# Tome of Tomes

# Volume Three

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- **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.

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- 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 Comparative Study of Goblin and Hobgoblin

Author: Fintarfius Race: Elf Dimensions: 16x16x1 Weight: 5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 250 gp The Comparative Study is an exhaustive work of immense scholarship only achievable over centuries of effort. 500 years ago, the elven wizard Fintarfius willingly accepted a polymorph other to transform himself into a hobgoblin to learn more about his race's goblin and hobgoblin enemies. He then traveled into their lands and eventually became their king. He ruled for more than two centuries, before tiring of his task and returning to his people. When he returned, he penned this excellent work along with several other works regarding goblins and hobgoblins.

#### A Comprehensive Draconic Dictionary

Author: Unknown Race: Unknown Dimensions: 16x16x5 Weight: 25 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum, brass corners and clasps Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: None Value: 250 gp

This massive dictionary to all of the draconic languages is an exceedingly rare example of organizational scholarship at its best. The dictionary is divided into sections based upon language (black, blue, brass, etc.) and each entry includes the page number of all the same entries in all the other languages. The book is rounded off by a final shared dictionary: a dictionary of words that are the same in every draconic language.

#### A Manual on Siegecraft and Fortification

Author: Marquis Tauvan Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x0.5 Weight: 1.5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Architecture & engineering Value: 500 gp

A tome not more than a decade old, the terse and direct A Manual on Siegecraft and Fortification has taken the military world by storm. Tauvan precisely lays out his effective method of investiture, and towards the end of the work puts forth a new form of fortification: the star-shaped castle. Marquis Tauvan has gained international attention as the Siege Master for the armies of the greatly-dwindled Hefestian Empire, and it is he who is primarily responsible for its newly-found strength and vigor. The manual has been distributed throughout the Empire, and a few copies have found their ways into the hands of enemies, ensuring a more difficult expansionary future for the Hefestians.

#### **Alcagal Nests**

Author: Elonia Devonja Race: Human Dimensions: 10x10x1 Weight: 4lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Fauna Special Knowledge Categories: Avians Value: 750 gp

The pastoral Alcagal Mountains are home to dozens of different birds, nesting in grass, tree, and cliff. Devonja describes each species in turn, and aided by artfully-crafted illustrations, provides the reader with a detailed look into the nest of each bird. Alcagal Nests was commissioned by the Arch-Duchess of Mazovia for her invalid second child. Devonja made only a handful of copies of Alcagal Nests before dying, and only two are accounted for.

#### An Uncommon Common Grammar

Author: Olivia Mimiara Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 50 gp

The irascible Mimiara, tired of lecturing within the stifling environment at Hampstead University, launched into private tutelage, producing this work as part of her course. A radical departure from rote memorization, An Uncommon Common Grammar focuses upon integrating proper grammar use with magical studies, allowing young students to more quickly gain mastery in the proper use of both.

#### Ancient Roads of Taversham

Author: Willisma Armotte Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1.5 Weight: 4lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: History Value: 50 gp

The misty and drear lands of Taversham have a history lost to common knowledge. Throughout the region, deep roads seemingly carved into the earth itself create a massive circuit connecting the giant standing stones littering the countryside in circles and heptagons. Who created these roads, and their method of construction, is unknown, but Armotte dives into the subject, accessing local histories and legends in his search for what is an ultimately unsatisfactory answer: still unknown.

#### Atlas of the Moon

Author: Ginovise Ortilini Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x1 Weight: 5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum, brass corners and clasps Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Astronomy Value: 250 gp

The life's work of Ortilini, Atlas of the Moon is a painstakingly-detailed map of the moon as seen through the world's most-powerful telescope (constructed by the author). Ortilini spent 10 years gazing upwards and recording the topographical lay of our nearest relative. Atlas of the Moon contains over 400 illustrations of the moon in all its various phases.

#### Ballads

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 14x12x0.5 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, brass clasps and lock Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music Value: 35 gp

This collection of 56 long ballads covers common subjects: parted lovers, sea life, pastoral life, and of course, the supernatural. None of the ballads show any particular grace, being only serviceable works capable of entertaining uncultured palates. By happenstance, one of the ballads (regarding a vampire) provides an accurate description of vampiric weaknesses.

#### Beercusp's Gnomish

Author: Spase Beercusp Race: Gnome Dimensions: 6x5x0.5 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 35 gp

A lesser-known work, Beercusp's Gnomish is nothing exceptional: it's a straightforward examination of his native tongue. But by luck or talent, Beercusp's direct analysis of his language is remarkably clear to speakers of Common. If such speakers pursue the brief work through its entirety, they find themselves able to haltingly converse in Gnomish.

#### Bronwyn's Boring Book

Author: Gwifar Bronwyn Race: Human Dimensions: 9x9x1 Weight: 5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Unique Fields of Study: None Special Knowledge Categories: None Value: 2,000 gp

This magical **cursed** book always appears as something of the utmost interest to any who look upon it. Opening it and reading for more than

5 minutes causes a deep and permanent sleep unless a successful save vrs. magic succeeds. Where appropriate, a sleeping creature dies in 3 days from dehydration or in 3 months from starvation. A successful save reveals that the entire book is just a repetition of the phrase, "Bothered Bookhounds Blabber Boringly."

#### **Burning Rocks**

Author: William Kinsolving Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Chemistry, geology & mineralogy Value: 50 gp

After reading the *Memoirs of Lordano*, Kinsolving's interest in the burning rocks of Tiongkok drew him all the way across the vast middle reaches, hauling his alchemical supplies behind. Once in Tiongkok, Kinsolving immediately set towards experimenting with the rock, and this work is the result of those ten years of experimentation. Working with native alchemists, Kinsolving unlocked new uses for the burning rock, and was the first to find a way of liquefaction.

#### **Carpets of Turfan**

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x1 Weight: 5 lbs. Materials: Camel leather-bound, woodboard, vellum, brass corners and clasps Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Arts & Music Value: 250 gp

This richly illuminated book explores the Turfan-style of carpet manufacture. Dozens of common patterns are illustrated, and their spiritual and metaphysical meanings explained. The book finishes with a technical and detailed breakdown of the various weaving and knotting methods to help the reader determine if a carpet is an authentic Turfan.

#### Centaur for the Two-Footed

Author: Arthur Talbot Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x4 Weight: 6 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 100 gp

This rare tome on the language of the Centaurs focuses not only on the spoken language of that people, but upon the hooved accent work. Centaurs use hoof movements and stops while speaking to carry addition context, subtext, and nuance. This thick tome provides an explanation of those movements and puts forth a translation for the two-footed with hundreds of quick illustrations. Anyone that knows Centaur is treated as if their Charisma was 2 points higher for interaction purposes while using foot movements.

#### Codex Tiaxivzg

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x1 Weight: 3 lbs. Materials: Unbound, single parchment sheet, 40 folded pages. Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Physical universe, supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Astronomy, astrology & numerology Value: 1,500 gp

Only three copies of this work exist outside the Firelands, all three brought back by Genivert Symistel on her third voyage to that far land. The codex illustrates the three different calendars kept by the Firelanders: the divine, the royal, and the lunar. The codex also indicates which gods to appease when and when to hold other ceremonies, both secular and religious. It is garishly illustrated throughout, and impossible to follow for the untrained eye.

#### **Court Intrigue**

Author: Unknown (Hepchak) Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x1 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Politics & genealogy Value: 50 gp

Written more than 250 years ago, Court Intrigue is a young-noble's introductory handbook to the court of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Khan, Onchi. From this fairly humble beginning, it's been translated into dozens of different languages as the guide is a masterwork to the art of social manipulation and control. Although the author is unknown, it's commonly believed to be Hepchak, the mother of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Khan, Sorghaktangi.

#### De dwarmani corporis fabrica

Author: Unknown Race: Unknown Dimensions: 14x12x5.5 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Dwarven-skin-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Demi-humankind, supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, medicine Value: 750 gp

A massive and exhaustive anatomy book bound in dwarf skin, De dwarmani corporis fabrica was obviously the life's work of its unknown author. It is unparalleled in description, illustration, and accuracy of the dwarven body. This work is viewed as something greater than heresy to dwarfs, who believe that an unknown number of their people were vivisected in its creation. Owning a copy of this work is a death-sentence from all dwarves, and even powerful nations clandestinely keep their copies to prevent political strife.

#### Demigods

Author: Benedict Clunic Race: Unknown Dimensions: 14x12x2.5 Weight: 9 lbs. Materials: Bound in desert ironwood, vellum Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Humankind, demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Theology & myth Value: 325 gp

The life's work of the famous wandering monk, *Demigods* contains information on the existence and worship of over 400 minor gods. Clunic traveled far beyond the known world, into places not even on this plane, and his recordings are sometimes the only record of a god's existence for those dwelling in the known world. Some postulate that the gods recorded within this tome granted demigodhood to Clunic upon his death, but most sages believe that is just a rumor.

#### **Derefort's Non-human Quotations**

Author: Osbid Derefort Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x2 Weight: 6lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Philosophy & ethics Value: 30 gp

The lesser-known volume by Derefort, Non-human Quotations pulls wisdom from the various demi-human races in three thousand quotations. The quotations are arranged according to race and then subject. An authorial index lists them by author.

#### **Derefort's Quotations**

Author: Osbid Derefort Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x3 Weight: 6lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Philosophy & ethics Value: 20 gp

Derefort's Quatations is a staple of Western libraries. More than eight thousand quotations pulled from two thousand years of history, a copy of Derefort's is considered a requirement for any person of letters. The quotations are arranged by subject matter, and a concise authorial index lists them by author.

#### **Divine Lies**

Author: Unknown Dimensions: 4x5x3 Weight: 3 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Metaphysics Value: 85 gp

The companion volume to The Chains of Religion, Divine Lies continues the theme of illusory divinities by compiling a massive list of prophecy that failed to occur. Like Divine Lies, this book is typically banned or confiscated whenever found. In some regions (those that



practice the religions focused upon in the book) possession of the work results in fines, arrests, or even death.

#### **Dragon Hunting**

Author: Amir Falshiving Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x2 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Blue dragonskin-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Fauna Special Knowledge Categories: Reptiles Value: 400 gp

This rare tome was written by Amir Falshiving, the founding member the Golden Spike—that legendary group of dragon hunters still prowling throughout the known lands. *Dragon Hunting* provides deep and practical insights into the mentality and behavior of the non-good dragons. Studying this tome and practicing the maneuvers within for 1 month provides a +1 to hit and +1 to damage against non-good dragons. Additionally, saves vs. Dragon Breath receive a +1 bonus, and spells cast at non-good dragons are more effective (the dragon saves at -1). *Dragon Hunting* is lavishly illustrated.

#### **Durkin's Pastries**

Author: Durkin Chertknee Race: Dwarf Dimensions: 8x8x1.5 Weight: 5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music Value: 175 gp

The mass communal kitchens of the dwarves favor quantity over quality, so few dwarves take up the mantel of cook, and yet fewer still acquire the title of Master Chef. Master Chef Durkin Chertknee was a once-in-a-millennia baker, and his recipes were even served at the court of the Lord High Elf! In the years before he died, as invalidism took his body, he wrote down all of his pastry recipes. This book contains over 120 pastry recipes from the legendary chef.

#### **Dwarven Stone Traps**

Author: Norri Darsid Race: Gnome Dimensions: 16x16x4 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Architecture & engineering Value: 4,500 gp Known for his seminal tome regarding the working of stone, Stonework, Darsid also produced this work, Dwarven Stone Traps. Unlike Stonework, this book has never been translated out of its original tongue, and it is jealously guarded among the dwarven cities and mines it dwells within. Dwarven Stone Traps provides dozens of technical plans (as well as needed materials, needed dwarf-power, and needed construction time) for stone-based traps ranging from the simplest (effective pits) to the most complex (the terrifying Dwarven wheel traps).

#### **Elvish Dictionary**

Author: Connor Wilhit Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 8 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 45 gp

Wilhit's *Elvish Dictionary* is a concise work focusing upon written Elvish. Surprisingly, pronunciation guides are not provided, and many of the words within are archaic or out-of-date at best, but such is to be expected of a work that is nearly 2,000 years old.

#### Fae Languages

Author: Arthur Dirifial Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x2 Weight: 10 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 50 gp

This compact work is a suitable introduction to the most common fae languages: brownie, dryad, nixie, nymph, pixie, sprite, sylph. Dirifial provides a brief overview of each language separately and then compares them side-by-side according to usage and structure.

#### **Firelands Bestiary**

Author: Genivert Symistel Race: Elf Dimensions: 6x5x1 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Fauna Special Knowledge Categories: Amphibians, avians, marsupials, reptiles Value: 500 gp

This bestiary of the newly-discovered Firelands is an eyewitness account of the various creatures Symistel encountered in that new land. Most of the creatures described within were kept in captivity in the menageries of the ruling class, but some were encountered in the wild during the dangerous trips she took between walled settlements.

#### Fish of Lukanga Swamp

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 14x12x0.5 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, brass clasps and lock Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Fauna Special Knowledge Categories: Ichthyoids Value: 55 gp

This shorter work illustrates and describes over 80 varieties of fish common to the Lukanga swamp. Most importantly to adventurers, it discusses the habits of the indigenous electric eel. Those who read about the eel will have a good chance in locating where eels naturally congregate and be able to avoid those areas if desired.

#### Flesh-pots of Sylistyr

Author: Unknown Race: Unknown Dimensions: 6x5x0.5 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Sociology Value: 10 gp

Languid Sylistyr, dark jewel of the Shizadizaz, the port of onethousand towers! Flesh-pots of Sylistyr locates and describes every brothel in the depraved and wicked city, ranking and grading each establishment. The author is unknown, but given the frequency in which this little tome is updated (yearly), most suspect a group of secret authors.

#### **Flowers of Sudheim**

Author: Artice Blishoff Race: Unknown Dimensions: 14x12x1.5 Weight: 5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Flora Special Knowledge Categories: Flowers Value: 75 gp

The sun-drenched land of Sudheim benefits from regular and predictable rain, but not in such amounts that trees take hold. The rolling, wide grasslands are home to a riot of colorful flowers, and Blishoff catalogues over 115 different native flowers. Of course, an entire section is devoted to the lucrative sunflower trade and the dozen different species of sunflower in high demand.

#### Fornaldarsaga

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1.5 Weight: 4lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Legends & folklore Value: 125 gp The legendary saga of Fornaldar, that mighty king of the Mir Forstir, is contained herein—from Fornaldar's discovery of the island of ice and fire, to its settlement, and to his eventual death while battling the terrible serpent Hidhaegga. Heavily laden with myth, *Fornaldarsaga* is not a work of history. It is a wonderful delve into the psyche of the brave people who settled the inhospitable Mir Forstir eight centuries ago. This version is illuminated.

#### Fossils

Race: Unknown Dimensions: 8x10x3 Weight: 6 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Physical universe, Fauna, Flora Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & mineralogy Value: 75 gp

An unusual book, *Fossils* is a how-to guide on the locating, removing, and preservation of fossils. Given the odd subject, one would assume the author a well-known person, but as of yet, none in the limited hobby/profession have stepped forward to claim the book as theirs. With a careful read of *Fossils*, anyone can gain adequate skill in the subjects within.

#### Fraguk Orcish

Author: Olivina Rockhammer Race: Dwarf Dimensions: 6x5x1 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 25 gp

The largest dialect of Orcish, Fraguk is considered by scholars as "Standard" Orcish. Originally a non-written language, Rockhammer's grammar codified the written form. This tome fully explores the language, including a section on the pictograms commonly used by the non-literate orcs. An invaluable reference for those who already know Orcish, it is of little use to those seeking to learn.

#### **Gamebirds of 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: Avians Value: 50 gp

The rich avian life of Desselton Waters, the great marshy center of Turbinal, has long drawn the Turbinali nobility. This work details the 16 different gamebirds of the region, their migratory habits, mating habits, and daily activities. Presented to the 4<sup>th</sup> Count of Armante as a gift upon his month-long visit to Turbinali, copies of *Gamebirds* of *Desselton Waters* have quickly become staples on the shelves of landed gentry of both regions. The author of the work is unknown, but sages believe there are multiple authors, all hunt masters within the Desselton.

#### **Giant Languages**

Author: Unknown Race: Unknown Dimensions: 16x10x6 Weight: 22 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 120 gp

This dry and boring text of unknown authorial origin can be found in almost any library concerned with linguistics. Sadly, it is the standard even though it is obviously incorrect when placed under exacting scholarly study. No other work compares all of the major giant languages against each other however, so it looks to remain an important part of libraries for years to come.

#### Hefestian Chariot Races

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: History, politics & genealogy Value: 100 gp

This old and dry history manages to suck any excitement out of Hefestian chariot racing, and turns the subject it into a long, rambling lecture about gambling, score keeping scandals and politics. A novice reader to the subject will be unable to provide a cogent summary of Hefestian chariot racing after reading this tome, but an expert will gain incredibly detailed information regarding the fiscal and political sides of the ancient great spectacles.

#### Het Peninsula Herbal

Author: Drevi Kapoor Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 2lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Medicine Value: 60 gp Kapoor's 12 years among the Het exposed her to many of the medicinals of the Het peoples, and she recorded them with the same insight that she used regarding their mores and customs. Although called an Herbal, this book includes many medicinal recipes containing animal parts—an integral part of Het medicine.

#### **Het Tribes**

Author: Drevi Kapoor Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 2lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Law & customs, sociology Value: 90 gp

The 12 year diary of Drevi Kapoor provides the majority of the information contain in this text. The six tribes of the Het Peninsula live in one of the most inhospitable environments on the planet. The 700-mile-long peninsula experiences 8 months of winter and a line of continuous permafrost encircles the mountainous spine of the peninsula. The six tribes live in settlements mostly nestled along the coasts, the dozens of costal volcanoes towering above them.

#### **History of Clappingham Hill**

Author: Aeoforic Dulsim Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x0.5 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: History, architecture & engineering Value: 40 gp

This history touches upon the historical and architectural highlights of the massive castle/palace, but never dives deeply into the matter. The sprawling edifice known as Clappingham Hill has a history as stretched and rambling as the building itself. From its initial founding by Aleoric, the Hill's been the residence of the Diwittian Kings. Aleorics' dynasty made the first major expansions to Clappingham Hill, and every succeeding monarch has added at least a room or two. In times of war the Hill grows slowly, and in times of peace it expands much faster. This gives rise to the Viridian saying, "Peace is measured in rooms."

#### History of Gliddenhame

Author: Domici Sarduc Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x2 Weight: 10 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: History Value: 40 gp

This tome tells the story of Gliddenhame, Jewel of the Ararfarthing. Beginning with its foundation over 800 years ago, the history of the great city is walked forward year by year in a roll call of time. Special attention is given to turbulent years, where the history progresses month to month, and sometimes even week to week. Illuminations of important people and periods grace this massive volume—one that is as accurate as it is beautiful.

#### History of the Feronians in Punj

Author: Olaf the Elder Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x2 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: History Value: 35 gp

This long work recounts the over five-hundred year history of the Feronians in Punj. Originally, the Feronians fled persecution to the shores of Punj, taking up the boatbuilding trade in the northern ports. After establishing themselves near the sea, they slowly migrated inland, jumping from oasis to oasis throughout vast Punj. The History ends 40 years ago, so it does not cover the recent problems the Feronians have encountered with native Punji, and because of that it paints a very rosy picture to the uninformed.

#### Humphrey's Codicology

Author: Oscar Humphrey 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: Art Value: 150 gp

Humphrey's Cordicology is the final world regarding the study of books as physical objects. Special attention is placed on manuscripts written in codex form. Over 200 different examples are provided, and reams of practical advice litter this heavily-illustrated work. The work closes with an examination of methods used to establish the history and provenance of a book or codex.

#### Lamork Water Ogres

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Law & customs, sociology, theology & myth Value: 25 gp

Once Lamork was a coastal land with smooth plains and lush forests, but when Dishalla smote Dread Kirowath, Lamork was cursed to eventually sink below the waves. Now Lamork is a desolate and blasted land, filled with ogres that are equally adept in the water as out. The unknown author provides insight into the tribes and general social order of the Lamork water ogres, but the accuracy of such information is unknown.

#### Laws of Durhimmin

Author: Unknown Race: Unknown Dimensions: 8x10x3 Weight: 8lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Law & customs Value: 15 gp

The bustling free city of Durhimmin has created a large corpus of laws in its 900 year history. The Laws of Durhimmin is a chronological collection of these laws, starting with the oldest and ending with the most recent. This work is of little interest to any but historians as the author decided to omit dates of remission (when a law ceased to be a law) – rendering the work practically useless as a legal resource.

#### Legends of Lidless Shabbath

Author: Cleofrith Gunnersdottir Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x0.5 Weight: 0.5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Legends & folklore Value: 30 gp

In this tome, Gunnersdottir records forty-six different tales of dread Lidless Shabbath, the heart-stealing witch of legend. Dread Shabbath, who'll steal your heart and fill it full of maggots. Lidless Shabbath, wielder of the crackling ivory blade! Sages are hesitant to dismiss this work as pure fiction, and many believe it to be mostly true recounting of the history of an immortal malevolent being of neardivine abilities.

#### **Lens Making**

Author: Ginovise Ortilini Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x1 Weight: 5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum, brass corners and clasps Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & minerology, physics

Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & minerology, physics Value: 750 gp

This work discusses making lenses for fire-burning as well as optical purposes. Ortilini lavishly illustrates the various steps, working both in glass as well as in the traditional quartz. Those who follow his instructions are capable of turning a large chunk of quartz into a burning-glass for fire starting provided they have the proper tools (a turning lathe and several chisels).

#### **Limestones of Mroloux**

Author: Smingle Half-hand Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & mineralogy Value: 100 gp

The second of Half-hand's works about the stones of Mroloux, this illuminated tome focuses upon the limestones commonly exported from the mountainous country. These limestones find their way into important buildings throughout the known world. The two largest entries are about Cerre (a light-creamy-yellow oolitic) and Dlistra (salt-white that weathers to a pale high gray).

#### Lugubrious Strings

Author: Ligotte Cohar Race: Human Dimensions: 14x12x2.5 Weight: 7 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind, demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music Value: 45 gp

This interesting work looks at stringed instruments throughout the world and how different cultures use them to express sadness and melancholy. Peppered throughout *Lugubrious Strings* are transcriptions of traditional stringed arrangements, albeit in generally abridged format. Cohar also discusses string manufacturing methods, eventually declaring that strings made from the guts of trolls are the most mournful.

#### **Marbles of Mroloux**

Author: Smingle Half-hand Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & mineralogy Value: 100 gp

The mountainous country of Mroloux is ruled by a loose confederation of small city states who primarily survive through their mining of metals and, more importantly, marble. This illuminated tome, the most common of Half-hand's three works about the stones of Mroloux, details the various marbles of the area, from the rich marble synonymous to the region, Mrolouxian (white-green base, with wavy green ribs, held onto the path by stratas of golden mica, used for building), to the truly luxurious Paraxus (fine-grained semi-translucent, pure-white and entirely flawless, used for sculpture).

#### Mastery on the Stage

Author: Jerius Cafalt Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1.5 Weight: 4lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, psychology Value: 750 gp Few upon the stage have the reputation of the Crown's Chameleon, Jerius Cafalt. Published decades after his death, the master actor's autobiography reveals he was also the spymaster for the legendarily well-informed King Corimond. Cafalt discusses acting and spy craft with a heavy focus on disguises. Those who study Mastery on the Stage, and who complete all the various tasks put forth in the extensive workbook section, are half as likely to be detected on spying missions than normal.

#### **Maxtica Woods**

Author: Froxnag Giferhof Race: Human Dimensions: 22x16x12 Weight: 45 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, brass clasps and lock Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Flora Special Knowledge Categories: Trees Value: 675 gp

The endless rainforests of Maxitica have long supplied wood, mostly for shipbuilding, to the ports of the West. Giferhof's book, Maxitica Woods, looks at these woods from an ornamental carpentry view, and it does so in tremendous detail. Maxtica Woods is primarily composed of wafer-thin cross-sections of Maxtica trees in transverse, radian, and tangential cuts. The most common varieties also have stained samples, showing the range of color and texture achievable in these distant trees. Only 10 copies of this rare book exist.

#### **Meadows of Silver**

Author: Tamara Hishtallur's Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 4 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Demi-humankind, humanoids & giantkind, fauna, flora Special Knowledge Categories: History, law & customs, mammals, bushes & shrubs, trees

Value: 150 gp

This travelogue covers a decade of Hishtallur's wanderings along the Silver Coast. Dangerous encounters with orcs and ogres, boisterous encounters with gnomes, and somber meeting with the dour dwarves that rule most of the Silver Coast are detailed with remarkable artistry. The flora and fauna of the area also receive Hishtallur's insight.

#### Of Ghosts and Sprites, Walking by Night, And of Strange Noises, Cracks, and Sundry Forewarnings, Which Commonly Happen Before the Death of Men; Great Slaughters, and **Alterations of Kingdoms**

Author: Tigurinus Race: Human Dimensions: 14x12x1.5 Weight: 25 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, brass clasps and lock Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft, metaphysics Value: 15 gp

This wandering, verbose, and nigh unreadable eld text superficially touches upon demonology and necrology. Unfortunately, most of were common or if Out of the Woods was unusual in its own time.

the text is simply worthless to a true sage, yet it can seemingly be found among every library containing "dark texts" of some sort. It is more likely to cause a dark headache, than to raise a dark spirit.

#### **Ornamental Stones**

Author: Brinker Shinestone Race: Gnome Dimensions: 16x16x5 Weight: 20 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & mineralogy Value: 500 gp

The first of the two monumental works regarding the lesser-valued gems, Ornamental Stones is an exacting piece of scholarship and practical advice. Each type of ornamental stone is described fully, from the common to the extremely rare. Each type also has exhaustive information on locating, mining, and cutting them as well. Speculators are 10% more likely to fine a productive mine after reading this book, mines are 10% more productive, and gemcutters are 10% more likely to increase the value of cut stones following Shinestone's instructions. It is rumored that there is a third book in the series, regarding fancy stones, but as of yet, none of the rumored copies have been discovered.

#### Oru

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

The Bamghuti holy book, Oru is common among the Dismarla Islands as well as in Bamghuti trading posts throughout the Kumkee Sea. Composed of 12 triads, it describes the cosmology of creation, but most of the work explains how to live a proper Bamghuti life around the three main principles of non-violence, communal service, and magical meditation.

#### Out of the Woods

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & Music Value: 95 gp

This work of fiction is the only surviving play from the ancient Hondsime. In it, the nameless child of a king is stolen by an elf as raised as his own. The child grows into adulthood hating the Hondsime people who have constantly raided the elves of the forest. The child then leads the elves against her people causing the humans' downfall. As this is the only surviving Hondsime work, it is unknown if such plays

#### **Owlbears of the Disgurth Forest**

Author: Borgoth Moryal Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Fauna Special Knowledge Categories: Avians Value: 75 gp

The first work of the renowned druid Borgoth Moryal, Owlbears of the Disgurth Forest is a long-term (5 years) accounting of the owlbear population within said wood. Moryal never directly discloses how he managed to live with the owlbears, but an exceptionally clever and wise reader (INT 15+, WIS 15+) can pick up clues littered through the work enough so that he receives a +25% bonus to encounter reactions with the ferocious creatures.

#### Perspective

Author: Vinnona Anaxag Race: Human Dimensions: 14x12x1.5 Weight: 25 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, brassboard, vellum, brass clasps and lock Rarity: Common (very rare – 3rd Edition) Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & Music Value: 35 gp (125 gp, 3rd-Edition)

The book that changed the art world when published 60 years ago, Perspective introduced one-point and two-point perspective. Without Anaxag's groundbreaking work, the art revival sweeping across the Western kingdoms would never have happened. There have been several different editions of *Perspective*, the third the most valuable for the extended number of illustrations included—illustrations absent in all other editions.

#### **Romances of the Parole**

Author: Flamenses Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x0.5 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music Value: 35 gp

Romances of the Parole is a collection of adventure stories about those who live on the wrong side of the law. Knaves and pickpockets, highwaymen and pirates litter this work, practicing their trade through the law-abiding kingdoms. Of little literary worth, *Romances of the Parole* can nonetheless be found in many personal libraries.

#### Rule of St. Cuthbert

Author: St. Cuthbert Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x0.5 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Theology & myth Value: 35 gp

The *Rule of St. Cuthbert* is common throughout the western lands. Within, St. Cuthbert lays out the precepts of communal living within Cuthbertine monastery. The Rule is a masterwork of practicality, as demonstrated by the durability of the cenobitic Cuthbertines. All who enter the order agree to all the precepts of the *Rule*, and the *Rule* is read twice yearly in confirmation services.

#### **Semi-precious Stones**

Author: Brinker Shinestone Race: Gnome Dimensions: 16x16x5 Weight: 20 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & mineralogy Value: 750 gp

The second of the two monumental works regarding the lesser-valued gems, *Semi-precious Stones* is an exacting piece of scholarship and practical advice. Each type of semi-precious stone is described fully, from the common to the extremely rare. Each type also has exhaustive information on locating, mining, and cutting them as well. Speculators are 10% more likely to fine a productive mine after reading this book, mines are 10% more productive, and gemcutters are 10% more likely to increase the value of cut stones following Shinestone's instructions. It is rumored that there is a third book in the series, regarding fancy stones, but as of yet, none of the rumored copies have been discovered.

#### **Seven Serpents**

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

A guide to seven slain serpentine dragons, Seven Serpents, is tersely written and deftly illustrated. The history of each dragon is given, along with the history of the territory they rampaged. The author is unknown, and the dragons are also unknown in other history, so Seven Serpents is widely believed a work of fiction. Why it was created is a puzzle, but most sages speculate it was a form of advertisement used by a con man that promised to rid communities of their rampaging dragons (for a fee, of course).

#### **Six Bridges**

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x0.5 Weight: 0.5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, philosophy & ethics Value: 40 gp Six Bridges tells the tale of a beautiful gypsy woman cursed to die after crossing six bridges. The story begins at age 14 during her encounter with an evil witch who cursed her after she called the witch ugly and old. The next 12 years detail her travails as she tries to avoid crossing any bridges. The story eventually ends with the beautiful woman turning into the spitting image of the evil witch and cursing a haughty beauty who declares her old and ugly.

#### Sixty-Eight Delights

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Psychology Value: 200 gp; 600 gp (illuminated editions)

Little remains of the people destroyed by the Kalabryrian invasions this work is only one of a handful of written texts from that time, and by far the most common. An erotic book that focuses upon the sixtyeight ways of achieving carnal delight, the illuminated editions of this work command a premium price.

#### **Slates of Mroloux**

Author: Smingle Half-hand Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Geology & mineralogy Value: 50 gp

The final, and least common, of Half-hand's three works about the stones of Mroloux, this illuminated tome looks at the slates quarried here that adorn any roof of note in the known world. Instead of focusing on the different types of slates, as he did in his other works, Mroloux spends most of his time discussing the various methods of hanging slate and their various pros and cons.

#### Techniques to Harness the People's Livelihood (Abridged)

Author: Croma Vilashu Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x2 Weight: 10 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Flora, fauna



Special Knowledge Categories: Avians, insects, mammals, grasses & grains, herbs, trees

Value: 150 gp

A halting translation and massive abridgement of the 14-volume *Fang Yiwi Qig Sho*, this work provides little more than a glimpse into the depth of the labors of the common peoples of Xianha. Within are short chapters about forestry, agronomy, animal husbandry, brewing, cooking, food storage methods, sericulture, horticulture, and soil science.

#### The Abbreviated Caster

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x2 Weight: 10 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 2,000 gp

The most-common of the works of the Arch-Mage Olidiuviar, The Abbreviated Caster is an extensive methodology designed in increase the efficiency of arcane magical casting. By practicing the various physical and vocal exercises found within the text, a non-novice caster (ie. a caster of at least 3<sup>rd</sup>-level) can reduce the casting times of any spell requiring more than 5 segments by 1 segment.

#### The Besdwyn Tales

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x.05 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, theology & myth Value: 30 gp

This collection of eleven tales told by pilgrims on their way to the holy city Besdwyn is a riotous, impious look at the religions of Witshom and much of the western world. Each tale juxtaposes the base and venial nature of the teller against his or her profession and social class. Banned from many religious libraries, the Besdwyn Tales are proudly featured by tavern bards, who've turned them into raucous and irreverent drinking tunes.

#### The Builder's Guide

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: 80 gp

The doomed Purfan of Istarum produced this book as a guide for new arrivals at their outposts. The Builder's Guide provides practical and easy-to-follow instruction on building simple houses, barns, smokehouses, etc. that the Purfan fleeing religious persecution would need in their new lands. Sadly, the Purfan failed in their settlements and only this book remains of their society.

#### The Chef's Palette

Author: Gormar Filpline Race: Halfling Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 11bs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Flora Special Knowledge Categories: Herbs Value: 55 gp

This rare book is an anomaly—a cookbook that doesn't focus on individual recipes, but upon the individual herbs used to flavor dishes. Each herb's flavor profile is mapped out and common pairings are given. Unlike Flipline's other works, *The Chef's Pallette* is highly organized and very easy to use, even featuring an index of sorts. The final of his works, it is considered his best, which is quite the statement.

#### The Educated Caster: Alterations

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x2 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 5,000 gp

This highly-sought-after volume of *The Educated Caster* deals with the mental and physical flexibilities of alteration magics. In it, Olidiuviar touches upon all forms of alteration magic with a strong focus upon shape-changing magics. A student of this work has a 50% chance of conferring a single randomly-determined "other ability" (attack, magic, etc.) when polymorphing self or others if desired. The chance occurs per spell, not per shape. A 16 Intelligence is required to fully understand the work, as well as two months of study.

#### The Educated Caster: Charms

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x2 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 1,000 gp

The most common volume of *The Educated Caster, Charms* is also the easiest to understand. Some speculate that it was the first of the series written by Olidiuviar, perhaps even before he became a Wizard. Students of this volume only need a 14 Intelligence (or greater) to understand the tome. After a month of study they find their magic more effective, resulting in targets of their charms suffering a -1 penalty to saves.

#### The Educated Caster: Conjurations

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x1 Weight: 10 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 2,000 gp

The slimmest volume of *The Educated Caster*, *Conjurations* is also the least impressive. Olidiuviar had a well-known dislike of conjuration magic and this volume expresses that distaste. Nevertheless, a student with 15 Intelligence (or greater) who studies this volume for a month will gain a "+1" on their number of summoned monsters via a summon monster spell.

#### The Educated Caster: Divinations

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x4 Weight: 25 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 1,000 gp

The thickest volume of *The Educated Caster* is reserved for the most demanding of magics, divination. Of all magics, divination is the most unclear and it requires mental gymnastics involving dichotomous thought that is tremendously difficult to maintain. Fortunately for the student, Arch-Mage Olidiuviar distills this complex discipline into easy to understand principles and practices. A student with 14 Intelligence (or greater) who studies this tome for a month will find the ranges of their divination doubled, be they in distance or time.

#### The Educated Caster: Enchantments

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x3 Weight: 20 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 5,000 gp

Of the nine volumes of *The Educated Caster, Enchantments* is where Arch Mage Olidiuviar's unusual mind is most prominent. This thick tome delves into the varied facets of enchantment magic, leading the reader down strange mental paths and philosophical stances. It is only the most gifted of students that can understand the ramifications of *Enchantments*. After two months of study, students with 18 Intelligence (or greater) master Olidiuviar's counterenchantment technique. This allows any memorized enchantment spell to counter any similarly-leveled enchantment spell cast against the student. The memorized spell is wiped out of memory, but the target of the enchantment is unaffected in exchange. It is this technique that earned Olidiuviar the sobriquet "Iron Mind."

#### The Educated Caster: Evocations

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x2 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 15,000 gp

The most-desired of all the volumes of *The Educated Caster*, *Evocations* is a tour-de-force study of the most violent of magics. Written just before his death, Olidiuviar poured all of this knowledge onto the pages of this tome. Those with a 17 Intelligence (or greater) who study *Evocations* for three months learn how to memorize an additional evocation spell per level, increasing their total number of spells able to be memorized by one per level. A student with 18 Intelligence (or greater) is also treated as if one level higher for evocation magics.

#### The Educated Caster: Illusions

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x2 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 8,000 gp

Olidiuviar the Arch-Mage loved illusory magic, punctuating his long stories with masterful illusions illustrating his subjects. In *Illusions*, he methodically breaks down the necessary mental disciplines required to create believable flights of fancy. Those with a 16 Intelligence (or greater) who engage in two months of study find their illusions more believable, forcing those saving against them to suffer a -1 penalty.

#### The Educated Caster: Necromantics

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x2 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 2,000 gp

A masterwork regarding necromantic magic, Olidiuviar delves deeply into the mental and physical necessities of wielding such power. Although detailed information regarding all manifestations of necromancy are discussed, Olidiuviar focuses upon the mighty power of negative energy involved in animating the dead. After a month of solid study, a caster with 16 Intelligence (or greater) will be treated as two levels higher for purposes of animating the dead.

#### The Educated Caster: Phantasms

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 12x12x2 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, brass plaques Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 4,000 gp

The Arch-Mage Olidiuviar favored phantasmal magic, finding it endlessly interesting. He was even overheard on more than one occasion saying that he thought his true calling was as an illusionist, but he lacked the dexterity needed for such precise magic. Students with 15 Intelligence (or greater) and 14 Dexterity (or greater) will find themselves capable of casting the illusionist spell **shadow monsters** as a 6<sup>th</sup>-level magic-user spell after two months of study.

#### The Fogs of Demorhel

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Meteorology & climatology Value: 15 gp

The weather of mist-shrouded Demorhel gets an exacting treatment in this work of unknown authorship. The fogs are described and detailed according to common times and seasons of occurrence. After pages and pages of detailed measurement data and brief analysis, the author speculates that the majority of the fogs are not natural in origin.

#### The Four Humors

Author: Unknown Race: Unknown Dimensions: 8x10x1.5 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment, iron clasp and lock Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Humankind, demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, medicine Value: 10 gp

This tome of unknown authorship is simply terrible (the medical advice within results in increased healing durations and increased infection risks), but such is understandable when the history of the work is understood. Written during the War of the Hawks by a Graylene sympathizer, The Four Humors, was surreptitiously distributed amongst the Whitelenes. It's debatable if their use of the work influenced their eventual defeat, but it surely did not help.

#### The Gods of the Trolls

Race: Elf Dimensions: 6x5x1 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Theology & myth Value: 55 gp This small works treats upon the six gods of the trolls. It focuses heaviest upon the brutal Varparak, and only discusses its five siblings in passing. Varparak of the rotting flesh and unlimited rage demands constant sacrifices to assuage, and the troll shamans who worship it are forever keen on capturing enemies for their bloody alters. Gods of the Trolls is an unpleasant read about unpleasant creatures.

#### The Hammer of Pestilence

Author: Flor Bloaffin Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x0.5 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Medicine Value: 650 gp

The author of this tome was chief advisor to Hierodeacon Farsaf during the investiture of Grame in which the enemy troops were stricken by a terrible disease and forced to withdraw. Afterward, Bloaftin wrote this tome discussing seven major diseases and their influence upon history (including the most recent). Each disease is given its own chapter and accurately cataloged, including how one goes about promulgating the diseases.

#### The Hearth Book

Author: Church of Sar Logoth Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x0.5 Weight: 0.5 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, philosophy & ethics Value: 25 gp

This unusual book seems but another bawdy recited in taverns, focusing on drink, sex, and prostitution. But it is actually a religious book produced by the church of Sar Logoth that's designed to elicit sympathy in the reader/listener to the plight of prostitutes. Whether or not it has been effective is debatable, considering that much of the social commentary seems too subtle for the average reader/listener.

#### **The High Rainforest**

Author: Bynor Dilofry Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1.5 Weight: 4 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment, brass clasps, Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Flora Special Knowledge Categories: Bushes & shrubs, mosses & ferns, trees

Special Knowledge Categories: Bushes & shrubs, mosses & terns, frees Value: 125 gp (55 gp abridged)

In the jungles of the south, the rainforest climbs ever upward into the massive mountains that litter the center of the continent. As it climbs, the forest changes from a traditional rain forest into the high rainforest detailed in this tome. Dilofry's text is heavily illustrated, and hundreds of different plants are thoroughly treated. Some lesser versions of this text contain only half the number of illustrations and they fetch a smaller price.

#### The Hop Garden

Author: Hermann Dertwick Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Flora Special Knowledge Categories: Flowers Value: 25 gp

A valuable book for the home brewer, *The Hop Garden* provides practical advice regarding the planting, tending, and harvesting of hops. Dertwick also spends considerable space discussing common pests and how to deal with them. The end of the work contains an evaluation of a dozen different types of hops, and it explains how each should be used for different brewing tastes and effects.

#### The Journal of Morfydd ferch Owain

Author: Morfydd ferch Owain Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x3 Weight: 15 lbs. Materials: Storm giantskin-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 4,500 gp

The famed magic user Morfydd ferch Owain is renowned for her extremely long life, but as she neared the end of her days, she sought true immortality. She gathered bits and pieces of knowledge from hundreds of different libraries throughout the known world and eventually pieced together a special form of lichdom—a process that resulted in a pristine corpse, instead of the decayed corpse of the common lich. Unfortunately, her notes were not enough and her attempt at lichdom failed, but the journal she left behind is strongly desired by those wishing to perfect her idea.

#### The Legend of St. Sigismund and other Poems

Author: Unknown Dimensions: 4x5x0.5 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Theology & myth Value: 25 gp

This collection recounts the legend of St. Sigimund and includes several banal pastoral poems as well. St. Sigimund famously came to Irae, land of giants and wrath, where he proselytized among the barbarians for 50 years. Upon his death in combat with the mountain giants it is said that his blood entered the earth and transformed a gigantic bull that drove out all the giants in Irae with a mighty bellow.

#### The Memoirs of Lordano

Author: Vespuni Lordano Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: History Value: 95 gp

One hundred years after the first edition of *The Memoirs of Lordano*, the work is mostly known as the reason why the Ilhusian Peninsula is awash in that new food, dried pasta. But Lordano's magnificentlywritten trip to the east brought more than just a new food to the Ilhusian, it brought a sense of eastward adventure, and many more have since made the long journey. In particular, William Kinsolving, who found Lordano's account of the "burning rocks" of Tiongkok of such interest that he packed up an entire alchemical library and walked towards the rising sun.

#### The Reversible Caster

Author: Arch-Mage Olidiuviar Race: Human Dimensions: 16x16x2 Weight: 10 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 4,000 gp

The Reversible Caster is the 2<sup>nd</sup>-most-desired of Arch-Mage Olidiuviar's educational triptych. In this work, Olidiuviar delves into reversible magics, and shows to the reader how they are magics that exist in two separate, but related, thaumaturgic states. By practicing the focusing exercises found within, a non-novice caster (ie. a caster of at least 3<sup>rd</sup>-level) has a chance to gain access to the reversed version of a spell just cast if such exists. The chance to gain this spell is equal to the caster's chance to know a spell based upon Intelligence. As an example, a 16 Intelligence magic-user who has studied this work casts **enlarge**. Once the spell is cast, the magic-user rolls on the Intelligence table, with a 42 result. Since this is within the chance to know a spell, the slot just emptied by enlarge is replaced by its reverse, **reduce**.

#### The Shared Roots of Dwarvish and Elvish

Author: Brittany Starchased Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Demi-humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Languages Value: 150 gp

A controversial work among Elves and Dwarves, *Shared Roots* put forth the idea that the two peoples were once one, based upon a rigorous and systematic study of their languages. In the decades since its publication, scholars have debated on the veracity of the work, but none have been able to decisively confirm or deny its main them. *The Shared Roots of Dwarvish and Elvish* is liable to be burned by either of those races, so it is typically only found in human libraries.

#### The Song of Sigiztluck

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 6x5x1 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Common Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: Art & music, history Value: 20 gp

The story of Sigiztluck, the great hero of Varangian legend, is told in 244 rhyming, irregular stanzas. Sigitztluck held back the barbarian Darvish hordes, defeating them at the battle of Coures. Although he lost his life to a barbarian spear, he was later resurrected and named King's Champion, spending the remainder of his days at court, lauded as a hero.

#### Tome of Tomes

Dimensions: 16x4x1 Weight: 3 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Value: 40,00 gp Experience Point Value: 8,000

This magical pair of large tomes tops the list of most desired books for all travelling sages. When one of the pair is left in a library and the other taken out, the latter allows the traveler to access all of the volumes within the library through an extensive index of volumes at the back. Selecting a volume from the index brings the text and illustrations of the selected volume into the travelling tome, turning the travelling tome into a perfect match to the library volume. The travelling tome even adopts the dimensions, weight and materials of the mimicked tome (the information above is for the books in their native form).

**The Tome of Tomes** can also be used to acquire new volumes surreptitiously. The Library of Virorath was founded by the elven thief Leofrith, who deposited the anchor volume in the Great Library of Neaximan and proceeded to make copies of every other volume in the collection over the next 100 years. Although this brought two nations distrust and conflict over the offense, it proved a most important theft. Not more than 75 years after the founding of the new library, the Great Library was sacked and burned by the Southern Barbarians. If not for Leofrith's questionable morals, a tremendous amount of scholarship would have been lost forever.

#### Troglodytes of Westham Downs

Author: Arbermarl Vilag Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x1 Weight: 2lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, law & customs Value: 450 gp

This first-hand account of 15 years guarding the Westham March provides a good overview of the troglodytes within the steep, grassy hills of the Downs. These hills are riddled with caverns, and within these caverns dwell hundreds, perhaps thousands of troglodytes. Vilag provides identification information (to easily identify members of the dozen or more tribes) and combat guidelines, providing a +1 to hit bonus against troglodytes. Each warding has a copy of the tome and new recruits are required to study the methods within, either privately (if literate) or in small groups.

#### Trolls of the Simpolo Swamps

Author: Farin "Wetfoot" Race: Dwarf Dimensions: 6x5x1 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, stoneboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humanoids & giantkind Special Knowledge Categories: Biology, legends & customs, theology & myth Value: 90 gp

After years of living with the trolls due a magical curse, Wetfoot was rescued and returned to his dwarven form. He recorded his experiences in this tome, and dedicated the rest of his life to exploring the "civilized" parts of the Simpolo to help fellow humans and demi-humans in their struggles against the trolls. His reputation as a troll fighter is legendary, and those studying this work for more than a month gain a +1 on to hit rolls against trolls.

#### **Twelve Tragedies**

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1.5 Weight: 4 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment, iron clasp and lock Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Humankind Special Knowledge Categories: History Value: 30 gp

This compilation of twelve Arsturian tragedies focuses upon knightly endeavors—stories of adventure, romance, and inevitable tragedy fill this short work. Unfortunately, many of the plays with are abridged versions. The most famous of the plays within, The Story of Sir Arlogoth, is roughly only <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>ths</sup> the size of the unabridged play.

#### Volcanoes

Author: Unknown Race: Human Dimensions: 8x8x.05 Weight: 2lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, vellum Rarity: Very rare Fields of Study: Supernatural & unusual Special Knowledge Categories: Dweomercraeft Value: 255 gp

Ostensibly about the towering cones of doom littered throughout the world, Volcanoes actually provides detailed instruction on the making of a **Vulcan cloak**. This wondrous item renders one immune to volcanic effects, such as heat, gasses and even volcanic bombs. The wearer of this cloak can even travel across lava as if it were solid rock! It should be noted that the **Vulcan cloak** provides no protection from non-volcanic sources of damage. Sadly, the information for making the cloak is incomplete—a would-be enchanter doesn't realize this until after spending at least 5,000 gp.

#### Vortex Theory

Author: Gorfa Speld Race: Human Dimensions: 4x5x0.5 Weight: 1 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Rare Fields of Study: Humankind, physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Philosophy & ethics, astronomy, mathematics, physics Value: 75 gp

A brief, but dense, mathematical and philosophical text, Vortex Theory explains the movement of celestial bodies as manifestations of invisible matter vortexes. The philosophy of the text is rigorous and logical, the same cannot be said for the mathematics. Vortex Theory is littered with dozens of errors, but only the most mathematically adroit can discern them.

#### Weeds

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

Written by an unknown cenobitic monk, Weeds is a learned examination of every type of weed commonly found in monastic gardens. The author obviously traveled throughout much of the western continent as many different climates and hardiness zones are expressed in the work. Weeds proves useful to any gentleman farmer for it gives practical solutions to vegetative infestation problems.

#### Western Ways

Author: Durak Flegmore Race: Human Dimensions: 8x10x1 Weight: 2 lbs. Materials: Leather-bound, woodboard, parchment Rarity: Uncommon Fields of Study: Physical universe Special Knowledge Categories: Topography & cartography Value: 325 gp

Western Ways is the companion volume to Captain Dauk Galdroch's grand exploration of the far Western Continent. Western Ways is composed of 24 fold-out maps prepared by his navigator Durak Flegmore. It maps much of the Great Western Ocean, detailing the seasonal winds and currents of the vast water. Additionally, each of the 14 islands visited by Captain Galdroch is accurately placed and loosely sketched.

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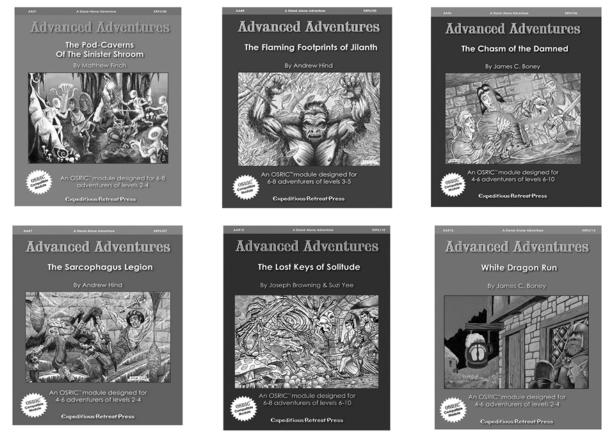
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