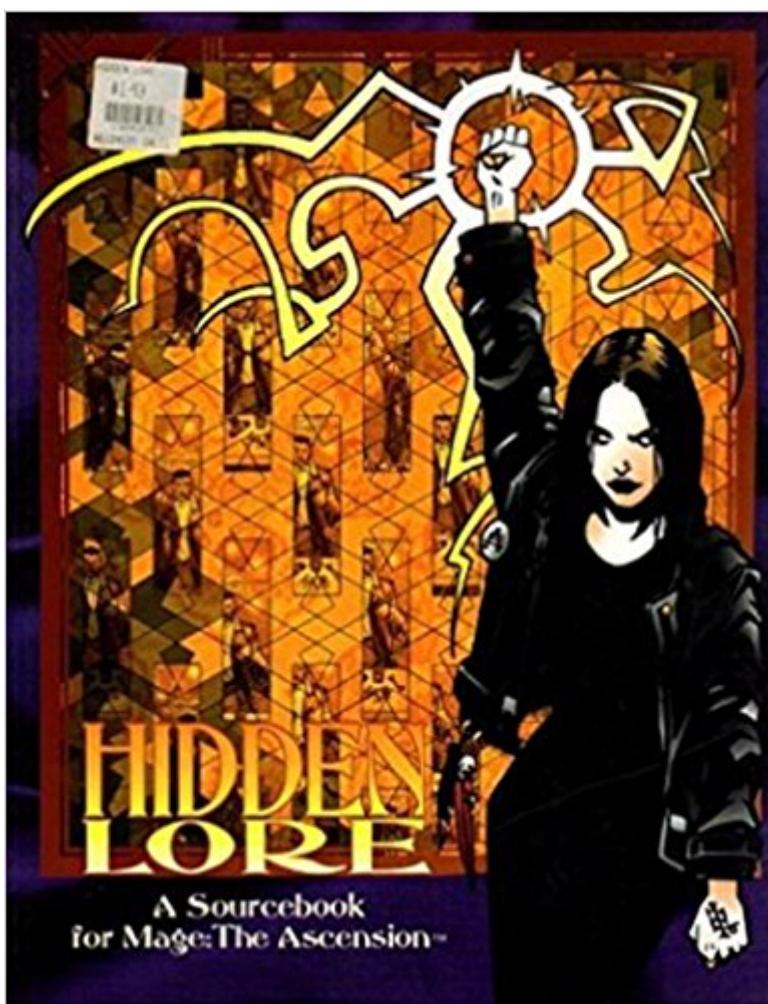


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the screen was the selling point and the book is secondary which would be fine if I had received the screen so lets just review the book. I liked that it was going to add information on important mages in the game (Jodie Blake, Sam Haine, Marianna, etc.) and figured there would be stats and useful information, maybe pictures. For the most part though its a few lines recycled from previous books (more like developer notes- if you are going to use the characters in your games, you'll just have to guess at what they can and can't do). The handouts weren't a bad idea (a page on each of the spheres that you can pull out and use for easy reference) but that's one of the few positive points to add about the product. It has sample rotes but I never really got the obsession with them- you can make up effects "on the fly" which is more fun and creative. If you can detect how healthy or strong a person is, why bother memorizing a rote that only detects if they have a sickness- you already have that ability. other than that I can't comment about the screen because when I ordered the screen and lore, it was missing the screen. Overall, if you've read every other mage book there might be a couple ideas in here that you'll find useful but unless you're buying it strictly for the screen, you'll probably be disappointed.

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