
Top TTRPG Books of 2025 by Critical Role, MCDM, Paizo & More

Description

Several highly anticipated tabletop role-playing games that have been in development for years are set to be released in 2025, offering players and game masters a plethora of choices. Wizards of the Coast is concluding its 50th-anniversary rules update with the launch of a new Monster Manual, facing competition from former partners like Critical Role's Darrington Press, Paizo, and MCDM, amidst the aftermath of Hasbro's failed Open Gaming License revisions.

While Wizards of the Coast's release schedule for 2025 is relatively light, third-party publishers are continually reimagining the 5th edition system. This year will introduce players to kaiju hunts and folk horror adventures, as well as new narratives in the worlds of beloved fantasy authors. One notable upcoming release is Trevor Devall's The Broken Empires RPG, offering a flexible character creation system with a focus on exploration and intrigue.

Brandon Sanderson fans can also look forward to the Cosmere RPG, a system developed in collaboration with Brotherwise Games that will start with adventures on Roshar and expand to include other settings like Mistborn. Additionally, MCDM is launching Draw Steel, a new system emphasizing dynamic action and swift combat resolution.

Furthermore, Wizards of the Coast is finalizing the revision of the D&D 5e core rulebooks with a comprehensive Monster Manual release, featuring redesigned monsters and improved organization for Dungeon Masters. Other exciting releases in 2025 include Pathfinder Lost Omens: Rival Academies from Paizo and Ryoko's Guide to the Yokai Realms from Loot Tavern, both promising unique adventures and engaging gameplay experiences.

Starfinder 2nd Edition is undergoing playtesting to gather feedback for its official release at Gen Con, with updated rules fully compatible with Pathfinder 2e. Lastly, Modiphius Entertainment is bringing Terry Pratchett's Discworld to life with a new RPG, Adventures in Ankh-Morpork, featuring a custom Narrativium system for a whimsical gaming experience.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Anticipated** /æn'tɪsɪpeɪtɪd/ (adjective): Regarded as probable or likely to happen.
2. **Reimagining** /ˌriːɪ'mædʒɪnɪŋ/ (verb): Creating a new version or interpretation of something.
3. **Intrigue** /ɪn'triːg/ (noun): The quality of being fascinating or interesting often involving mysterious elements.
4. **Comprehensive** /ˌkɒmprɪ'hensɪv/ (adjective): Including all or nearly all elements or aspects; thorough.
5. **Emphasizing** /'emfəsaɪzɪŋ/ (verb): Giving special importance or prominence to something.
6. **Whimsical** /'wɪm.zɪ.kəl/ (adjective): Playfully quaint or fanciful especially in an appealing and amusing way.



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What are weaknesses in a system known as?
Option: Strengths
Option: Capabilities
Option: Vulnerabilities
Option: Opportunities
2. Which term refers to the movement of individuals from one place to another?
Option: Adaptation
Option: Migration
Option: Integration
Option: Exploration
3. What term describes a process where one event triggers a series of similar events?
Option: Crossover
Option: Chronology
Option: Succession
Option: Cascade
4. What is a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment called?
Option: Habitat
Option: Ecosystem
Option: Territory
Option: Environment
5. What do you call an animal that preys on others?
Option: Preparer
Option: Predator
Option: Provider
Option: Protector
6. Which term refers to something that is complete and thorough?
Option: Superficial
Option: Fragmentary
Option: Comprehensive
Option: Limited
7. What is an investigation into a matter or situation called?



- Option: Probe
- Option: Search
- Option: Research
- Option: Survey

8. What term describes a meeting often a chance one between people or groups?

- Option: Interaction
- Option: Collide
- Option: Encounter
- Option: Impede

9. Which term relates to the combined effects of temperature and salinity on seawater density?

- Option: Thermohaline
- Option: Halothermic
- Option: Temperature
- Option: Salinity

10. What is the importance or meaning of something referred to as?

- Option: Triviality
- Option: Inconsequence
- Option: Significance
- Option: Insignificance

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Being _____ means acting in anticipation of future problems or opportunities.
12. The archaeologists _____ ancient artifacts at the excavation site.
13. The _____ of seawater varies around the world.
14. Starting a new business is always a risky _____.
15. By repeatedly _____ the importance of safety the supervisor ensured that all workers followed the guidelines.
16. Scientists use _____ to remotely monitor data from satellites.
17. The lion is considered a top _____ in the savannah.
18. The _____ of different technologies has led to the development of innovative



products.

19. The security breach resulted from a successful network _____ by hackers.

20. During their hiking trip they hoped to _____ rare wildlife.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The process of combining different elements into a harmonious whole was known as .
22. Animals that primarily feed on plants and vegetation are categorized as .
23. Scientists who study the history of life on Earth through fossils are referred to as .
24. A journey or voyage undertaken for a specific purpose or mission is called an .
25. The long- sequel to the popular movie generated a lot of buzz among fans.
26. The artist's of the classic painting brought a fresh perspective to the original work.
27. The complex plot of the thriller movie was full of and unexpected twists.
28. Taking a approach to problem-solving can help prevent issues before they arise.
29. The children's book was filled with colorful illustrations and characters.
30. The detective needed to the true identity of the suspect.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Vulnerabilities 2. Migration 3. Cascade 4. Ecosystem 5. Predator 6. Comprehensive 7. Probe 8. Encounter 9. Thermohaline 10. Significance

Gap-Fill: 11. Proactive 12. Unearthed 13. Salinity 14. Venture 15. Emphasizing 16. Telemetry 17. Predator 18. Convergence 19. Penetration 20. Encounter

Matching sentence: 1. Integration 2. Herbivores 3. Paleontologists 4. Expedition 5. Anticipated 6. Reimagining 7. Intrigue 8. Proactive 9. Whimsical 10. Ascertain

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