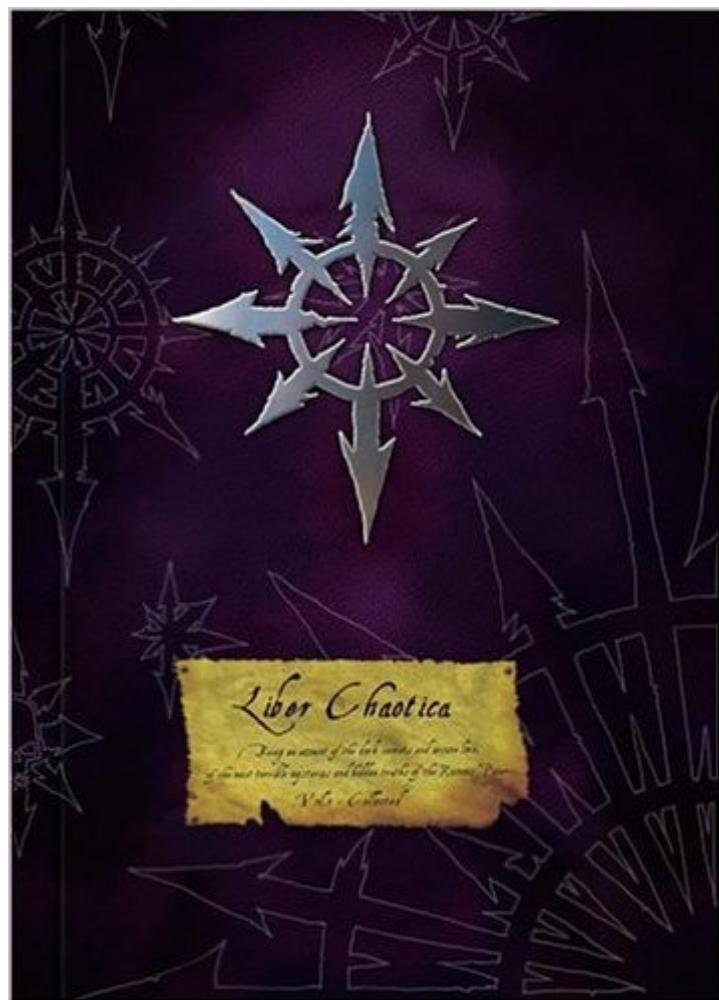


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Synopsis

The original Liber Chaotica books were the first real attempt by any author to catalogue the four Chaos gods, the source of all magic and all evil in the Warhammer world. Black Library is now proud to present Liber Chaotica Complete, collecting all four books into one comprehensive hardback volume, plus brand new material concerning Chaos Undivided.

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Customer Reviews

This book carries a steep price but in my estimation is more than worth picking up. I've been a fan of Warhammer since I was 8. I love the old system and this new system. If you have never seen any of the info presented in the old (1st edition) Chaos books then this book is for you. It covers all four Chaos gods. There is a little bit of Warhammer 40K presented here. Most of the info is WFRP. The artwork is as impressive as ever and this book is filled with it. Now for the FAIR WARNING. This book does NOT contain ANY statistic info. Any number junkies out there would want to avoid this book. I thought it would be nice to have all the info on Chaos in one book including stats but oh well. It is a good read. It is written as if it is an actual book of research about chaos. Quite fun to be reading something in it and see the researchers hand writing in different ink making notes to things he referenced earlier or correcting himself or even getting a nose bleed while trying to figure out chaos calculations. On the nose bleed page there several drops of blood that stain the page. It is a massive book, well bound, and in hardback with a soft cover flap.

Wow. That's really all I can say to sum up this collection. Wow. I did not purchase the individual volumes and only became aware of the series recently when I found a listing for this book. As the description states, this book is essentially an overview of Warhammer's four Chaos gods. Now, there have been several books released covering similar territory, but never have I seen one so well done. The twin Realms of Chaos volumes put out by Games Workshop in the early 1990s are almost as good, but Liber Chaotica just oozes a style, atmosphere, and character unlike anything I've ever seen in a gaming suppliment. It's worth mentioning that this book contains absolutely no game rules for either Warhammer Fantasy Battles or Warhammer 40K (in fact, it makes no mention of the 40K universe). This fact makes it more a resource for players of Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay than the wargaming crowd. But my god, what a resource! The whole book is written as if it were penned by the Imperial scholar Richter Kless, a device that worked quite well in the old Earthdawn and Shadowrun suppliments from FASA. The idea is that you get an educated overview of Chaos from the perspective of a character who lives in the Warhammer world. What makes it work so well in Liber Chaotica is that Kless actually goes back and adds handwritten annotations to his work. Over the course of the book's five volumes, readers get to watch his sanity slowly deteriorate as he exposes himself to the subtle, corrupting influence of Chaos. The Horrors Sourcebook for FASA's Earthdawn was written (and written well) in the same fashion, but that book's relative brevity robbed it of the impact that Liber Chaotica manages to achieve. The book itself is a work of art. It is well bound and lavishly (and, at times, disturbingly) illustrated. I simply cannot recommend it enough to anyone who has an interest in the forces of Chaos in the Warhammer world. Buy it before it goes out of print, you will not be disappointed.

Previous reviews have already mentioned how informative and well-written the book is, and I can only agree with them. However, the front flap mentions that this book is for mature readers only, and they are not kidding... Many of the drawings and even some of the writings are the stuff of nightmares. (Which is only fitting, given the subject of the book.) Read at your own risk.

Written like an apocalyptic log one would find in a Lovecraft story, Liber Chaotica gives a deeper insight into the nature of the four gods of Chaos, drawing on both the Fantasy lore with hints of 40k lore. As a bonus it gives a short final word on Undivided which felt was a bit short (it retells the tale of Archon Lord of The Endtimes and a brief thesis of how the four powers came to be. Wonderful fun for fans of Warhammer's fluff.

Even though I've read a ton of other warhammer related books I found a lot of new stuff in here. Even when they mentioned a previously mentioned character there is always something new. As others have said the artwork is amazing and There is plenty of it.

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