

# Appendix 2: Rare Books

Table A2-1 – Generating books

d20 Material What is it printed or written on?			
1-7	Paper	1-3	Rice
		4-9	Linen
		10-14	wood pulp
		14-17	cotton
		18-19	mix of the above
		20	something different
8-13	Parchment	1-8	lamb
		9-16	calf
		17-19	goat
		20	other animal
		1-6	cervine (deer type)
		7-12	equine (horse type)
		13-18	bovine (other cow type)
		19	human/humanoid
		20	get inventive
14-15	Papyrus		
16-17	Wood panels	1-4	Linden
		5-7	Rowan
		8-10	Oak
		11-13	Ash
		14-16	Walnut
		17-19	Cherry
		20	other
18-19	Metal sheets	1-9	Brass
		10-14	Copper
		15-17	Silver
		18-19	Gold
		20	Platinum/mithrial
	And are:		
	1-5	painted	
	6-10	embossed (one side only)	
	11-15	engraved (both sides)	
	16-20	Etched (both sides)	
20	something else		
	1-6	Bamboo	
	7-11	Ivory	
	12-18	Slate	
	19-20	unusual or magical stuff	



The sheets are bound:

d20	Method
1-2	Scroll (obviously does not work with stiff materials.)
3-4	loose
5-12	separate sheets sewn
13-18	sections sewn
19-20	codex

The book is bound in:

d20	materials	
1-5	Wood (see above for type)	
	1-6	bare
	7-11	carved
	12-15	carved and gilded
	16	carved gilded and jeweled
	17-20	covered in
	1-4	cloth
	5-6	leather plain (see "parchment" for type)
	7-8	leather tooled
	9-10	leather tooled and gilded
6-10	Leather (see "parchment" for type)	
	1-8	plain
	9-16	leather tooled
	17-20	leather tooled and gilded
11-15	Cloth	
	1-5	unstiffened
	6-20	stiffened with
	1-10	leather
	11-20	wood
16	Ivory (wood backing)	
17	stone	
18	amber (wood backing)	
19-20	Metal with or without wood backing.	
	1-9	Brass
	10-14	Copper
	15-17	Silver
	18-19	Gold
	20	Platinum/mithrial

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**Condition:** How physically readable is the book?

3D6	Condition	3D6	Condition
3-4	Scraps	11-12	Good
5-6	Very poor	13-14	Very good
7-8	Poor	15-16	Excellent
9-10	Fair	17-18	Mint

**Scraps** -- Unreadable, in small pieces, condition of many of the dead sea scrolls. Little information can be gleaned from this work without a great deal of effort, and at that it is only 10% to 80% (d8) complete.

**Very poor** -- Nearly unreadable, it will be missing parts. This book will have pages missing or in fragments, but the majority of the work is intact. The ink will be faded, and perhaps flaked off in places. Margins will be worn/torn/burned and may intrude into the text. The pages may be stained with any sort of matter. The book will be 81% to 100% complete (d20).

**Poor** -- Intact but in bad condition, may be missing the cover, have bad stains on the pages, tattered pages etc..

**Fair** -- The book has its cover and all pages. It can be care-worn, have loose pages, a broken spine, dog ears etc, but the book is whole and readable.

**Good** -- The book may show sign of wear and heavy use, but is unbroken or stained.

**Very good** -- Some signs of shelf wear

**Excellent** -- The book is as new, but may have small wear signs.

**Mint** -- Just written/printed or looks that way.

**Contents: useful or useless?**

3D6	Quality	Comments nf=non-fiction f=fiction
3-4	Dangerous	nf -- This book will impart dangerously wrong information f -- Rip your eyes out BAD work.
5-6	Worthless	nf -- The book is dead wrong, but not in a way that will hurt you. f -- You would sooner face 100 Orcs than read this book.
7-8	Error prone	nf -- This book has just enough right information to hold up the wrong parts. f -- Well it's read this or bang your head on the wall.
9-10	Poorly researched	nf -- No patently bad data, but it is not well presented. f -- "It was a dark and stormy night"
11-12	Fair resource	nf -- Covers the subject well enough for the idly curious. f -- A decent light read.
13-14	Good resource	nf -- Covers the subject well enough for the dilettante. f -- Engaging
15-16	Excellent resource	nf -- Covers the subject well enough for the serious f -- rip the covers off page turner.
17-18	Definitive resource	nf -- No better work on the subject. f -- classic for the ages.



**Subject:** A quick classification system based on the Dewey Decimal Classification system.

roll 2d10. The first for the general category the other for the number in the general category, make up a title.

### 000 -- Generalities

- 00 -- Systems
- 10 -- bibliographies
- 20 -- catalogs
- 30 -- dictionaries
- 40 -- encyclopedic works
- 50 -- organization & museology
- 60 -- Collections
- 70 -- Books on books
- 80 -- Indexes
- 90 -- Rare Books

### 100 -- Philosophy & psychology

- 00 -- Structure of Philosophy
- 10 -- Epistemology (Theory of knowledge)
- 20 -- Dreams & mysteries
- 30 -- Specific philosophical schools
- 40 -- Psychology
- 50 -- Logic & Deduction
- 60 -- Ethics (Moral philosophy)
- 70 -- Ancient philosophy
- 80 -- philosophy by culture
- 90 -- Extra planer philosophy

### 200 -- Religion

- 00 -- Special topics
- 10 -- Cosmology
- 20 -- Theology
- 30 -- The Afterlife
- 40 -- Devotional literature
- 50 -- Religious organization
- 60 -- Religious writings
- 70 -- Religious History
- 80 -- Forgotten gods
- 90 -- Comparative religion

### 300 -- Social sciences

- 00 -- Sociology & anthropology
- 10 -- Culture & institutions
- 20 -- Political science
- 30 -- Law
- 40 -- Military science
- 50 -- Criminology
- 60 -- Education
- 70 -- Association
- 80 -- Commerce, communications, transport
- 90 -- Customs, etiquette, folklore

### 400 -- Language

- 00 -- Philosophy & theory
- 10 -- Linguistics
- 20 -- Elven Language
- 30 -- Human Language
- 40 -- Humanoid Languages
- 50 -- Extra planer Language
- 60 -- "Monster" Language
- 70 -- Dwarven Language
- 80 -- Other Languages
- 90 -- Ancient & Lost Language

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### 500 -- Natural sciences & mathematics

- 00 -- General principles
- 10 -- Anthropology
- 20 -- Mathematics
- 30 -- Natural History
- 40 -- Geology
- 50 -- Arcana & magical beasts
- 60 -- Spellcraft
- 70 -- Astrology & allied sciences
- 80 -- Extra planer sciences
- 90 -- Philosophy & theory

### 600 -- Technology (Applied sciences)

- 00 -- Philosophy & theory
- 10 -- Medicine
- 20 -- Mining & related operations
- 30 -- Agriculture
- 40 -- Housekeeping
- 50 -- Management & auxiliary services
- 60 -- Alchemy
- 70 -- The crafts
- 80 -- Manufacture for specific uses
- 90 -- Architecture and engineering

### 700 -- The arts

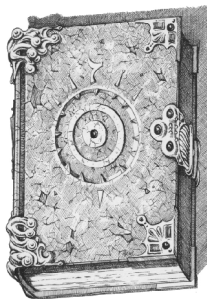
- 00 -- Philosophy & theory
- 10 -- Civic & landscape art
- 20 -- Architecture
- 30 -- Sculpture
- 40 -- Drawing & decorative arts
- 50 -- Painting & paintings
- 60 -- Ceramics
- 70 -- Graphic arts Printmaking & prints
- 80 -- Music
- 90 -- Performing arts

### 800 -- Literature & rhetoric

- 00 -- Philosophy & theory
- 10 -- Poetry
- 20 -- Drama
- 30 -- Fiction
- 40 -- Essays
- 50 -- Speeches
- 60 -- Letters
- 70 -- Satire & humor
- 80 -- Miscellaneous writings
- 90 -- Extra planer writings

### 900 -- Geography & history

- 00 -- Philosophy & theory
- 10 -- Historical geography
- 20 -- Biography
- 30 -- Ancient History
- 40 -- General history
- 50 -- Map Making
- 60 -- Heraldry
- 70 -- Genealogy
- 80 -- Cultural histories
- 90 -- Extra planer History



### Rare Book Examples

**Angels, Devas, and Devils. A Comprehensive Listing With Advice on the Forms of Summoning and Control or Supplication.** --*Pellander Collgium-- from 1700 IC*

A catalog listing to the names and types of every afterlife creature they can lay hands on, three volumes. It is considered a companion work to "The Powers Divine" As with the other published every decade. Uncommon.

**The Art of Love** -- *Ivan Dimtrivich 2230*

Some are surprised that this volume says nothing about sex. It is filled with stories in verse demonstrating the art and method of courting, romance and love. It is less a how too manual as showing the methods, more hinted at that described, in action among various couples. A few negative examples are also given.

The book is lovingly written and recitation is sure to arouse passion in one's lover. Uncommon.

**The Discipline of Manna, The Study, Practice, and Teaching; An Ethical Approach to the Practice of Magic** --*Abba Eecreeana 2000 IC*

The benchmark of elementary magic texts. A must for the student and teacher alike. Contains cantrips and commonly known spells of 1st level. Common

**Emora's Dissertations on Alchemy** --*Emora Strumm 1100 IC*

A practical approach to Alchemy, everyone should have one. No spells. Common.

**The Forge in Magic: Concerning the Methods and Manipulation of Metal by Heat and Tools for the Purpose of Enchantment, Both for Arms and Other Purposes. A Manual for the Magical Smith.** --*Coran the Golden 2200 IC.*

A book long awaited by many, a definitive resources for magical smithing by the accepted master of the art. Coran discusses methods of forging casting, and machining to desired magical ends. The section of arms and armor is of course what he is well known for, but he goes on to discuss white smithing, the making of jewelry and other useful items in preparation for enchantment. So far only one printing was made and it is long gone. Still a rare book, and likely to remain one.

**The Garden of Earthly Delight** -- *Lydia of Aphrodite 1250 IC*

Very complete, involves the sexual anatomy of every sentient she knew about at the time and discusses cross species sex including bestiality. Discussed and described are various methods both to prevent and to encourage pregnancy. Sexual anatomy and positions are illustrated in great detail.

The only moral viewpoint taken is that sex should be consensual and enjoined. The book is difficult to copy with all the color illustrations and frequently condemned for its frank and non condemning discussion of "perversion". This keeps it rare.

**Harnessing Elemental Forces in Manna Applications. Fundamental to Advanced** --*Forensi of Kelly 2150 IC*

Best work to date on the subject. Forensi is a must for the magician, witch, or priest. A recent work. Uncommon

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### **Manna for the Adept** --Abba Eecreeana 2000 IC

A guide for magicians on their way to the mastery of magic. Should be in every journeyman's and adept's library. No spells. Uncommon.

### **Music and Magic** --Hugo Cather 2100 IC

Magus Dissertation. On the use and effect of music in the casting of spells. Much sought after by Bards in particular. Contains the spell *medley*. Uncommon

### **On Reproduction, The Magical Duplication of Mundane and Magical Text.** --Damien 2240 IC

Magus Dissertation. First work on the subject of copying writing, both mundane and magical. Contains the spell *copy*. As of yet an uncommon work.

### **Practical Medicine; A Method for the Healer** --Julian Valaion 2250 IC

A toe breaker of a book in 7 volumes. It is culled from 150 years of Julian's own casebooks. The book contains anatomy plates for many species both sentient and beast. Notes on common and useful herbs, unusual but effective treatments. Unusual cases and diagnosis, and a very complete formulation and interaction chart for drugs and other substances.

It is an expensive book as as of yet rare.

### **The Powers Divine: A Catalog of the Powers Greater and Lesser, Listing All Known Divine Beings, As Well as Their Provinces and Spheres.** --Pellander Collgium from 1700 IC

The most complete list of gods to be had. From the mighty to the petty each and every. Currently in five volumes. This work is published every decade. Make sure you have a recent one. Uncommon

### **Shapechange; On the Psychological Adaptation to Unusual Form** -- Abba Book 2100 IC

Magus Dissertation. On the effects of Long term shapechange and coping with forms strange to the magician. Notes on lessening system shock and entering the mindset of the form chosen without losing personal identity. Contains the spells *Book's preserve self*, and *Book's constitution* Uncommon

### **Telekinesis, Application and Theory With Practical Variations** -- Myatan 2000 IC

Magus Dissertation; Contains the Spells *spin TK*, *manipulate*, *muscle cramp*. Common



## Very Rare Book Examples

### **The Adept's Complete Compendium of Items Necessary to the Manufacture and Enchantment of Magical Implements** --Shella 2200 IC

A very complete work. Unfortunately its size discourages many from even trying to copy it. It will remain out of the reach of most magicians until printed. Rare

### **Animation; Materials and Applications** --Toshira Nagara 1800 IC

A very complete workbook. Good wizards may have problems with his suggestions for ingredients. Rare

### **Belial's Necronimicon** --Belial ????

Don't read this one. A thesis on the ultimate in death magic. Belial's mastery of this art destroyed his world and assured his place as a Prince of Hell. The volume is rumored to contain many spells that are the core of the necromantic art.. Very rare The book is not unique, many wish it was.

### **The Book of the Dead** -- Unknown circa 50,000 BE

Instructions for the preparation of the dead, and incantations for the favor of Osiris. It is rumored that even more could be found within. Instructions on the animation of Mummies, formulas for the making of an **elixir of eternal life**, and more. The truth may never be known as the last known intact copy was destroyed in the bombardment at Thebes by a rouge Eyrian warship. Many fragments and partial books remain. And many fragments said to be a part of the original. Only dead priests and dead gods know which are real and which are fake. Very Rare

### **Cold Iron, A Selection of Viewpoints** --Various 1700 IC

The last copy of this tome was said to have been lost in an accident in a wizards lab. The volume was on loan from the Woodmanor library. The volume is said to have had essays in the hand of over 23 greater magis, priests, and witches. Recovery of a copy of this work could fetch a price in five figures.

### **Concerning the Stone of the Philosophers; Its Properties and Uses, Methods for the Preparation of Various and Sundry Potions and Elixirs. A Guide to the Adept.** -- Unknown ????

A necessary work if you actually have a Philosophers Stone. This volume details the procedures to getting the coveted elixir of agelessness, the potion of youth and so forth. It is seldom copied due to it's limited utility, but near priceless to anyone with a Philosophers Stone.

A caster, magician or craft, must be able to cast at least sixth level spells to understand this book. No one else even has a chance of understanding it.

### **The Craft; A Retrospective on Earth Magic** --Annalayne Cloe & Wyndon Tabor-- 900 IC

A look and the Craft from the inside. A review of Craft ethics, practices, and beliefs. Rare

### **The Effects on the Outer and Inner Planes on Magic** --Shannon 1800 IC

A confusing, rambling book. The writer never seems to remember what he is writing about. Still it is the best work on the subject. Rare.



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### **The Four Sources of Manna, Their Polarities and Inter-Reactions.** --Abba Eecreeana 2000 IC

A very scholarly tome, useless to the dabbler as it has never been translated from the Arcane. A must when trying to translate spells of another system. Rare

### **Gods and Mortals, Clerical Magic. The Relationship between Deific Powers and Their Ordained Worshipers.** --Nebroponus of Apollo 1500 IC

Definitive work on the subject. From a late Priest of Delphi. Rare

### **The Garden of Forking Paths** --Wu Syn 6000 BE

Wu Syn was a philosopher who is famous for seldom being understood. Many copies of this book exist. Most are manuscripts written by madmen, or rather men that became mad copying it. The covers and condition vary from copy to copy. There is no common theme. The original manuscript is written on paper bound loose between wooden covers and tied with a red silk cord.

The book is a rambling near unreadable morass. A casual look will convince the reader that it is worthless. A more in depth study will reveal that the same tale is told again and again with endless variations, often as minor as a character either swatting or not swatting a fly. Deep study of the work indicates that it is never the same twice. *That way lies madness!*

The Garden of Forking Paths is not a book intended for mortal men. It is tied directly into the planes of time and chaos. It represents the mutability of the future. The tales are different with each reading because one cannot know the future before it happens. If one has a grasp of the necessary magics it can be used as a focus for time travel into the past, but never the future.

Many partial copies also exist. They are rambling useless works where utter madness overtook the copier before they finished. It is estimated that only 1d6 complete books exist. Rare

### **The Gentle Art of Persuasion** -- Unknown ????

Anything but. This morbidly complete thesis on the methods of torture is primarily shunned and loathed for the lovingly lyrical descriptions of torture methods and their effects on the victim. It is clear the author was truly and sickly into their subject. Very Rare. Not in print and seldom copied. However it is highly desired by bibliophile collectors for that very rarity.

### **The Great Bestiary** -- Abba Eecreeana ????

This massive book is three foot wide and four feet high. It is nearly a foot and a half thick. The covers are made from black dragonhide set with gold, a most striking appearance. It also has a clasp and lock. The Book of Creation is an always up to date bestiary. Within can be found an accurate description of every beast on the planet natural or created. If for some reason a new type of creature comes into the world, the book will reflect that at once.

Half of such books are trapped. Without the correct command word and the right key in the great lock, the book will spew forth beasts to attack those that attempt to use the book. The lock DC is 12, but the right key is required to disable the trap as well as the command word. *Very Rare*

### **The Manipulation of Magic from World to World. Commentaries on Handling the Power Fluctuations Encountered.** --Elminster 1900 IC

*The only work on the subject. As with all of Elminster's work you get opinion as well as fact.*

### **Manna Esoterica** --Abba Eecreeana 2000 IC

*Legend has it that a low level magician can not even open this tome, those that know aren't talking. The much sought capstone in Eecreeana's three book series for the magician. Rare.*

### **Necromancy; Pro and Con** --Bordathan Grey 1200 IC

A "scholarly" view of the class. The Author takes a hard look at the benefits and disadvantages of necromancy as a route to power. The book neither promotes or condemns. It does not have enough information to practice necromancy. No spells. Rare

### **The Necromonicon** --Abdul Al-kahee ????

The infamous text of the Old Ones. Many false copies and partial copies of this book exist in many tongues. Only the original language holds any real chance of being correctly copied, or any chance at all of containing control spells that work. The summoning spells always work. Rare

### **Notes and Commentary; The Magic of Thindacarull** --Elminster 1900 IC

Opinions on the wizards of Greyhawke, from the sage of Toril himself. Insightful, if you understand Elminster. Rare

### **On the Subject of Wyrms, Being the Dragons. Their Species, Sub-species and Related Genuses.** --Landorill Kennet Andathor circa 50,000 BH

Rumored to be the only surviving book from the city of crystal destroyed in the Great Holocaust. The oldest known and some contend best description of Dragons, their habits and society. Very rare.

### **Personal Servants: The Psychology of Sacrifice** -- Dr. Gail Cordwin 2140 IC

Considered one of the most dangerous books every written. The author in attempting to understand the psychology of Personal Servants ended up as one. It had been said that to truly understand this work you will end up as a sacrifice yourself. Some have claimed it less a scholarly work as a recruitment tract.

This viewpoint is scoffed at by those mortal doctors that have read and understand the work, and have not ended up as sacrifices to the gods. No less light than Julian has said that if one is so inclined, and can get through the rather dense scholarly language of the work it might encourage, however it is not a sure road to sacrifice or even a likely one.

### **The Practical Magician** --Calbar Circa 3000 BE

A guide to everyday use of magic in the practical matters of living. Found in Abba Sanctuary by a party of adventurers in 2015 IC. Nothing is known about the author other than his name. Contains all the useful Cantrips and the spells *unseen servant*, *calbar's bucket*, *calbar's smell-not*, *wizard lock*. Very rare, a lost book.

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### **Psionics and the Art of Illusion** --*Ariana 2100 IC*

Magus Dissertation. On the use of psionics to improve magical illusion. Techniques given for achieving this end. No spells. Rare

### **The Ship of Stone** -- *Unknown* ????

The Dwarven history from their arrival on Greyhawke. A lost book and the finder could name his own price. This is said to be a massive tome etched into sheets of gold bound between thin granite slabs.

Passages said to be from this great work are carved in ancient Dwarven works, and found in ancient books, but without the source material much is argued as to the truth of it.

### **Superior Application of Curses, Geas, and Quests** --*Trachonis 2150 IC*

A most informative book, the writer seems to have truly enjoyed his subject. Rare.

### **The Tome of Great & Special Incantation, Diverse & Arcane Spells for Trapping the Power of the Planes, both Inner & Outer, Intended for the Masters of Mana.** -- *Volarian Dwal* ????

This book gives straight answers to the questions of how to deal with extra-planar magic. How to summon and control extra planar creatures. Spells are given to accomplish this. *aerial servant, invisible stalker*, and other lesser summoning spells.

Spells for control circle and methods for making them are also given. This would be a very dangerous book in less than expert hands. Only one known copy in the Library of the Church of Haven.

### **The Vecna Papers** --*The Cloristoi Brotherhood 1700 IC*

The collected scraps, remnants and works of, and about the Arch-lich Vecna. Rumored to contain spells for the summoning of the beings know as the Eye and Hand of Vecna. Very rare.

### **Worlds Beyond the Stars** --*Kator Thure circa 5000 BE*

A fascinating and wonderful account of the worlds to be found beyond the spheres of Thindacarull. Too bad not a word of it is true. Notable only that it contains the spell *open portal*, Necessary to travel from system to system by Spelljammer. Rare

### **Wyapones and Sorcery** --*Gorbyn Stylbrade 3000 BE*

Treatise on the making of magic weapons. Very useful, from the Dwarven point of view. Rare

IC: Imperial Calender

BE: Before Empire

BH: Before Holocaust.

Circa: Date approximate

???? Date unknown



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