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Monstrous Manual (AD&D 2nd Ed Fantasy Roleplaying Accessory, 2140)



Synopsis

New illustrations and corrected material highlight this revision of the standard monstrous compendiums collected together in one volume. This will be the perfect, easy-to-use replacement for the bulkier compendiums of the past. Illustrations, some in color.

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Customer Reviews

Great condition, very pleased customers here. Very trepidacious players as well.

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This kitten loves the no-nonsense approach to monsters and other baddies in the 2nd edition Monstrous Manual over newer editions. The paper isn't annoying glossy and the text shows that lotsa care, love, and attention went into the stuff in this book. That kinda thing isn't recreated as well in modern editions of D&D which seem more glossy, commercialized, and art-focused.

I wrote a long review about the AD&D Player's Handbook that discuss the feel of AD&D a little bit so for this review I'm just going to cover this, the Monstrous Manual. Unlike the Dungeon Master's Handbook this book is extremely useful and a most have for any AD&D players. The MM, as some say, is nothing but creatures that you could run into during a campaign or quest. It gives you everything from common animals to dragons and everything inbetween. It also gives you the average person from each race, in classes that you might run into. Not only does the MM give you all these creatures it also gives you their stats. This means that going into a battle the DM knows

exactly how powerful a monster is and what kind of treasure you might get. The MM doesn't end there though, oh no! It also gives you the information to how the monsters think, fight, where they live, breeding habits, everything. Literally everything you need to know about a monster is within this one book. With 3rd-4th editions you had to buy anywhere from 2 to 4 books just to get the same information in this one book. And the greatest thing about it is it gives such complete examples of monsters that you can easily create your version of them or completely new monsters as you wished! Think about it, 4th edition already has two monster manuals out, each a full priced book (\$29-39). And they will make more! Why spend so much when you can have it all right here in a much better format? I highly recommend this book because of its multiple levels of value and how easy it is to use.

I prefer the blue fantasy inspired cover (1st edition rules) called MONSTER MANUAL, not the updated MONSTROUS manual for 2nd edition reviewed here. But that is for sentimental reasons. The blue cover is smaller and less complete but better organized. It took some getting used to THIS edition, but once I did it was a superior tome. Many more monsters are here and the book is almost twice as thick. More monsters and more information to be sure - but somehow less charming, less artistic. This IS more complete. This IS the better book for running a game. But I miss the original and wish I still had mine. (now lost to the ages in some dump in Brooklyn- Thanks MOM)

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If you are running a 2nd edition campaign this is a required starting point. I found this one more beneficial than the 2 volume variety as this was just one book to purchase. However, do keep in mind that this is not going to be the only book that you will need, will still need to pick up copies of the manuals for other realms if you are using them. The layout of this book is excellent with only one monster per page, makes it easy to quickly find resources when they are needed.

It was the MM I was expecting!, I remember this book with the same picture in a total white cover from my early years playing AD&D and named MM-Compedium; so I thought this was a lighter version of the book. Well, thankfully its Not. This the same complete AD&D-MM with all the monsters I remember on it!, It has creatures iconic from other campaigns settings like Forgotten Realms, Dragonlance, Ravenloft, Darksun and even the missing Spelljammer. So you can almost run a full AD&D campaign on any setting you want with this baby.

I ordered this product and it came in the mail great. took a bit long tho. but that was fine. also when i ordered it i wanted to cancel it about 30min later. They told me that it was already shipped out. ohh well. everything worked out fine and i am happy. thanx.

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