

# Famous Wizards

*agrippa*



Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim  
1486-1535  
Mystic and Alchemist  
Germany

The daughter of the sun god Helios and the sea nymph Perse, Circe lived on the island of Aeaea, near the west coast of Italy. She had a bad habit of turning Muggles into beasts until she fell in love with the Muggle Odysseus and mended her ways. She told Odysseus how to find the spirit of the Theban seer Tiresias in the underworld in order to learn how to safely travel home.

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*Hermes Trismegistus*



Hermes Trismegistus  
1570-1683  
Alchemist and Seer  
Britain

Agrippa of Nettesheim was born to a once-noble family near Cologne, and studied both medicine and law there. His career is diverse: secret agent, soldier, physician, orator, and law professor. In 1509, he set up a laboratory in Dôle in the hopes of synthesizing gold, and for the next decade or so traveled Europe, making a living as an alchemist. Agrippa wrote on a great many topics, but his most important work is the three-volume *De occulta philosophiae*, a defense of "hidden philosophy" or magic, which draws on diverse mystical traditions.

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*Circe*



Circe  
1271-1218 BCE  
Sorceress  
Italy

The teacher of the magical system known as Hermeticism of which high magic and alchemy are thought to be twin branches. The name Trismegistus means thrice-greatest, and is the title given by the Greeks to the Egyptian god Thoth or Tehuti, a lord of wisdom and learning. Surviving Hermes Trismegistus is the wisdom of the *Hermetica*, 42 books that have profoundly influenced the development of Western magic.

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