal Cavewalker's
Race: Dwarf
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 4 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & minerology
Value: 75 gp

After the success of *Cave Formations*, Cavewalker decided to create a practical guide to spelunking in wild caverns: the term he uses to describe underground area that have never been inhabited by intelligent life. An eminently practical tome, readers of *Cavewalker's Guide to Wild Caverns* can master the techniques after only a month's intensive practice ensuring them safe passage through the wild caverns beneath the earth.

Cavora Ipish

Author: Unknown
Race: Elf
Dimensions: 14x12x1.5
Weight: 25 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, brass clasps and lock
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Planes (astral, elemental & ethereal)
Value: 475 gp

This ancient tome is an atlas to over one thousand square miles of Cavora Ipish, one of the many grand caverns found on the Elemental Plane of Earth. When written, it was a precise work of dramatic scope

and accuracy, but Cavora Ipish collapsed sometime in the past decade, rendering all of this information out of date and worthless. Only the most-well-versed in the Elemental Plane of Earth are aware of this collapse, so the book remains in high demand from semi-scholarly sources.

Centipedes of the Armaxot Peninsula

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 7 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Fauna, supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Insects, medicine
Value: 375 gp

The mountainous jungle covering the Armaxot Peninsula is home to over twenty different types of centipedes, all of which are covered in this excellent, illustrated tome. Twenty are normal sized centipedes, but four are of the giant size, and the information contained within regarding their life cycle and habits has led to *Centipedes of the Armaxot Peninsula* being the go-to book for centipede poison hunters. Access to this text allows anyone with an Intelligence of 15 or greater to prepare poisons (assuming access to the centipedes, of course) as if he was an assassin with such training.

Children of the Lava

Author: Deredha
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 6x6x1
Weight: 4 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind, physical universe, supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, history, law & customs, chemistry, dweomercraeff
Value: 225 gp

This small tome delves into the strange creatures known as lava children. Perpetually grinning and indifferent to metal, lava children are found only in a few places in the world, and Deredha traveled to each of these locations to chronicle their existence. Although interesting as a curio, *Children of the Lava* gathers scholarly interest due an appendix introduced many years after the text was completed. The appendix details various uses of lava children blood in alchemy and potion making.

Cloaks through the Ages

Author: Arlogh Kinshiargh
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x2
Weight: 10 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind, demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 25 gp

This visual dictionary provides illustrations for the history of the common cloak over the past 300 years. Covering the entire western

world, over 75 different types of cloaks are illustrated, along with common sub-types and particular local varieties. The legendarily-shy Kinshiargh wrote this tome after another one of his experiments resulted in his being teleported more than 1,000 miles away from his home, yet again. The knowledge within this tome provided him a precise way to identifying where he'd landed, without having to interact with the locals.

Columns

Author: Purfan of Istarum
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x2
Weight: 10 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Architecture & engineering
Value: 50 gp

This odd work on architecture produced by the doomed Purfan of Istarum deals solely with the column. It starts with a thorough breakdown of the physical structures of columns, and the majority of the text is concerned with ornamentation. Particular attention is paid to the 25 different types of "classical" columns of the ancient world. Why the Purfan would have produced such a work is a mystery and some scholars say the author is misattributed.

Demons and Devils

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Planes (outer)
Value: 70 gp

This ancient tome covers the types and abilities of the more common demons and devils, naming hundreds of lesser fiends. In the more than 1,000 years since it was written *Demons and Devils* has been translated into dozens of different languages and its age has rendered most of its information out-of-date. For example, perhaps only a handful of named fiends in this tome still exist.

Dialects of the Ilhusian Peninsula

Author: Jacinth Infal
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Languages
Value: 45 gp

Few places in the western world have as storied a history as the long and narrow Ilhusian Peninsula, birthplace of the Hefestian Empire. This long history has united the peninsula in language, but has also edged out certain communities, creating a hotbed of dialectal differences in the Ilhus language. This text delves into the language and explores the five main dialects and twelve lesser dialects. *Dialects of the*

Ilhusian Peninsula is particularly notable for being the first of Infal's many linguistic works.

Domma's Dances

Author: Domma Astrid
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x3
Weight: 15 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 150 gp

This large text is almost exclusively composed of illustrated dances of the legendary Domma Astid, Queen of the High Armot Dance. Created in her last years, *Domma's Dances* is the only visual recording of High Armot Dance, and it is considered the standard regarding acceptable movements and motions. The modern High Armot Dancers of today are still compared to Domma's drawings, and discrepancies or innovations are frowned upon

Doom of Domrie

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x2
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 35 gp

This riotous tale moves from city to city following the ill-fated band of entertainers known as Domrie's Traveling Extravaganza. Every possible offense happens to them along the way until eventually only one original member of the troupe remains. *The Doom of Domrie* is commonly performed by travelling entertainment troupes and uses "special effects" to make each comedic death more spectacular than the last

Down and Out in Ranste

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 15 gp

The great port-city of Ranste is the backdrop in this story of the rise, fall, and re-rise of the fictional Sir Sranga Whitelock. The unknown author is intimately familiar with the city, and it effectively becomes the co-protagonist of the story. Sages have long tried to discover the author, and most now believe *Down and Out in Ranste* was written by a youthful Whilla Redmane who would eventually rise to Grand Magican at Durmofofa's Court. Descendants of Redmane vigorously deny such claims, unwilling to be associated with the saucy story.

Down the Hatch!

Author: Unknown
Race: Dwarf
Dimensions: 6x6x1
Weight: 3 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: History, chemistry
Value: 65 gp

This dwarven work concerns itself with the making, and consuming, of fine dwarven whiskey. Recipes for the six common types of dwarven whiskeys are included along with their distilling instructions. It's rumored that the six recipes are the precise recipes of the "Big Six" dwarven stills and that the unknown author somehow stole the information. The "Big Six" vehemently deny such, however.

Down the Shadowvein

Author: Darion Fiordera
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x6x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Topography & cartography
Value: 35 gp

This small tome is the diary of Darion Fiordera, the now-famous bard and new Duke of Offersham. It details his first long delve into the underdeeps along the river known as Shadowvein. Fiordera followed the dark river all the way from the caverns filled with pod-men created by an evil Shroom-man all the way to the mouth of the river and the metal disc on a small island in the great water the river emptied into. How much of the diary is truth or fiction sages debate, but the new Duke claims it is all as he experienced it.

Dwarven Drinking Songs

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 15 gp

This ancient collection of dwarven drinking songs still remains popular today. First collected in Deronian period of the Hefestian Empire, *Dwarven Drinking Songs* is a testament to the solidity of the dwarvish soul, for only a few words or stanzas have changed in their table songs over centuries. 85 different songs are compiled in this tome.

Enamel

Author: Aristu Erediu
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 5 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Rare

Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, geology & mineralogy
Value: 95 gp

In this tome Erediu covers the art of enameling. Like her previous *Glasswork*, the tome begins with guides on selecting the correct materials along with many recipes for various colors and consistencies. Erediu spends an entire chapter regarding the tools needed for fine enameling, and ends the tome with her latest discovery she's calling the compartmental process, or cloisons in her native tongue.

Ferns of the Colchic Forest

Author: Feara Stargrath
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 16x16x2
Weight: 10 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Flora
Special Knowledge Categories: Mosses & ferns
Value: 120 gp

Stargrath's epic *Ferns of the Colchic Forest* contains detailed information on more than 153 different ferns that populate the undergrowth of the massive temperate rain forest. Each fern is fully illustrated and most are shown in their different seasonal presentations. Even now over 120 years after the first edition, *Ferns of the Colchic Forest* is considered the best reference on the subject.

Formichean Metaphysics

Author: Fraga Durangh
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind, demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Philosophy & ethics
Value: 20 gp

This philosophical work focuses upon individual and political ethics. It is Durangh's philosophical masterwork and arguably the most-influential work of ancient philosophy. This particular work is annotated by an unknown hand—one that was obviously well-versed in philosophy and rather critical of Durangh.

Frog Tongues and Newts' Eyes

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x2
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind, supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, dweomercraeff
Value: 45 gp

This collection of Gavorian short fables focuses on evil warlocks and witches. Each of the eight tales focuses upon a good, yet hapless, protagonist caught up in a web of deception and evil that eventually results in their deaths or the deaths of their loved ones. As the name suggest, all the tales prominently feature the art of potion making. A

wise reader can glean a recipe for a **potion of delusion** from one of the stories.

Fungi, Molds, & Lichen of the Cold Marshes

Author: Cauld Plowterie
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Flora
Special Knowledge Categories: Fungi
Value: 50 gp

A follow up to Plowterie's *Weeds of the Cold Marshes*, *Fungi, Molds, & Lichen of the Cold Marshes* is composed with the same high-standard of excellence. Plowterie looks at over three dozen different organisms common to the cold marshes of the world and how they relate with their environment. Of particular use are the illustrations, allowing a reader to accurately judge which are edible and non-edible.

Furniture of Ancient Kemet

Author: Liart Spilgie
Race: Elf
Dimensions: 16x16x3
Weight: 15 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 150 gp

Ancient Kemet, buried deep in the Athusian desert and blasted by the sun, developed unique solutions to furniture because of their lack of woods and easy access to the reedy H'pi river. This circumstance brought their wickerwork to the highest level, and their many tombs preserved their work. Spilgie's tome provides a solid starting point on the subject, but lacks in terms of length and depth of study unlike his other works on Kemet.

Glasswork

Author: Aristu Erediu
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 5 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, geology & mineralogy
Value: 95 gp

The more-common of Erediu's two works about glass, *Glasswork* starts at the very beginning with guides on how to select the correct type of sand and what additives to use as well as their different proportions. Erediu goes through many different glassworking techniques, such as core forming, rolling, blowing, and grinding. She ends the tome with a discussion on faience.

Gnoll Theology

Author: Unknown
Race: Gnoll

Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind
Special Knowledge Categories: Theology & myth
Value: 90 gp

It is commonly believed that gnolls only worship their Demon Prince, but that is untrue: gnolls also worship other gods. This unusual work explores that small pantheon of gods common to all Gnolls. Worship is secretive, but known to all gnolls, and never spoken of, either to strangers or even openly within their own tribe. The knowledge of these appeasement rights is passed down by the tribes Uhgoneey, a sort of anti-shaman who acts as a religious/sacred scapegoat for the tribes sins. The Uhgoneey is typically the weakest of the tribe, and the only weakling the tribe allows to exist. Who wrote this text, or how it came to exist is unknown. It is written in Gnoll.

Gnomish Ethics

Author: Unknown
Race: Unknown
Dimensions: 4x5x0.5
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History, legends & folklore
Value: 35 gp

One would expect another volume of jokes-disguised-as-lore, but this Gnomish work is a staid and contemplative look at Gnomish ethics. Focused almost exclusively on normative ethics, the text only lightly delves into meta-ethics or applied ethics. Of particular interest to non-Gnomes is the chapter on the ethics of humor and the practical joke. Much information regarding the inner workings of Gnomes can be gleaned from this chapter (+2 to CHR when entreating with Gnomes in a humorous situation).

Gormorif Symbology

Author: Fundin Stonepick
Race: Dwarf
Dimensions: 14x12x1
Weight: 5 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Heraldry, signs & sigals
Value: 125 gp

The reclusive and secretive Gormorif sect has long hidden within the nations of the west, eking out its survival through subterfuge and a nearly impenetrable symbology. *Gormorif Symbology* breaks open this code, laying bare its phraseology, grouping, and indicative signs. The unknown author of this work is obviously someone once influential among the Gormorif, and his or her reason for breaking the silence regarding their symbols is unknown.

Grand Strategies of the Hefestian Empire

Author: Villus Tarqa
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x2

Weight: 3 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment, iron clasp and lock
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 120 gp

Written many years after Tarqa's peak, *Grand Strategies of the Hefestian Empire* builds upon the theories put forth in *Treating with Vassal States*, but treats military actions as political actions, bringing forth a new interpretation of the full scope of Hefestian political life. It is another masterful book by Tarqa, but the first signs of infirmity are showing between the lines.

Half-Elven Psychology

Author: Jacinth Infal
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Psychology
Value: 55 gp

Jacinth Infal was not only the linguist author of *Elven Dialects*, she was an remarkable chronicler of the half-elven condition. This introspective work discusses the difficulties of self and identity for the half-elf from her personal view, but also contains over a dozen "cases" regarding other half-elves and the troubles and challenges they faced.

Halfling Dialects

Author: Bartholomew Stoutbottom
Race: Halfling
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 1lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Languages
Value: 55 gp

This brief work explores the differences between the Halfling dialects spoken by the tallfollows and stouts. Unlike most Halfling works, this one is extremely dry and of interest to only the most academic. Written before *Halfling: Spoken and Written*, Stoutbottom's **Halfling Dialects** is a remarkable work of scholarship, but most will find little use in its detailed study of small differences.

Halfling: Spoken and Written

Author: Bartholomew Stoutbottom
Race: Halfling
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 1lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Languages
Value: 45 gp

This famous work by Stoutbottom is considered the final world on Halfling language instruction. His method of language acquisition is remarkably speedy and successful. Stoutbottom introduces the language in the Common script, but quickly transitions into the two traditional Halfling scripts. Those who intensely study this tome gain a basic knowledge of the Halfling language based upon their intelligence: 3-10 takes 1 year, 11-15 takes 9 months, 16-17 takes 6 months, and 18+ gains Halfling in only 3 months of intense study.

Halfings of Cormor Dales

Author: Cromulent Dalesly
Race: Halfling
Dimensions: 12x12x3
Weight: 8 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Politics & genealogy, sociology
Value: 120 gp

This tome discusses the halfings of the Cormor Dales who have occupied those rolling hills for generations, slowly eking out an existence in the hardscrabble. The Cormor halfings have developed a different type of clan relationship than other halfings and their interwoven and inclusive filial connections lead other halfings to determine that they're their own clan. But to a Cormor Dales' halfling, there are over twenty different clans, each apparently as different from each other as the Cormor are from other halfings.

Hardtap's Homebrews

Author: Gunner Hardtap
Race: Dwarf
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 25 gp

The handy tome is a guide to the making of small beer (beer that is low in alcohol and can be consumed in prodigious quantities). An odd subject, but Hardtap was an odd dwarf: a non-drinker. Hardtap spent many years trying to convince all and sundry of the evils of alcohol, and viewed small beer as the way of weening drinkers off of real alcoholic drinks. There are about a dozen different types of small beers in Hardtap's Homebrews using various ingredients keyed to the changing of the seasons.

Hidden Paths of the Glomwood

Author: Unknown
Race: Unknown
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Geography, topography & cartography
Value: 520 gp

The great forest called Glomwood, infested as it is by giant spiders and other foul giant insects is avoided by all but the foolhardy.

Apparently, the unknown author of this tome had no difficulties, as it contains detailed maps indicating more than a dozen paths within and throughout the Glomwood. Only a few locations are named, and these are rather forbidding: Tower of the Nigal, Path of Shards, Trees of Woe, Garden of the Tiny Giants, etc.

History of the Clan Iarnuuocon

Author: Glead Wharp
Race: Gnome
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 5 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History, politics & genealogy
Value: 90 gp

Clan Iarnuuocon is one of the great gnomish clans of the Recurved Hills. For the past 500 years, they've ruled the hills, keeping them safe from the goblins and kobolds infesting the nearby mountains. This history/genealogy is liberally embellished by individual portraiture and dozens upon dozens of family trees.

Horsemanship on the Battlefield

Author: Villus Tarqa
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 70 gp

The Vitaq cavalry rightly deserve their plaudits and *Horsemanship on the Battlefield* is a study into the strategy and tactics of the Vitaq. This tome covers all types of cavalry maneuver, excepting those for heavy cavalry, which the Vitaq never used. There are a few illustrations in this work, but they are only of passing quality. This work is notable in that it is the first of many volumes written by the legendary ancient historian Villus Tarqa and it hints at the analytical brilliance of his later years, more importantly his familiarity with the subject at such a young age implies that Targa wasn't a Hefestian, and instead was Vitaq.

Humanoid Traps

Author: Corfo Butterburr
Race: Halfling
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Architecture & engineering
Value: 60 gp

This tome delves into the most-common types of traps set by the evil humanoid races: leg-holds, gripping, deadfall, snares, pits, and glues. Readers of this tome gain a basic understanding of these traps and an ability to recognize them when they are not explicitly disguised (these require a thief to detect). Readers also learn how to bypass or disable these common traps, again providing they haven't been

deliberate disguised. Thieves reading this book gain a +10% chance to Find humanoid traps and a +20% to Disarm them.

Ice Elves of Sarispirtti

Author: Dido Frongi

Race: Human

Dimensions: 8x10x1

Weight: 2 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Uncommon

Fields of Study: Demi-humankind, physical universe, supernatural & unusual

Special Knowledge Categories: Law & customs, architecture & engineering, dweomercraeft

Value: 125 gp

Far to the north, in the white lands of ever-snow, the ice elves reside, eking out a remarkable existence in such a harsh clime. The Sarispirtti spreads for thousands of miles above the lands of both the West and East, and the ice elves are its indisputable masters. This tome discusses their remarkable ice-sculpted habitations as well as their amazing magics allowing life to flourish in the land of ever-snow.

Kobolds of Connacht Pass

Author: Frona Willia

Race: Half-elf

Dimensions: 6x5x1

Weight: 1 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Uncommon

Fields of Study: Humanoids & giant-kind

Special Knowledge Categories: History

Value: 25 gp

This tome is a speculative history work, pondering upon various theories regarding the kobolds of Connacht Pass. Rarely does one find kobolds in charge of a pass, but the kobolds of Connacht Pass are no ordinary kobolds, and they've guarded their pass for decades. They have mastered tactical fighting, devastating engineering, and a strange form of magic apparently unknown to other kobolds: these kobolds have witch doctors that use illusionist magic! These three factors have combined into a powerful force, making travelers of the Connacht Pass pay a fee for safe passage.

Lady Kimosal

Author: Psattor Marivik

Race: Human

Dimensions: 6x5x2

Weight: 2 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Common

Fields of Study: Humankind

Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music

Value: 25 gp

This heroic romance follows the story of Lady Kimosal, Paladin of Cormuth, from her birth in a barn in some unknown village, to her eventual rule of the Knights of the Order of the Golden Lion. The tale is told in a vigorous and vibrant voice, bringing the reader into the action and romance of the story. The tale of Lady Kimosal is found on shelves of any distinction.

Lava Tubes

Author: Dugal Cavewalker's

Race: Dwarf

Dimensions: 8x8x1

Weight: 4 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment

Rarity: Uncommon

Fields of Study: Physical universe

Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & minerology

Value: 50 gp

The last of Cavewalker's tomes, *Lava Tubes* was written more than 80 years after *Cavewalker's Guide to Wild Caverns*. Hailing from a land free of volcanism, Cavewalker decided to travel to far foreign shores and learn everything to be learned about lava caves from the natives. He tested their knowledge against his knowledge, combining the two into an excellent guide on the dangers of lava-formed caves.

Leaves: Shapes and Uses

Author: Ricardo Dimario

Race: Human

Dimensions: 8x6x0.5

Weight: 1lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Common

Fields of Study: Flora, supernatural & unusual

Special Knowledge Categories: Trees, medicine

Value: 35 gp

This strange little tome claims a magical link between the shape of leaves and their medicinal uses. Although Dimario was obviously well-versed with many different types of trees, and equally well-versed in medical knowledge, there is absolutely no connection between shape and medical use. It is unknown why Dimario wrote this work, but sages speculate it was written during his imprisonment by the Sultan of Soquet and that perhaps this tome was the reason for his eventual release after 4 years in the infamous Alssijn.

Legal Distinctions in Letters Marque

Author: Glisama Tazzaar

Race: Human

Dimensions: 16x16x2

Weight: 10 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Rare

Fields of Study: Humankind

Special Knowledge Categories: Law & customs

Value: 50 gp

This text (with an overly-expansive title) covers only the distinctions between letters marque among the nations of the Bophauz Archipelago. The 13 nations within the area have a complex history and law surrounding letters marque and Tazzaar lays forth the differences and distinctions with clarity and concision. This text is recommended reading for any would-be privateer.

Logistics

Author: Villus Tarqa

Race: Human

Dimensions: 8x10x2

Weight: 3 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment, iron clasp and lock
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 70 gp

Prior to Tarqa's *Logistics*, nothing had ever been written about the subject, although all the great generals understood that mastery of logistics can be the knife's-edge difference between victory and defeat. For this work, Tarqa spent several years campaigning in the field with eight different generals (six of which he later included in one of his biographical works) learning how to perform proper battlefield logistics. His work became required reading for all Hefestian battlefield commanders. It was *Logistics* that made Tarqa his fortune, and which granted him access to the highest halls of power in Hefestia.

Mesmerism

Author: Nulzer Ninetoes
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft
Value: 250 gp

A thin work on the phantasmal nature of mesmerism, Ninetoes *Mesmerism* is considered required-study for any serious illusionist. Magic users who study this work for at least three months gain a +1 to their saving throws against any type of mesmerism (charm person, suggestion, etc.). Illusionists gain a significantly better understanding of those spells, making their targets save at a -2 against them.

Mountaineering

Author: Bracon
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, architecture & engineering
Value: 350 gp

This practical tome is the only known one about the subject. Written by the hill barbarian Bracon, the tome shows a remarkable creativity in the illustrations of purpose-made gear Bracon created for his passion. Of the many tools within, two (the piton and carabiner) have become so common now that many do not know from where they originated.

Mummification

Author: Kymt Fargalz
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x3
Weight: 15 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe

Special Knowledge Categories: History, chemistry
Value: 650 gp

This long work is a compilation of various ancient Kemetian texts regarding the art of mummification. The original texts are accompanied by translations, but scholars universally view the translations as faulty even though they do not agree on whether this is intentional or simply due to lack of skill of the unknown author. Regardless, this work is highly valued among the intelligentsia given the current Kemetian craze.

Octopi of the Sunder Reefs

Author: Mari
Race: Aquatic elf
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 5 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Physical universe, fauna
Special Knowledge Categories: Oceanography, cephalopods & echinoderms
Value: 50 gp

The Sunder Reefs are best known for their deadly ship-wrecking abilities, but underneath the normally placid waves, life blooms with an almost relentless abandon. The sister book to *Octopi of Coral Gulf*, this intricate work of Mari is the result of a life spent under the waves, exploring the terrain as few others could. More than 45 types of octopi are described, including the deadly-venomous opal octopus. It is unknown why there is no large-scale underwater map in this work as there is in the previous work, and this lack makes this tome significantly less valuable.

On Morality

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 1lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 45 gp

The staid exterior and misleading title of this tome helps disguise its contents from the casual viewer. Within the covers are dozens of erotic stories and over 100 erotic illustrations. The true authorship of *On Morality* is unknown, but it's generally accepted that Darfan Unranq is a nom de plume of the 7th High Priestess of Lilthar. The prudish Liltharians adamantly deny this, of course.

On Suffering

Author: Grovia Theromorph
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x2
Weight: 10 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Philosophy & ethics, theology & myth
Value: 45 gp

This philosophical tome delves into the various concepts large religions have regarding suffering. *On Suffering* is an exhaustive comparative study of the twenty four major religions of the western world. The tome is so thoroughly read, discussed, and argued that scholars have incorporated it into a saying describing a worn-out confrontation: "An argument with an ending as *Suffering*."

Orcs of Legend

Author: Albermark Hizzi
Race: Half-orc
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 50 gp

Hizzi's *Orcs of Legend* is a foundational work of Orcish history. This biographical tome discusses 23 famous orcs from ancient times to only 50 years ago. Most of the subjects are famous warriors, but a few shamans make the roster. Each subject has a comprehensive history of their self and their tribe along with a greater historical framework regarding the effects they had upon the larger world.

Oru Eschatology

Author: Saints of Oru
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Theology & myth
Value: 50 gp

This commentary on the Oru, the Bamghuti holy book focuses on the end of days. In the Bamghuti religion, the end of days is signaled by the arrival of the Great Charlatan: he who confusedly speaks yet is chosen to lead. Even the dead follow the Great One, and they begin to walk the earth: the living are turned into the undead. The Great Charlatan himself is then slain by his own creation, and judgment is delivered upon the newly undead for inability to resist the call of the Great Charlatan.

Otyughs

Author: Ralo Linchfield
Race: Gnome
Dimensions: 4x5x0.5
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Fauna
Special Knowledge Categories: Cephalopods & echinoderms
Value: 35 gp

This brief tome is more a notebook of Linchfield's observations of the Otyughs living in Darstia's cess pit. The massive amount of offal generated by Darstia, King Gartian's slaughter house of a capital, gave Linchfield ample opportunity to get to know the small group of strange scavengers that called the cess pit home. Careful reading of this tome by someone of Int 12 or better, results in a +2 Chr bonus whenever dealing with Otyughs.

Our Ancient Enemies

Author: Fighter's Guild of Dwarrow Delf
Race: Dwarf
Dimensions: 16x16x3
Weight: 15 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind
Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, law & customs
Value: 250 gp

The companions to *Fighting Giants in the Dwarven Way*, this text provides detailed dwarven fighting methods against half-orcs, goblins, hobgoblins, and orcs. Dozens of different dwarven fighters added to this work over the centuries, and the clarity of their instruction provides readers with a thorough picture of the offensive tactics dwarves use against their ancient enemies. Four months of study and practice provides a +1 to hit bonus against one of the following: orcs & half-orcs, goblins, hobgoblins. Dwarves gain no benefit, and non-dwarves can only gain the benefit a single time.

Peat Bogs of Dormor

Author: Mithrellas
Race: Elf
Dimensions: 16x16x5
Weight: 25 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum, brass corners and clasps
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Physical universe, fauna, flora, supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Topology & cartography, amphibians, avians, insects, mammals, bushes & shrubs, flowers, fungi, herbs, mosses & ferns, medicine
Value: 850 gp

The great northern kingdom of Dormor is known for its rich harvests, hearty horses, and its bogs that seemingly reach to the very top of the world itself. Scholars do not know what drove Mithrellas to spend more than seven centuries among the boggy and barren lands, but the result is the monumental work *Peat Bogs of Dormor*. This massive tome is an atlas, a bestiary, and an herbal. It is doubtful that anything will ever be its equal.

Philosophy

Author: Artur Brimka
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x2
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Philosophy
Value: 25 gp

This broadly-titled work sets forth Brimka's philosophy in a straight and direct format: using numbers to indicate progressive thoughts. Focuses primarily upon dualistic conceptions, Brimka delves into the conflicts inherent with interior and exterior, soul and flesh, and time and stasis. Brimka's work has greatly influence all Derustian thought, although he is now considered somewhat old-fashioned.

Principles of Navigation

Author: Regina D'korma

Race: Merman

Dimensions: 16x16x1

Weight: 5 lbs.

Materials: Sea otter skin-bound, woodboard, vellum, brass corners and clasps

Rarity: Common

Fields of Study: Physical universe

Special Knowledge Categories: Topography & cartography

Value: 125 gp

This common work describes all the basic navigation tasks, both with and without tools. Focusing mostly on celestial navigation, the strength of D'korma's work is its ease of use. Even novices can gain a sound footing on the subject, performing simple tasks after only moderate effort.

Sea Battles of the Veruvian Wars

Author: Villus Tarqa

Race: Human

Dimensions: 6x8x1.5

Weight: 1 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Uncommon

Fields of Study: Humankind

Special Knowledge Categories: History

Value: 35 gp

The last known tome by Tarqa, *Sea Battles of the Veruvian Wars* discusses the battles that ranged between Hefestia and their ancient enemy Veruvus. It is considered as Tarqa's least important work. Written when he was blind and ill, most of it transcribed from his death bed, many scholars consider much of this work more fabrication than history. Sadly, it ends without completion as Tarqa died before he could finish the last chapter.

Small Life of the Desselton Waters

Author: Unknown

Race: Human

Dimensions: 16x16x2

Weight: 10 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum

Rarity: Common

Fields of Study: Fauna

Special Knowledge Categories: Amphibians, mammals, reptiles

Value: 40 gp

Although known for its gamebirds, the great marshy center of Turbinal has a rich diversity of small life, such as rabbits, otters, muskrats, and huge numbers of amphibians and reptiles. This tome classifies many of these different life forms into their respective categories and provides a brief description of each creature's behavior. There are a few illustrations, but none of any remark.

Snails and Slugs of the Lambeth Forest

Author: Telperion Starchaser

Race: Elf

Dimensions: 8x8x1

Weight: 2lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Uncommon

Fields of Study: Fauna

Special Knowledge Categories: Crustaceans & mollusks

Value: 50 gp

Written after the precise *Microclimates of the Lambeth Forest*, *Snails and Slugs of the Lambeth Forest* is an equally precise accounting of the varied and wonderful gastropods of Starchaser's native land. The illustrations within are of the highest quality, amply demonstrating that Starchaser's artistic abilities were equal to his observational skills.

Songs of Ranste

Author: Pirn the Skunie

Race: Human

Dimensions: 6x5x0.5

Weight: 0.5 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment

Rarity: Uncommon

Fields of Study: Humankind, demi-humankind

Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, history

Value: 50 gp

The great port-city of Ranste is filled with songs from throughout the world, but many are local originals. *Songs of Ranste* collects these native songs with notation and lyrics, and even contains divergent variates. Of particular interest to the scholar is the section devoted to the songs as remembered by the eldest sailors compared with the current versions.

Stonework of the Stone Giants

Author: Buri Hammerhand

Race: Dwarf

Dimensions: 8x10x1.5

Weight: 6 lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment, iron clasp and lock

Rarity: Rare

Fields of Study: Physical universe

Special Knowledge Categories: Architecture & engineering

Value: 90 gp

Written and illustrated when he was a lame and aged dwarf, *Stonework of the Stonegiants* is an unusual look into the greatest stone giant work: Stonefall Fierce. During the 33 years Buri spent with the stone giants of the Grimvault Peaks he worked next to them as they constructed their famous fortress, forging the desired metalwork that one still sees today. Although Buri was a smith and not a mason, he obviously managed to suss out many of the stone giant methods that back the legendary quality of their work.

Tactics of Marcho

Author: Villus Tarqa

Race: Human

Dimensions: 8x8x1

Weight: 2lbs.

Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum

Rarity: Uncommon

Fields of Study: Humankind

Special Knowledge Categories: History

Value: 40 gp

The great general and first Emperor of Hefestia, Stilli Graias Marcho Ahenobarbus provides a worthy study in battlefield and political tactics. In this work Tarqa focuses mostly on his grand Western

campaign in which he brought all ten tribes of the Brabarie under heel and from which he successfully launched his takeover of Hefestia. After gaining the Emperorship, Marcho only returned to the battlefield twice, and both encounters are thoroughly examined by Tarqa.

Temples of Erisford

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 5 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum, brass corners and clasps
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History, theology & myth
Value: 50 gp

The great city Erisford is known as the City of Pilgrims, or the City of 1,000 Gods, and each god has its own temple and sacred huwasi stone. This tome dives into the hundreds of different temples within the city, yet at 487 temples, it falls short of the alleged full thousand. All the major temples are thoroughly detailed along with the major tenants and practices of each temple.

The Book of Flames

Author: Unknown
Race: Unknown
Dimensions: 14x12x2.5
Weight: 9 lbs.
Materials: Bound in sard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft, planes (elemental)
Value: 1,525 gp

The companion work of *The Ebon Book*, *The Book of Flames* is bound in purest sard and written in elven with the same terse brushwork of its companion. It contains the names of hundreds of lesser elemental from the Elemental Plane of Fire and their histories. The work is at least 450 years old, and contains all the details and information required by adept magic users for the creation of powerful magics dealing with fire elementals. A magic user with this tome will spend but half of the normal expenses when researching a new spell concerning fire.

The Caecian Way

Author: Unknown
Race: Unknown
Dimensions: 8x10x0.5
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Architecture & engineering
Value: 30 gp

This ancient text by an unknown author describes the creation of the Caecian Way, that famous road connecting Hefest, the capital of the Hefestian Empire to Darstia, 300 miles to the south and through the Meridal Mountains. Constructed over a period of 40 years, the road is still heavily in use today, millennia after the first stones were laid down.

The Darfalx Codex

Author: Marvisha
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Divination
Value: 40 gp

This tome is the compiled ravings of the mad monk Marvisha, she who predicted the split of the Hefestian Empire. After her prediction came true, her every utterance was recorded by a series of monks known as Marvishites. Over 40 years of ravings are recorded in *The Dafalx Codex* (named after the small village where Marvisha was eventually chained to a post for her own safety) and reading through it is a tough proposal indeed.

The Deepening Sea

Author: Vornath Sinblade
Race: Drow
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 5 lbs.
Materials: Elfskin-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Fauna, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Crustaceans & mollusks, ichthyoids, oceanography, topography & cartography
Value: 90 gp

The Deepening Sea is a large body of salty water found in the underdeeps. Vornath's tome describes the sea and the creatures found therein, but the most-valuable part of the work is the map Vornath compiled from various sources over the 10 years he spent writing the book. Sages speculate on how much of the information regarding the aquatic life of the Deepening is true, but the map has been confirmed as accurate in the places where it has been tested.

The Elven View of Time

Author: Pennirith Obering
Race: Elf
Dimensions: 14x12x1.5
Weight: 25 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, silver clasps and lock
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, philosophy & ethics, psychology
Value: 450 gp

Another work from the reclusive sage of the Garvian Mountains, this long tome is not only a dive into the elven view of time, it is an experiential visit into the temporal psychology of the entire race. The tome initially presents in chronological order, and has several areas that repeat with slight variation, before finally ending in a non-chronological order. Reading through the tome not only provides insights into the long view of time elves possess, but also provides an experience that simulates the existence, hopefully leading to greater understanding in the reader.

The Gnomish Gneed for Humor

Author: Giberbald Gemget
Race: Gnome
Dimensions: 6x5x0.5
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 15 gp

This long piss take of a book poses as a psychological examination of the gnomish sense of humor. Composed in twelve chapters with such titles as "The Gnomish Sense of Superiority" and "The Greater Gnomish Understanding of Reality," Gemget produces one long laugh at the serious-reader's expense.

The Half-Orc: Half Man, Half Beast

Author: Dumarker
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x1
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Psychology
Value: 60 gp

This tome delves deeply into the psychology of the half-orc, particularly upon the more orcish types that cannot peaceably live among humans. Chapter after chapter deftly deals with different individual issues, but all of them in a tone that clearly indicates the prejudice of the author against the half-orc.

The Overseer's Task

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 16x16x3
Weight: 3 lbs.
Materials: Papyrus scroll
Rarity: Unique
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Mathematics
Value: 550 gp

This scroll, the only one of its kind, is a collection of more than 150 mathematical problems created to test potential administrators in ancient Kemet. The problems mostly concern distribution issues, but many volume-related problems are included as well. The text states that all royal overseers were expected to be able to solve all of these problems before assuming their task.

The Punishments of Gods

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x1
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Theology & myth
Value: 55 gp

This tome discusses the typical punishments of the gods based upon the god's sphere of influence. It covers common punishments for fertility, war, magic, harvest, wine, death, fire, and the sea. In the last chapter, *The Punishments of the Gods* discusses the various punishments that the gods themselves have suffered. This last chapter has resulted in the tome being banned in different areas, as some religions believe that their individual god is beyond punishing.

The Rise and Fall of Foristal

Author: Unknown
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x8x0.5
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 125 gp

This brief tome describes the rise and the fall of Foristal, the monastery located on Burshal Island. The monastery started with a single group of monks joining in communal prayer to eventually ruling over 100 daughter houses. The rise took more than 400 years, but the fall came much faster: the invading orcish hoards that destroyed the Hearnkialians took down Foristal as well.

The Secret of the Philosopher's Stone

Author: Unknown
Race: Unknown
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeff
Value: 3,000 gp

This ancient work of alchemical genius actually walks the reader through the steps needed to create a **philosopher's stone**: a stone that turns lesser metals into gold. Only a master alchemist has the skill to fully understand and follow all the instructions to make the stone, and the stone only produces about 500 gp more of gold than the materials needed to create it cost, but it does work. Creating the stone takes 2-4 months, depending on the intelligence of the alchemist: <16, 4 months; 17-18, 3 months; 18+, 2 months. There are only 4 known copies of The Secret of the Philosopher's Stone.

The Sixteen Transformations

Author: Hiro
Race: Human
Dimensions: 14x12x2.5
Weight: 9 lbs.
Materials: Bound in ivory, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Physical universe, supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Chemistry, dweomercraeff
Value: 175 gp

The old alchemical work is found in most alchemical libraries, being considered a foundational work in modern alchemical studies. It provides detailed instruction on the sixteen alchemical transformations performed by the Hiro people of Girjio. Although the

language is stilted (and the translation iffy), close and dedicated study of the text is nearly a requirement for any alchemist worth their salt.

The Smallest Peoples of Evil

Author: Unknown
Race: Snyad
Dimensions: 8x8x1
Weight: 2lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind
Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, history, law & customs, theology & myth
Value: 60 gp

When the Sorcerer Arglanta charmed Hyfra the snyad, little did she know that it would result in the *The Smallest Peoples of Evil*. What exactly prompted the creation of this book, discussing the snyad, mite, and jermaline societies is unknown, but its accuracy has been tested many times and it has never failed. *The Smallest Peoples of Evil* is the only known written work by a snyad.

The Westfold Moors

Author: Hima Oferla
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment, brass clasps
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 90 gp

The moors of Westfold abut the damp and misty Westfold coast. Here the rocky karst terrain slowly gives way to a verdant, yet desolate, moorland. *The Westfold Moors* discusses the history of the area, from the many ancient battles fought here by the native Westfoldians, to the long peaceful times prior to the arrival of the the Horn-Moon Orcs from across the water. Now the Westfold Moors are a dangerous place, and the readers of this tome will highly value the accurate map contained within.

Training the Legions

Author: Villus Tarqa
Race: Human
Dimensions: 8x10x0.5
Weight: 1.5 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 45 gp

This ancient tome, untranslated from Hefestian, details the training of the legendary Hefestian Legions. The first serious work of Tarqa, *Training the Legions*, is a thorough, ground-up, analysis of the three month training process new recruits went through before joining a combat-ready legion. Roughly a quarter of the work details the advanced training combat legions undertook, with particular attention paid to signaling methods.

Treating with Vassal States

Author: Villus Tarqa
Race: Human
Dimensions: 14x12x5
Weight: 35 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, silver clasps and lock
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: History
Value: 255 gp

Considered Tarqa's masterwork, written when he was at his peak of insight and scholarship, *Treating with Vassal States* is an exhaustive look at Hefestian relations with the dozens of vassals states that paid tribute to them. It shows how vassal states were played against each other, used as buffers against more-aggressive enemies, and coerced and cajoled on a daily basis. Scholars agree that there is no better work for understanding the creation and maintenance of a hegemonic empire.

Treehouses of the Sambuda

Author: Nabble Kaird
Race: Human
Dimensions: 14x12x0.5
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Architecture & engineering
Value: 125 gp

The second volume about the Sambuda peoples by Kaird, *Treehouses of the Sambuda* details the remarkable houses of the Sambuda: some of which tower more than 100 feet above the ground. Starting with the selection of solid and sound trees, the tome proceeds into the details of material selection, paying close attention to binding materials. The tome is illustrated by Kaird, as was his prior work *Dances of the Sambuda*, but his skill had improved and these illustrations are of significantly better quality.

Trees of the Colchic Forest

Author: Feara Stargragh
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 16x16x1
Weight: 7 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Flora
Special Knowledge Categories: Trees
Value: 90 gp

The lesser of Starfragh's duo of works on the Colchic Forest, *Trees of the Colchic Forest* is still an exhaustive study of that famous temperate rain forest. Starfragh identifies 32 different tree species in the forest, the most common being spruce, redwood, and fir. Each tree is illustrated with details on bark patterns, leaf formations, and seeds. A small section of the work focuses on the elusive goldenwood, the heart of which is well-known to make the best longbows.

Troglodyte Biology

Author: Durag Grunkart
Race: Half-orc

Dimensions: 8x10x1
Weight: 2 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind
Special Knowledge Categories: Biology
Value: 150 gp

This text delves deeply into the biology of the odoriferous underdweller, the troglodyte. Filled with anatomical illustrations and packed with descriptive text, *Troglodyte Biology* was Grunkart's life's work. Grunkart's hatred of the creatures was legendary, and he personally led raids into their territories to acquire his subjects. Of particular note, Grunkart provides information on making a nauseating potion from various troglodyte glands that reproduces their battle stench. Two glass vials can be gleaned from a relatively-intact corpse.

Troll Blood: Uses and Abilities

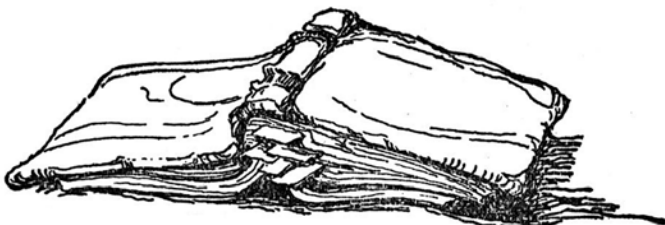
Author: Esmerelad Orgrefrith
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x.05
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind, supernatural & unusual
Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, dweomercraeft
Value: 60 gp

This small unusual tome discusses more than a dozen different ways that troll's blood can be used in magical preparations. Once a highly-sought-after tome by any potionmaker, scrollmaker, or even apothecary, *Troll Blood: Uses and Abilities* is now viewed with suspicion among the highly-educated. Exactly why this is the case has proven hard to determine, but those who follow the advice of this tome may find that not everything is as it appears.

Vampires of the West

Author: The Stakes of Justice
Race: Varies
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment, brass clasps
Rarity: Rare
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Legends & folklore
Value: 150 gp

This tome discusses the various different types of vampires common in the West. It starts with a full description of traits that all vampires in the West share, and then breaks them down into geographical areas. Each type of vampire has several different corresponding illustrations, allowing the brave or foolhardy to accurately identify any encountered vampire. Written by the well-known vampire hunting order, this tome is most-commonly found in divine-oriented libraries.



Viscola's Sign Language

Author: Wringa Viscola
Race: Human
Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Uncommon
Fields of Study: Humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Languages
Value: 65 gp

Viscola's *Sign Language* was a surreptitiously created codex by the famed robber Viscola. It is unknown why Viscola felt the need to record the signs she and her band used during the two-decade control in the Warstam, but upon her death the book was brought back into civilization and many copies made. Since then, Viscola's *Sign Language* has been appropriated by many other robber bands, and even among the honest deaf, who say that it is a remarkably efficient and expressive language.

Wisdom of the Halflings

Author: Grooble Facetwell
Race: Stone giant
Dimensions: 6x5x1
Weight: 1 lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment
Rarity: Common
Fields of Study: Demi-humankind
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music
Value: 15 gp

This tome purports to be a collection of wise and pithy sayings from famous halflings, but is actually one giant gnomish joke at the expense of their smaller brethren. Perhaps the most famous saying from this work is, "A human, an elf, and a dwarf walk into a bar. A Halfling walks under it."

Xuan Papermaking

Author: Amorga Biafli
Race: Half-elf
Dimensions: 8x10x1.5
Weight: 4lbs.
Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, xuan paper
Rarity: Very rare
Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe
Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, chemistry
Value: 525 gp

Written after spending three decades in the Far Xuan, *Xuan Papermaking* brings the knowledge of that far Eastern land to the West. This clearly-written and process-oriented book describes the entire papermaking process, from the selection of fibers, through the preparations process, and ending with finishing and polishing. Unfortunately, the primary plant used in Xuan Papermaking doesn't grow in the West, but Biafli puts forth several alternatives that work admirably, if not quite as well.

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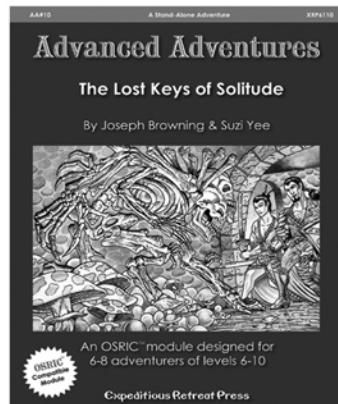
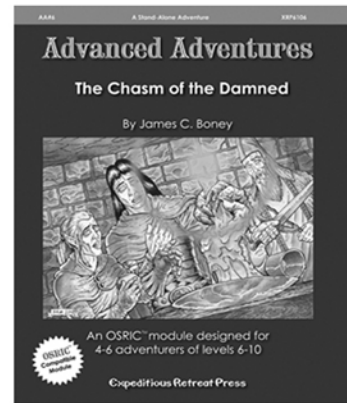
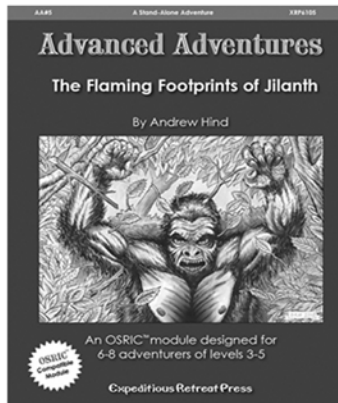
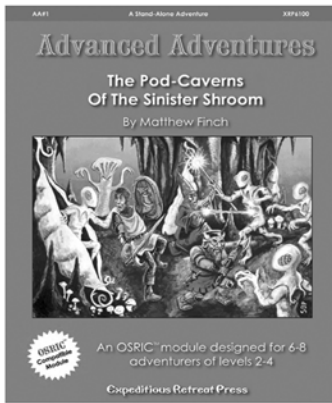
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