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*A series of Hardcover Books released by troll Lord Games in the mid to about fantasy worlds and building them. While all bear his name, for the first three Gary Gygax was the primary author and later volumes he edited.*

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**Chapter 2 : Gary Gygax's Nation Builder | RPG Item | RPGGeek**

*Nation Builder* fleshes out themes first presented in *World Builder* (GFW II) and *Living Fantasy* (GFW III), but with its primary focus on the political, social, and economic entities that comprise states in both modern realistic and fantastic settings.

Arcane Spell Failure Speed 30 ft. A single edge axe blade with a single curve on the lower end of the blade. A wedge, honed at one extremity to a sharp edge and hollowed at the other. The hollow end holds a shaft or haft of wood. The handle is generally fashioned at right angles to the axe head. A loop is attached at the end of the haft. An single edge axe blade and short to medium length, three-sided spear tip mounted atop a wooden shaft. About 3 feet in length. As above, but as a club or mace. The head fashioned out of bronze. As with the bearded axe but wholly curved on the lower and upper end of the blade. Requires two hands to use. A single edge axe blade with curved edges up to twelve inches in length. The weapon is heavy headed, using the weight of its head as much as the cutting edge of its blade. Up to 4 feet in length. A formidable, socketed metal axe blade fitted to a wooden handle and wielded two-handed. A single curved blade on the lower end marks the head. A single edge axe blade with curved edges twelve to fifteen inches in length. A single edge axe blade made of bronze. The blade ranges in size but not over 9 inches in length. Cleaver Wide, thick blade: Very powerful downward blows. Cleaver, two-handed wide, thick blade: Longer handle and blade than the cleaver. There are many forms of this axe however they are characterized by a long, slender blade slightly curved on the exterior face, but deeply curved on the interior. The interior curve creates a deep bowl in the axe head. A spike or chisel mounted on the opposite face of the head affords balance. A short handed axe for chopping wood. A light axe associated with the Native Americans. It is used in close quarters combat or as a throwing axe. The Zulu Tribe in Africa used this short, approximately five foot long spear for thrusting to stab opponents at close quarters. It is an adaptation from the throwing spear, the length cut down and given a knob at the butt so as to prevent throwing, forcing hand-to-hand use only. A belaying pin is a small wooden billet used on sailing ships to secure lines. As a weapon it is like a small wooden club. A heavy wooden club. A short stick or club with one thick or loaded end. A 6 to 9 foot wooden fighting staff. A heavy staff or stick, usually tapered, made of wood or metal. As with Club above, with spikes attached. The spikes were either driven into the club, riveted or bound on the end. Also, barbed wire strands or even thorn bushes may be wrapped tightly around the end. Club, spiked, throwing acylis: A lighter club as above with heavier end for momentum see above. By broad definition a cudgel is any small club. The cudgel also refers to a practice sword made of wood and fitted with a basket hilt used in broadsword practice. A type of morningstar. The head is quite large, sometimes three inches in width, it is balanced with a double edged curved blade several inches long and topped by a spike. A large hammer with a wooden or iron head. The head is disproportionately heavy to the haft and socketed. This weapon is a simple short maple staff, very well balanced, and having the same length as a katana. A short wooden club with mounted knob at the end. A staple of the Zulu armies it was thrown or used in melee combat. A descendent of the early clubs, and used primarily against heavily armored opponents. The flanges on the mace serve to pierce armor as well as dent it. This is wooden club that has embedded in it obsidian chips. It is intended to slash opponents as well as bludgeon them. A form of mace, preferred by foot soldiers, with a spiked head for piercing armor. A short hand held weapon. Usually a metal or wooden stud bound in leather attached to a springy handle. Staff fighting staff, quarterstaff: This weapon is carried by a wide variety of people. The length is approximately six feet and is made of wood. Sometimes the staff is reinforced with metal caps on the ends and metal bands as well to make it a more durable fighting weapon. It is about 2 feet in length with a side handle at a right angle, serving as a forearm guard for blocking attacks. A short club associated with the American Indian. An 18" long double edged knife. A general term for all short thrusting bladed weapons with points or edges. A long thin dagger straight bladed dagger, ranging in length from 12 to 20 inches. A double ended fighting knife with the single edged blades curving opposite one another. The handle is in the center of the weapon, and is usually bound with leather or wire. A curved tool, generally used for pulling or holding. A hand tool with a sharp

pointed spike. Used for chipping ice. The blade of this weapon is notched Vshaped giving two points for piercing. The handle of this punching dagger remains the same as the katar. A single edged knife with part of the back edge shaped concavely and pointed. The Greco Green River knife is big enough for most large game. A dagger with a serpentine blade, associated with Indonesian or Malaysia. A dagger-like weapon with a thin blade, about 1 foot in length, useful for piercing chain mail or finding gaps in plate armor, puncturing vital organs. Often featuring a bloodletting groove down the thin blade. A Japanese parrying baton consisting of an iron bar with leather covered grip and two small side hooks mounted parallel to the bar. Sai with triangular main blade are also known. These weapons are often used in pairs. A tool or weapon with a long metal blade curved for cutting. Mounted on a short handle. A slender dagger with a blade that is thick in proportion to its width. The usual variety of this item is smaller than a bullwhip, more intended for pain and torture than as a weapon. The martial variety possesses an 18" handle controlling nine 18" whip strands of silk or leather cord usually set with metal bits or sometimes small, flesh-rending hooks with poison. Unlike the whip, the cat-o-nine tails deals actual damage and is not restricted in effectiveness by those having armor. The flail consists of two differing lengths of wood attached with a chain or leather thong. The longer piece serves as the handle while the shorter, usually heavier piece, serves as the weapon. As above but longer. A cone-shaped metal head attached to a length of chain or rope. The meteor hammer threatens a 10 ft. This weapon has two pieces of wood, of equal length and equally weighted, and attached with rope or chain. As with the Bull whip above. A piercing tool, like the axe, but with thin cutting blades set at right angles of the haft. Generally not used as a weapon but rather as a tool for cutting or shaping wood. A set of metal finger rings or guards attached to a transverse piece and worn over the front of the doubled fist.

## Chapter 3 : Michael O. Varhola - Wikipedia

*Gygaxian Fantasy Worlds Volume VI From the back cover: The crafting of an imaginary realm from which real entertainment will spring is a serious undertaking. Whatever its purpose, serving as the basis for role-playing game adventures or the setting of fictitious short stories or novels, the undertaking is a near Herculean one.*

Edit Gygax is the son of Ernest Gygax, and an American mother. It was from the same company that he placed an order for the first blank hexagon mapping sheets that were available. He was also looking for new ways to generate random numbers. To that end, he used not only the usual cubical six-sided dice, but dice of all five platonic solid shapes. We started playing in the period because I had found appropriate miniatures. I started devising rules where what the plastic figure was wearing was what he had. If he had a shield and no armor, then he just has a shield. I did rules for weapons as well. For the spell systems, Gygax would be inspired by Jack Vance , but also draw upon such renowned fantasy authors as Robert E. Sprague de Camp and Fritz Leiber. The hand-assembled print run of copies sold out in nine months. He sold it soon after to Brian Blume and his brother Kevin because of money problems. I was set up because I could manage. Eventually, though, we got the cartoon show going on CBS and I had a number of other projects in the works. While I was out there, though, I heard that the company was in severe financial difficulties and one of the guys, the one I was partnered with, was shopping it on the street in New York. I came back and discovered a number of gross mismanagements in all areas of the company. The bank was foreclosing and we were a million and a half in debt. We eventually got that straightened out, but I kind of got one of my partners kicked out of office. Then my partners, in retribution for that, sold his shares to someone else Lorraine Williams - ed. I tried to block it in court, but in the ensuing legal struggle the judge ruled against me. I lost control of the company, and it was then at that point I just decided to sell out. A key part of its design was to keep the gaming rules as simple as possible, as Gygax felt that role playing games were becoming too complex and discouraged new users. He is now in semi-retirement [1] , having almost suffered a heart attack after receiving incorrect medication [3] to prevent further strokes after those on April 1 and May 4 Together with James M. Gygax says he has been diagnosed with an inoperable abdominal aortic aneurysm. Gary Gygax has passed away. As of , he is father to six and grandfather to seven. His first five children are from his first marriage to the former Mary Jo Gygax. His latest is through his current marriage, and was born on Gygax currently resides in Lake Geneva , Wisconsin. Gary describes his studio in his typical narrative fashion as, a small but sunny upper roomâ€”cluttered with books, magazines, papers, and who-knows-what else. Right now, pending the redecorating of that room, I am lodged in the downstairs dining room at a long table that holds two computers and a scanner, with the printer hiding to one side below it. The radio there in the studio was usually tuned to a classical music station, but the station was sold, programming changed, so now I work sans music, or now and then with a CD playing through the computer. While there are bookcases in the upper studio, elsewhere on the second floor, and on the first floor, the main repository of printed lore other than that piled here and there is my basement library which includes thousands of reference works, maps, magazines, and works of fiction.

## Chapter 4 : Gary Gygax's Gygaxian Fantasy Worlds Volume 6: Nation Builder by Gary Gygax | LibraryThing

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*The World Builder is Volume II of a world-building series detailing the typical "Gygaxian Fantasy World" and is a "descriptive" giving the designer and the writer a plethora of information he/she can use to grant the fantasy setting of his choice greater verisimilitude.*

## Chapter 9 : Gary Gygax's World Builder: Gygaxian Fantasy Worlds Vol. 2 - PDF Free Download

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