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White Box - Charlie Mason 2017

White Box: Fantastic Medieval Adventure Game is an easy to learn role-playing game inspired by the original edition by Gygax and Arneson. It is compatible with Swords & Wizardry WhiteBox.

Strictly Fantasy - Gerald Nachtwey 2021-05-12

Role-playing games seemed to appear of nowhere in the early 1970s and have been a quiet but steady presence in American culture ever since. This new look at the hobby searches for the historical origins of role-playing games deep in the imaginative worlds of Western culture. It looks at the earliest fantasy stories from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, at the fans--both readers and writers--who wanted to bring them to life, at the Midwestern landscape and the middle-class households that were the hobby's birthplace, and at the struggle to find meaning and identity amidst cultural conflicts that drove many people into these communities of play. This book also addresses race, religion, gender, fandom, and the place these games have within American capitalism. All the paths of this journey are connected by the very quality that has made fantasy role-playing so powerful: it binds the limitless imagination into a "strict" framework of rules. Far from being an accidental offshoot of marginalized fan communities, role-playing games' ability to hold contradictions in dynamic, creative tension made them a necessary and central product of the twentieth century.

The Fantasy Roleplaying Gamer's Bible - Sean Patrick Fannon 1999
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Playing Video Games - Peter Vorderer 2012-10-12

From security training simulations to war games to role-playing games, to sports games to gambling, playing video games has become a social phenomena, and the increasing number of players that cross gender, culture, and age is on a dramatic upward trajectory. *Playing Video Games: Motives, Responses, and Consequences* integrates communication, psychology, and technology to examine the psychological and mediated aspects of playing video games. It is the first volume to delve deeply into these aspects of computer game play. It fits squarely into the media psychology arm of entertainment studies, the next big wave in media studies. The book targets one of the most popular and pervasive media in modern times, and it will serve to define the area of study and provide a theoretical spine for future research. This unique and timely volume will appeal to scholars, researchers, and graduate students in media studies and mass communication, psychology, and marketing.

Dungeons & Dragons Art & Arcana - Michael Witwer 2018-10-23

An illustrated guide to the history and evolution of the beloved role-playing game told through the paintings, sketches, illustrations, and visual ephemera behind its creation, growth, and continued popularity. FINALIST FOR THE HUGO AWARD • FINALIST FOR THE LOCUS AWARD • NOMINATED FOR THE DIANA JONES AWARD From one of the most iconic game brands in the world, this official DUNGEONS & DRAGONS illustrated history provides an unprecedented look at the visual evolution of the brand, showing its continued influence on the worlds of pop culture and fantasy. Inside the book, you'll find more than seven hundred pieces of artwork—from each edition of the core role-playing books, supplements, and adventures; as well as *Forgotten Realms* and *Dragonlance* novels; decades of *Dragon* and *Dungeon* magazines; and classic advertisements and merchandise; plus never-before-seen sketches, large-format canvases, rare photographs, one-of-a-kind drafts, and more from the now-famous designers and artists

associated with DUNGEONS & DRAGONS. The superstar author team gained unparalleled access to the archives of Wizards of the Coast and the personal collections of top collectors, as well as the designers and illustrators who created the distinctive characters, concepts, and visuals that have defined fantasy art and gameplay for generations. This is the most comprehensive collection of D&D imagery ever assembled, making this the ultimate collectible for the game's millions of fans around the world.

Dungeons and Dragons and Philosophy - Jon Cogburn 2012

Dungeons and Dragons and Philosophy presents twenty-one chapters by different writers, all D&D aficionados but with starkly different insights and points of view.

Slaying the Dragon - Ben Riggs 2022-07-19

Role-playing game historian Ben Riggs unveils the secret history of TSR—the company that unleashed imaginations with *Dungeons & Dragons*, was driven into ruin by disastrous management decisions, and then saved by their bitterest rival. Co-created by wargame enthusiasts Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson, the original *Dungeons & Dragons* role-playing game released by TSR (Tactical Studies Rules) in 1974 created a radical new medium: the role-playing game. For the next two decades, TSR rocketed to success, producing multiple editions of D&D, numerous settings for the game, magazines, video games, New York Times bestselling novels by Margaret Weis, Tracy Hickman, and R. A. Salvatore, and even a TV show! But by 1997, a series of ruinous choices and failed projects brought TSR to the edge of doom—only to be saved by their fiercest competitor, Wizards of the Coast, the company behind the collectible card game *Magic: The Gathering*. Unearthed from Ben Riggs's own adventurous campaign of in-depth research, interviews with major players, and acquisitions of secret documents, *Slaying the Dragon* reveals the true story of the rise and fall of TSR. Go behind the scenes of their Lake Geneva headquarters where innovative artists and writers redefined the sword and sorcery genre, managers and executives sabotaged their own success by alienating their top talent, ignoring their customer fanbase, accruing a mountain of debt, and agreeing to deals which, by the end, made them into a publishing company unable to publish so much as a postcard. As epic and fantastic as the adventures TSR published, *Slaying the Dragon* is the legendary tale of the rise and fall of the company that created the role-playing game world.

Feminist War Games? - Jon Saklofske 2019-12-20

Feminist War Games? explores the critical intersections and collisions between feminist values and perceptions of war, by asking whether feminist values can be asserted as interventional approaches to the design, play, and analysis of games that focus on armed conflict and economies of violence. Focusing on the ways that games, both digital and table-top, can function as narratives, arguments, methods, and instruments of research, the volume demonstrates the impact of computing technologies on our perceptions, ideologies, and actions. Exploring the compatibility between feminist values and systems of war through games is a unique way to pose destabilizing questions, solutions, and approaches; to prototype alternative narratives; and to challenge current idealizations and assumptions. Positing that feminist values can be asserted as a critical method of design, as an ideological design influence, and as a lens that determines how designers and players interact with and within arenas of war, the book addresses the persistence and brutality of war and issues surrounding violence in games, whilst also considering the place and purpose of video games in

our cultural moment. *Feminist War Games?* is a timely volume that questions the often-toxic nature of online and gaming cultures. As such, the book will appeal to a broad variety of disciplinary interests, including sociology, education, psychology, literature, history, politics, game studies, digital humanities, media and cultural studies, and gender studies, as well as those interested in playing, or designing, socially engaged games.

Storytelling in the Modern Board Game - Marco Arnaudo 2018-08-30

Over the years, board games have evolved to include relatable characters, vivid settings and compelling, intricate plotlines. In turn, players have become more emotionally involved—taking on, in essence, the role of coauthors in an interactive narrative. Through the lens of game studies and narratology—traditional storytelling concepts applied to the gaming world—this book explores the synergy of board games, designers and players in story-oriented designs. The author provides development guidance for game designers and recommends games to explore for hobby players.

Player vs. Monster - Jaroslav Svelch 2023-02-07

A study of the gruesome game characters we love to beat—and what they tell us about ourselves. Since the early days of video games, monsters have played pivotal roles as dangers to be avoided, level bosses to be defeated, or targets to be destroyed for extra points. But why is the figure of the monster so important in gaming, and how have video games come to shape our culture's conceptions of monstrosity? To answer these questions, *Player vs. Monster* explores the past half-century of monsters in games, from the dragons of early tabletop role-playing games and the pixelated aliens of *Space Invaders* to the malformed mutants of *The Last of Us* and the bizarre beasts of *Bloodborne*, and reveals the common threads among them. Covering examples from aliens to zombies, Jaroslav Svelch explores the art of monster design and traces its influences from mythology, visual arts, popular culture, and tabletop role-playing games. At the same time, he shows that video games follow the Cold War-era notion of clearly defined, calculable enemies, portraying monsters as figures that are irredeemably evil yet invariably vulnerable to defeat. He explains the appeal of such simplistic video game monsters, but also explores how the medium could evolve to present more nuanced depictions of monstrosity.

The Rough Guide to the Lord of the Rings - Angie Errigo 2003

Provides information on the plots, characters, themes, and meanings of the "Lord of the Rings" novels.

Second Person - Pat Harrigan 2010-01-22

Game designers, authors, artists, and scholars discuss how roles are played and how stories are created in role-playing games, board games, computer games, interactive fictions, massively multiplayer games, improvisational theater, and other "playable media." Games and other playable forms, from interactive fictions to improvisational theater, involve role playing and story—something played and something told. In *Second Person*, game designers, authors, artists, and scholars examine the different ways in which these two elements work together in tabletop role-playing games (RPGs), computer games, board games, card games, electronic literature, political simulations, locative media, massively multiplayer games, and other forms that invite and structure play.

Second Person—so called because in these games and playable media it is "you" who plays the roles, "you" for whom the story is being told—first considers tabletop games ranging from *Dungeons & Dragons* and other RPGs with an explicit social component to Kim Newman's Choose Your Own Adventure-style novel *Life's Lottery* and its more traditional author-reader interaction. Contributors then examine computer-based playable structures that are designed for solo interaction—for the singular "you"—including the mainstream hit *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time* and the genre-defining independent production *Façade*. Finally, contributors look at the intersection of the social spaces of play and the real world, considering, among other topics, the virtual communities of such Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games (MMORPGs) as *World of Warcraft* and the political uses of digital gaming and role-playing techniques (as in *The Howard Dean for Iowa Game*, the first U.S. presidential campaign game). In engaging essays that range in tone from the informal to the technical, these writers offer a variety of approaches for the examination of an emerging field that includes works as diverse as George R.R. Martin's *Wild Cards* series and the classic Infocom game *Planetfall*. Appendixes contain three fully-playable tabletop RPGs that demonstrate some of the variations possible in the form.

Dangerous Games - Joseph Laycock 2015-02-12

The 1980s saw the peak of a moral panic over fantasy role-playing games such as *Dungeons and Dragons*. A coalition of moral entrepreneurs that

included representatives from the Christian Right, the field of psychology, and law enforcement claimed that these games were not only psychologically dangerous but an occult religion masquerading as a game. *Dangerous Games* explores both the history and the sociological significance of this panic. Fantasy role-playing games do share several functions in common with religion. However, religion—*as a socially constructed world of shared meaning*—can also be compared to a fantasy role-playing game. In fact, the claims of the moral entrepreneurs, in which they presented themselves as heroes battling a dark conspiracy, often resembled the very games of imagination they condemned as evil. By attacking the imagination, they preserved the taken-for-granted status of their own socially constructed reality. Interpreted in this way, the panic over fantasy-role playing games yields new insights about how humans play and together construct and maintain meaningful worlds. Laycock's clear and accessible writing ensures that *Dangerous Games* will be required reading for those with an interest in religion, popular culture, and social behavior, both in the classroom and beyond.

The Digital Role-Playing Game and Technical Communication - Daniel Reardon 2021-04-22

With annual gross sales surpassing 100 billion U.S. dollars each of the last two years, the digital games industry may one day challenge theatrical-release movies as the highest-grossing entertainment media in the world. In their examination of the tremendous cultural influence of digital games, Daniel Reardon and David Wright analyze three companies that have shaped the industry: Bethesda, located in Rockville, Maryland; BioWare in Edmonton, Alberta, and CD Projekt Red in Warsaw, Poland. Each company has used social media and technical content in the games to promote players' belief that players control the companies' game narratives. The result has been at times explosive, as empowered players often attempted to co-op the creative processes of games through discussion board forum demands, fund-raising campaigns to persuade companies to change or add game content, and modifications (modding) of the games through fan-created downloads. The result has changed the way we understand the interactive nature of digital games and the power of fan culture to shape those games.

Joystick Soldiers - Nina B. Huntemann 2009-09-10

Joystick Soldiers is the first anthology to examine the reciprocal relationship between militarism and video games. War has been an integral theme of the games industry since the invention of the first video game, *Spacewar!* in 1962. While war video games began as entertainment, military organizations soon saw their potential as combat simulation and recruitment tools. A profitable and popular relationship was established between the video game industry and the military, and continues today with video game franchises like *America's Army*, which was developed by the U.S. Army as a public relations and recruitment tool. This collection features all new essays that explore how modern warfare has been represented in and influenced by video games. The contributors explore the history and political economy of video games and the "military-entertainment complex;" present textual analyses of military-themed video games such as *Metal Gear Solid*; and offer reception studies of gamers, fandom, and political activism within online gaming.

Horror Worlds - Chris Weedin 2006-03-25

Finally, the roleplaying game that makes you DIE laughing brings you a supplement that helps you do just that! Introducing "Script Crypt, Vol 1: Psychos and Sickos", a collection of adventure scripts for *Horror Rules*, the *Simply Horrible Roleplaying Game*. Originally released in electronic format as part of the *Horror Rules Season 1* and *Season 2 e-Scripts*, these little horror comedy gems are now available in print. All four Scripts are built around the lighthearted and fun-loving "Psychos and Sickos" theme and feature a delightful and colorful assortment of axe-wielding maniacs, homicidal freaks and sinister stalkers (we recommend you play with the lights on). Also, with expanded Sequel Suggestions and Plot Twists, each gripping and terrifying Script becomes four Scripts - that's 16 times the mayhem! With that many Psychos and Sickos, how can you go wrong?! Each Script is a complete adventure, including all the classic *Horror Rules* elements: Story, Bad Guys, Cast, Walk-Ons, Chain of Events... even Mood tips and Plot Pushers! Packed with all the wacky scares, edge-of-your-seat action and pee-your-pants thrills you've come to love, the *Script Crypt* is a sure hit and a must-have supplement for horror enthusiasts and gaming fans alike. With this book, you could play your favorite horror comedy roleplaying game until you pass out... and we recommend it! So for those who dare, the *Crypt* awaits. Just be careful what you open...

Five Strands of Fictionality - Daniel Punday 2010

Dungeons and Dragons Core Rulebook - Wizards RPG Team 2008-06-06
All three 4th Edition core rulebooks in one handsome slipcase. The Dungeons & Dragons Roleplaying Game has defined the medieval fantasy genre and the tabletop RPG industry for more than 30 years. In the D&D game, players create characters that band together to explore dungeons, slay monsters, and find treasure. The 4th Edition D&D rules offer the best possible play experience by presenting exciting character options, an elegant and robust rules system, and handy storytelling tools for the Dungeon Master. This gift set provides all three 4th Edition Dungeons & Dragons core rulebooks (Player's Handbook, Dungeon Master's Guide, and Monster Manual) in a handsome slipcase that looks great on any bookshelf.

Dark Albion - RPGPundit 2016-05-28

Dark Albion: Cults of Chaos is a gaming supplement for Dark Albion (also available on Createspace / Amazon), as well as most OSR fantasy-horror role-playing games. It will help you generate various Chaos Cults in detail (many tables are provided). It then describes the most common Chaos cults found in Albion (those worshiping demons, and others), gives advice on how running Chaos cults adventures (several tables are provided), and proposes three ready-to-use dungeons (i.e.: maps plus descriptions of contents for three dungeons that would be perfect for cultists lairs). This supplement is usable with any RPG of the OSR movement, such as Fantastic Heroes & Witchery (also available on Createspace / Amazon), Osric, Labyrinth Lord, etc.

Monster Culture in the 21st Century - Marina Levina 2013-05-23

In the past decade, our rapidly changing world faced terrorism, global epidemics, economic and social strife, new communication technologies, immigration, and climate change to name a few. These fears and tensions reflect an evermore-interconnected global environment where increased mobility of people, technologies, and disease have produced great social, political, and economical uncertainty. The essays in this collection examine how monstrosity has been used to manage these rising fears and tensions. Analyzing popular films and television shows, such as True Blood, Twilight, Paranormal Activity, District 9, Battlestar Galactica, and Avatar, it argues that monstrous narratives of the past decade have become omnipresent specifically because they represent collective social anxieties over resisting and embracing change in the 21st century. The first comprehensive text that uses monstrosity not just as a metaphor for change, but rather a necessary condition through which change is lived and experienced in the 21st century, this approach introduces a different perspective toward the study of monstrosity in culture.

Zones of Control - Pat Harrigan 2016-04-15

Examinations of wargaming for entertainment, education, and military planning, in terms of design, critical analysis, and historical contexts. Games with military themes date back to antiquity, and yet they are curiously neglected in much of the academic and trade literature on games and game history. This volume fills that gap, providing a diverse set of perspectives on wargaming's past, present, and future. In Zones of Control, contributors consider wargames played for entertainment, education, and military planning, in terms of design, critical analysis, and historical contexts. They consider both digital and especially tabletop games, most of which cover specific historical conflicts or are grounded in recognizable real-world geopolitics. Game designers and players will find the historical and critical contexts often missing from design and hobby literature; military analysts will find connections to game design and the humanities; and academics will find documentation and critique of a sophisticated body of cultural work in which the complexity of military conflict is represented in ludic systems and procedures. Each section begins with a long anchoring chapter by an established authority, which is followed by a variety of shorter pieces both analytic and anecdotal. Topics include the history of playing at war; operations research and systems design; wargaming and military history; wargaming's ethics and politics; gaming irregular and non-kinetic warfare; and wargames as artistic practice. Contributors Jeremy Antley, Richard Barbrook, Elizabeth M. Bartels, Ed Beach, Larry Bond, Larry Brom, Lee Brimmicombe-Wood, Rex Brynen, Matthew B. Caffrey, Jr., Luke Caldwell, Catherine Cavagnaro, Robert M. Citino, Laurent Closier, Stephen V. Cole, Brian Conley, Greg Costikyan, Patrick Crogan, John Curry, James F. Dunnigan, Robert J. Elder, Lisa Faden, Mary Flanagan, John A. Foley, Alexander R. Galloway, Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi, Don R. Gilman, A. Scott Glancy, Troy Goodfellow, Jack Greene, Mark Herman, Kacper Kwiatkowski, Tim Lenoir, David Levinthal, Alexander H. Levis, Henry Lowood, Elizabeth Losh, Esther MacCallum-Stewart, Rob MacDougall, Mark Mahaffey, Bill McDonald, Brien J. Miller, Joseph

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Appendix N - Jeffro Johnson 2017-06-28

APPENDIX N: The Literary History of Dungeons & Dragons is a detailed and comprehensive investigation of the various works of science fiction and fantasy that game designer Gary Gygax declared to be the primary influences on his seminal role-playing game, Dungeons & Dragons. It is a deep intellectual dive into the literature of SF/F's past that will fascinate any serious role-playing gamer or fan of classic science fiction and fantasy. Author Jeffro Johnson, an expert role-playing gamer, accomplished Dungeon Master and three-time Hugo Award Finalist, critically reviews all 43 works and authors listed by Gygax in the famous appendix. In doing so, he draws a series of intelligent conclusions about the literary gap between past and present that are surprisingly relevant to current events, not only in the fantastic world of role-playing, but the real world in which the players live.

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Games & Puzzles - 1979

Empire of Imagination - Michael Witwer 2015-10-06

The first comprehensive biography of geek and gaming culture's mythic icon, Gary Gygax, and the complete story behind his invention of Dungeons & Dragons. The life story of Gary Gygax, godfather of all fantasy adventure games, has been told only in bits and pieces. Michael Witwer has written a dynamic, dramatized biography of Gygax from his childhood in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin to his untimely death in 2008. Gygax's magnum opus, Dungeons & Dragons, would explode in popularity throughout the 1970s and '80s and irreversibly alter the world of gaming. D&D is the best-known, best-selling role-playing game of all time, and it boasts an elite class of alumni--Stephen Colbert, Robin Williams, and Vin Diesel all have spoken openly about their experience with the game as teenagers, and some credit it as the workshop where their nascent imaginations were fostered. Gygax's involvement in the industry lasted long after his dramatic and involuntary departure from D&D's parent company, TSR, and his footprint can be seen in the role-playing genre he is largely responsible for creating. Through his unwavering commitment to the power of creativity, Gygax gave generations of gamers the tools to invent characters and entire worlds in their minds. Witwer has written an engaging chronicle of the life and legacy of this emperor of the imagination.

A Companion to J. R. R. Tolkien - Stuart D. Lee 2022-08-01

The new edition of the definitive academic companion to Tolkien's life and literature A Companion to J. R. R. Tolkien provides readers with an in-depth examination of the author's life and works, covering Tolkien's fiction and mythology, his academic writing, and his continuing impact on contemporary literature and culture. Presenting forty-one essays by a panel of leading scholars, the Companion analyzes prevailing themes found in The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, posthumous publications

such as *The Silmarillion* and *The Fall of Arthur*, lesser-known fiction and poetry, literary essays, and more. This second edition of the Companion remains the most complete and up-to-date resource of its kind, encompassing new Tolkien publications, original scholarship, *The Hobbit* film adaptations, and the biographical drama *Tolkien*. Five entirely new essays discuss the history of fantasy literature, the influence of classical mythology on Tolkien, folklore and fairytales, diversity, and Tolkien fandom. This Companion also: Explores Tolkien's impact on art, film, music, gaming, and later generations of fantasy fiction writers Discusses themes such as mythmaking, medieval languages, nature, war, religion, and the defeat of evil Presents a detailed overview of Tolkien's legendarium, including Middle-earth mythology and invented languages and writing systems Includes a brief chronology of Tolkien's works and life, further reading suggestions, and end-of-chapter bibliographies A Companion to J. R. R. Tolkien, Second Edition is essential reading for anyone formally studying or teaching Tolkien in academic settings, and an invaluable resource for general readers with interest in Tolkien's works or fans of the films wanting to discover more.

BLUEHOLME Prentice Rules - Michael Thomas 2014-12-07

Perfect bound edition. BLUEHOLME(TM) Prentice Rules is a table top fantasy roleplaying game that emulates the game play of the original basic rule book, popularly known as the Holmes Edition or simply the Blue Book. The rules in this book allow for characters of 1st to 3rd levels, and include everything the referee could possibly need to create and run a campaign in the Underworld: monsters, magic, treasure, and ... well, what more do you need?

The Complete Ninja's Handbook - Aaron Allston 1995-08-01

Reign Enchiridion - Greg Stolze 2010-06-01

The REIGN Enchiridion is a digest-size paperback that contains the complete rules for Greg Stolze's hit fantasy roleplaying game "REIGN: A Game of Lords and Leaders." REIGN expands the frontiers of fantasy gaming by elevating the action to an international stage. Monarchs, mercenaries and merchant princes gamble armies and fortunes to win nations in a rich and vibrant fantasy setting. REIGN's simple but complete rules model the triumphs and disasters of societies as small as a village or as large as a realm-spanning religion. With REIGN, your characters can defend threatened nations, bring prosperity to desperate provinces, make laws and perpetuate justice... or, if you prefer, loot, conquer and pillage on a vast and awesome scale.

Board Games in 100 Moves - Ian Livingstone 2019-09-17

Surprising stories behind the games you know and love to play. Journey through 8,000 years of history, from Ancient Egyptian Senet and Indian Snakes and Ladders, right up to role-play, fantasy and hybrid games of the present day. More than 100 games are explored chronologically, from the most ancient to the most modern. Every chapter is full of insightful anecdotes exploring everything from design and acquisition to game play and legacy.

Co-opting Culture - Garrick B. Harden 2009-06-16

Working from the idea that Sociology and Cultural Studies have developed distinct and valuable toolkits for understanding culture, Harden and Carley have brought together a collection of essays that address the ways in which the cultures around race, sex, and gender are mediated through or intersect with politics, society, and economy.

Collaborative Worldbuilding for Writers and Gamers - Trent Hergenrader 2018-10-18

The digital technologies of the 21st century are reshaping how we experience storytelling. More than ever before, storylines from the world's most popular narratives cross from the pages of books to the movie theatre, to our television screens and in comic books series. Plots intersect and intertwine, allowing audiences many different entry points to the narratives. In this sometimes bewildering array of stories across media, one thing binds them together: their large-scale fictional world. *Collaborative Worldbuilding for Writers and Gamers* describes how writers can co-create vast worlds for use as common settings for their own stories. Using the worlds of *Star Wars*, *Lord of the Rings*, *A Game of Thrones*, and *Dungeons & Dragons* as models, this book guides readers through a step-by-step process of building sprawling fictional worlds complete with competing social forces that have complex histories and yet are always evolving. It also shows readers how to populate a catalog with hundreds of unique people, places, and things that grow organically from their world, which become a rich repository of story making potential. The companion website collaborativeworldbuilding.com features links to online resources, past worldbuilding projects, and an innovative card system designed to work with this book.

Simulations in the Political Science Classroom - Mark Harvey 2022-08-31

This book is premised on the assumption that games and simulations provide welcome alternatives and supplements to traditional lectures and class discussions—especially in political science classrooms, where real-world circumstances provide ideal applications of theory and policy prescriptions. Implementing such an active learning program, however, is sometimes daunting to overburdened professors and teaching assistants. This book addresses the challenges of using games and simulations in the political science classroom, both online and in person. Each chapter offers a game or simulation that politics teachers can use to teach course concepts and explains ways to execute it effectively. In addition, the authors in this volume make a proactive case for games and simulations. Each chapter offers research to evaluate the effectiveness of the activity and pedagogical design best practices. Thus, the book not only serves as a game design resource, but also offers demonstrable support for using games and simulations in the political science classroom. Aimed at teachers at all levels, from high school through college, the book may be especially appealing to graduate students entering teaching for the first time and open to new teaching and learning approaches.

Tabletop Role-Playing Games and the Experience of Imagined Worlds - Nicholas J. Mizer 2019-11-22

In 1974, the release of *Dungeons & Dragons* forever changed the way that we experience imagined worlds. No longer limited to simply reading books or watching movies, gamers came together to collaboratively and interactively build and explore new realms. Based on four years of interviews and game recordings from locations spanning the United States, this book offers a journey that explores how role-playing games use a combination of free-form imagination and tightly constrained rules to experience those realms. By developing our understanding of the fantastic worlds of role-playing games, this book also offers insight into how humans come together and collaboratively imagine the world around us.

Game Magic - Jeff Howard 2014-04-22

Make More Immersive and Engaging Magic Systems in Games *Game Magic: A Designer's Guide to Magic Systems in Theory and Practice* explains how to construct magic systems and presents a compendium of arcane lore, encompassing the theory, history, and structure of magic systems in games and human belief. The author combines rigorous scholarly analysis with practical game design advice in the form of a magical recipe book (grimoire). The book gives you an in-depth understanding of the history and structure of magic to make your games richer and deeper. It shows how to set up tables of correspondences and spell components as well as how to write programming code integrating these components as part of game mechanics. It also illustrates how to divide a simulated world into domains of influence (such as alteration, conjuration, and necromancy) and how to use specific rule systems to simulate powers within these realms. Showing you how to weave compelling magic into your games, the book is interspersed with examples that illustrate how to design and program magic systems. Working examples are available for download on a supporting website.

Role Playing Materials - Rafael Bienia 2016-04-11

Die Dissertation *Role Playing Materials* untersucht die materielle Seite von Larp, Mixed Reality und Pen'n'Paper Rollenspielen. Wie kooperieren Gewandung, Virtuelle-Realität-Brille, oder ein Bleistift mit Erzählung und Spielregeln? Neben Antworten auf diese Frage versucht das Buch das Verständnis von Rollenspiel als eine Handlung zu erweitern, die nicht nur von Menschen geprägt wird. *Role Playing Materials* examines how larp, mixed and tabletop role-playing games work. Costumes, computers, pen and paper are not passive elements. Materials change and are changed during role-playing game sessions, because they work together with narrative and ludic elements. If we think about materials as social elements, how do they make role-playing games work? To answer this question, *Role Playing Materials* draws on ethnographic fieldwork among role-playing communities in Germany. The analysis draws upon the fields of game studies, and science, technology and society studies.

Dragons in the Stacks: A Teen Librarian's Guide to Tabletop Role-Playing - Steven A. Torres-Roman 2014-10-17

A one-stop, complete guide to tabletop role-playing games for novice librarians as well as seasoned players. • Discusses collection development, cataloging, and programs for teens • Supplies detailed reviews of scores of popular and less well-known role-playing games • Outlines a variety of affordable, effective programs for teens that involve role-playing tabletop games

Popular Culture and Law - RichardK. Sherwin 2017-07-05

What are the consequences when law's stories and images migrate from the courtroom to the court of public opinion and from movie, television and computer screens back to electronic monitors inside the courtroom itself? What happens when lawyers and public relations experts market notorious legal cases and controversial policy issues as if they were just another commodity? What is the appropriate relationship between law and digital culture in virtual worlds on the Internet? In addressing these cutting edge issues, the essays in this volume shed new light on the current status and future fate of law, truth and justice in our time.

Drachenväter - Tom Hillenbrand 2016-10-07

Level, Erfahrungspunkte, Lebensenergie: Wo kommen diese in fast jedem Computerspiel auftauchenden Konzepte eigentlich her? Die Antwort lautet: Sie stammen aus drei kleinen braunen Büchlein, die 1974 in den USA veröffentlicht wurden. In ihnen befanden sich die Regeln für "Dungeons & Dragons" (D&D), das erste Fantasy-Rollenspiel. Alles was danach kam, von "The Bard's Tale" bis "World of Warcraft", hat seinen Ursprung in diesen sogenannten Pen&Paper-Rollenspielen, die man mit Papier, Bleistift und Würfeln spielte. Viele derer, die man heute als Generation C64 oder als Nerds bezeichnet, saßen in den Siebzigern und Achtzigern mit Freunden um den Küchentisch und durchstreiften als Zwerge oder Elfen Verliese voller Monster. Der Einfluss von

Rollenspielen auf die Populärkultur ist immens: Sie tauchen in Dutzenden Filmen und Büchern auf, "Simpsons"- Erfinder Matt Groening und die Schauspieler Vin Diesel, Robin Williams oder Mike Myers sind ebenso erklärte D&D-Fans wie der Schriftsteller George R. R. Martin, Technikpionier Elon Musk oder Comedystar Steven Colbert. Zum vierzigjährigen Jubiläum von "Dungeons & Dragons" zeichnen die Autoren Konrad Lischka und Tom Hillenbrand die Geschichte der Fantasy-Rollenspiele in diesem aufwendig produzierten Buch nach. Über vier Jahre haben die beiden dazu recherchiert und mit Dutzenden Veteranen aus der weltweiten Spieleszene gesprochen, darunter Richard Garriott, Designer der "Ultima"- Computerspiele, Steve Jackson, Miterfinder des interaktiven Buchs ("Der Hexenmeister vom flammenden Berg"), Ian Livingstone ("Warhammer", "Tomb Raider") und Werner Fuchs, dem Macher des erfolgreichsten deutschen Rollenspiels "Das Schwarze Auge". Zusätzlich haben die Autoren Dutzende alte Fotos ausgegraben, darunter viele verschollene und nie zuvor gezeigte Bilder aus den Anfängen des Rollenspiels.

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