

## A Magical Reading List 50 Books on Modern Magic

I've put together this recommended reading list for aspiring magicians. Some may find it an unusual list, but I had two criteria I wanted to fulfill. First, I wanted to encourage the finding of one's own magical mindset rather than restrict the list to one culture or one tradition of magic. Second, I wanted to de-emphasize but not completely eliminate the Qabalistic magic of the last century.

To accomplish the former I have included several books on psychology, the nature of consciousness, Tibetan mysticism and practice, Native American shamanic traditions, Chaos magic, and even a book on a form of mathematics which has magical applications. Because of the second, I've only included one book specifically on Qabalah, and only a few books which rely on magic which uses the Hebrew *Names of God*. Some may object to my inclusion of the works of Carlos Castaneda, believing them to be fiction or even a hoax. To that I can only reply that I find them to present a complete and consistent magical system with ideas worth integrating into one's own magical practice.

As it was my intent to limit this list to 50 books, there are several branches of additional reading you might want to undertake after completing this list. For example, I only included four books by Aleister Crowley, only the first three books of Kenneth Grant's Typhonian Trilogies, and only three books in the area of Chaos Magic. Each of the authors presented in these areas have published many more books should their particular way of thinking appeal to you.

I list these books in order of publication, and recommend that they initially be read in this order. However, some are deeper and less accessible than others, and for these I recommend a second reading after completing the whole list. Which ones deserve this treatment will vary from individual to individual, so trust your own judgment on this. Also, some may be more difficult to obtain than others, but few are absolutely essential so it is not a problem to skip those you cannot obtain.

The dates given are the original dates of publication only so as to give some idea of the history of modern magic. Unless you want to spend a great deal of money and become a collector of occult books, you'll want to get a more recent edition. Many of them are available in ePub or Kindle editions at reasonable prices, or if you don't mind reading on a computer screen, as bootleg PDFs. -- Skye Love Hill

Here is the list:

1. Crowley, Aleister (1904). *The Book of the Law*.
2. Jung, Carl (1921). *Psychological Types*.
3. Crowley, Aleister (1929). *Magick (Parts I-III)*. I recommend the Symonds/Grant edition.
4. Fortune, Dion (1930). *Psychic Self-Defense*.
5. Fortune, Dion (1932). *The Mystical Qabalah*.
6. Regardie, Israel (1938). *The Middle Pillar*.
7. Crowley, Aleister (1944). *The Book of Thoth*.
8. Huxley, Aldous (1945). *The Perennial Philosophy*.
9. Jung, Carl (1951). *The Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious*.
10. Crowley, Aleister (1954). *Magick without Tears*.

11. Govinda, Anagarika (1960). *Foundations of Tibetan Mysticism*.
12. Jung, Carl (1960). *Synchronicity*.
13. Spencer-Brown, G. (1969). *Laws of Form*. Warning: this is the math book.
14. Bonewits, Isaac (1971). *Real Magic*.
15. Castaneda, Carlos (1972). *Journey to Ixtlan + A Separate Reality* (2 books: read the first part of *Journey to Ixtlan* first, then *A Separate Reality*, then finish *Journey to Ixtlan*.)
16. Grant, Kenneth (1972). *The Magical Revival*.
17. Beyer, Stephen (1973). *The Cult of Tara*.
18. Grant, Kenneth (1973). *Aleister Crowley and the Hidden God*.
19. Castaneda, Carlos (1974). *Tales of Power*.
20. Dukes, Ramsey (1974). *S.S.O.T.B.M.E. (Sex Secrets of the Black Magicians Exposed)*.
21. Nema (1974). *Liber Pennae Praenumbra*.
22. Grant, Kenneth (1975). *Cults of the Shadow*.
23. Castaneda, Carlos (1977). *The Second Ring of Power*.
24. Jaynes, Julian (1977). *The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind*.
25. Leary, Timothy (1977). *Exo-Psychology* or *Info-Psychology* (1987).
26. Wilson, Robert Anton (1977). *Cosmic Trigger: The Final Secret of the Illuminati*.
27. Carroll, Peter (1978). *Liber Null*. Co-origin of Chaos Magic.
28. Sherwin, Ray (1978). *The Book of Results*. Co-origin of Chaos Magic.
29. Regardie, Israel (1979). *Foundations of Practical Magic*.
30. Castaneda, Carlos (1981). *The Eagle's Gift*.
31. Castaneda, Carlos (1984). *The Fire from Within*.
32. James, Geoffrey (1984). *The Enochian Evocation of Dr. John Dee*.
33. Wilde, Julian (1985). *Grimoire of Chaos Magick*. Hard to find, eBook is incomplete.
34. Castaneda, Carlos (1987). *The Power of Silence*.
35. AMOOKOS (1990). *Tantra Magick*.
36. Stratton-Kent, Jake (1991). *The Headless One*.
37. Abelar, Taisha (1992). *The Sorcerers' Crossing*.
38. Donner, Florinda (1992). *Being-in-Dreaming*.
39. Castaneda, Carlos (1993). *The Art of Dreaming*.
40. Rael, Joseph (1993). *Being and Vibration*.
41. Nema (1995). *Maat Magick*.
42. Castaneda, Carlos (1999). *The Active Side of Infinity*.
43. Evans, Dave (2007). *Aleister Crowley and the 20th Century Synthesis of Magick*.
44. Evans, Dave (2007). *The History of British Magic After Crowley*.
45. Webster, Sam (2010). *Tantric Thelema*.
46. Olds, Robert & Rachel (2014). *Primordial Grace*.
47. Thompson, Cath (2016). *The Magickal Language of The Book of the Law*.
48. Thompson, Cath (2017). *A Handbook of Stellar Magick*.
49. Thompson, Cath (2018). *All This and a Book*.
50. Thompson, Cath (2020). *Finding New Symbols*.