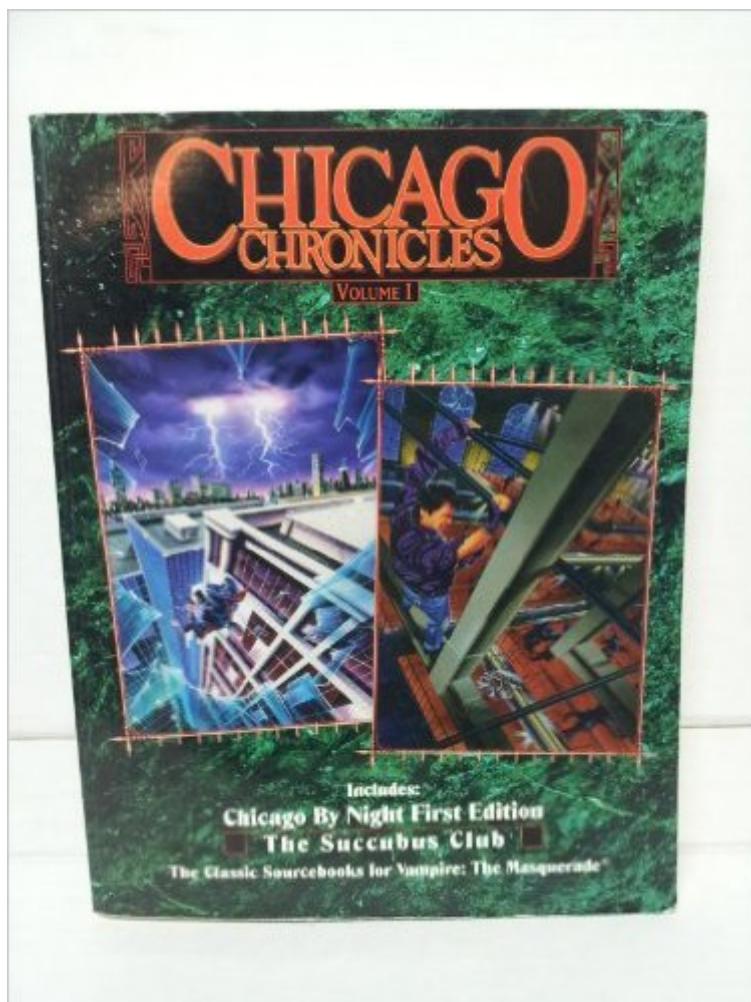


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traveling to and from the windy city and travel within the city as well. Chapter Two covers the history of Chicago from the perspective of the vampires who dwell there. Thus it either glosses over, ignores, or puts a vampiric slant on real world events and mostly concentrates on the power struggles of the vampires. I often found myself flipping back and forth between this chapter and the characters chapter in order to understand who was who and what the motivations behind the events were. Chapter Three is where the book struggles with finding a balance between its own fictional world and the real world.

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