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# The Ultimate Guide To Tarot: A Beginner's Guide To The Cards, Spreads, And Revealing The Mystery Of The Tarot



## Synopsis

Discover the facts, myth, history, and mystery of the spiritual art of Tarot-reading. Whether you want to learn to read the cards or deepen your Tarot interpretation skills, *The Ultimate Guide to Tarot* honors the deep heritage of Tarot, while guiding you through practical techniques. Tarot expert Liz Dean offers an overview to all of the important elements of each card from symbols, to links with astrology, kabbala and numerology. *The Ultimate Guide to Tarot* also includes all the classic tarot spreads - Celtic Cross, Horseshoe, Star and Astrological Year Ahead - plus, a mini-layout to try for each of the 22 major cards. Learn how to combine the three essential ingredients of a great tarot reading: knowing the meaning of the cards, how to lay them out, and trusting the intuitive messages the images often spark within us during a reading. This synthesis is the true magic of tarot. With the authority and confidence this book offers, *The Ultimate Guide to Tarot* will be the must-have companion for beginner readers and tarot aficionados alike.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is amazing!! My shelf is filled with at least a dozen tarot books and this is the best primer hands down. The color illustrations of the cards are stunning and rarely have I seen the cards' meanings explained this well--easy-to-understand but still peppered with lots of interesting insights. A beginner won't be intimidated but the more advanced practitioner will still learn things. This is a simply gorgeous book that you'll love to look at AND use!

This beautifully written and presented book is a wonderful, in-depth comprehensive guide to all

aspects of the tarot. It's ideal for a complete beginner and can be used as a workbook for learning to read the cards. There's plenty for the experienced reader too, with lots of background about each card. This includes little known information about the history and evolution of tarot symbolism, a special area of expertise for Liz. The introductory chapters cover the structure of the deck, how to look after your cards and a chapter on spreads from simple to complex. Each major arcana card has its own section, containing a detailed interpretation, upright and reversed meanings, an examination of each symbolic element, a list of linked minor arcana cards and a suggested themed spread. The minor arcana has an "understanding the card" section along with upright and reversed meanings. There are some useful appendices listing the astrological and kabbalistic correspondences for the cards, as well as links with the chakra system. Although Liz gives a lot of information in the book about other historical decks, this book is focussed on the Rider-Waite-Smith deck, with colour illustrations from the Universal Waite deck. It's a great way to learn "or learn more" about the tarot and would make a great gift for a beginner.

If you were confused by all the "beginning" tarot books, set them aside and buy "The Ultimate Guide To Tarot" by Liz Dean. It is by far the best book on tarot I've read so far. So many other books ramble on with incredibly esoteric concepts which unless you've studied them your whole life, would be difficult to understand. This is literally a card by card, step by step, introduction and guideline to reading and comprehending tarot cards. For most readers you would have to go no further than this book. Each card is featured with a large, clear photo, and all of its attributes plainly written in a logical and sensible format. If you had to buy one and only one book on reading tarot, this has to be it.

My first books on the Tarot (over 40 years ago) were those by Eden Grey. These were followed by Eileen Connolly's three "Handbooks" (to this day, probably my favorite of the dozens that I have read). Hajo Banzhaf's "Tarot and the Journey of the Hero" is quite possibly the most enlightening book on the Major Arcana that I have ever read. Why do I mention all of these other books? Because as much as I love every one of them for how they have helped me understand the Tarot, if I was to recommend a single book to a beginner who wanted to start on a meaningful journey into the Tarot, it would be this one. There's no way around it - if you want to achieve meaningful results with the Tarot, you have to commit to learning the 78 meanings (156 if you use reversed meanings), and this takes time. But with the excellent descriptions of the cards themselves, and especially valuable discussions of the symbols contained on the cards, I believe the time can be condensed,

and a deeper understanding of the cards obtained using this book than any other single book that I have read. Even for someone who first learned the cards 40 years ago (and whose memory is not quite what it once was), this book provided an excellent "refresher" - and provided some new insights that I had not read before. Note: This book is very closely tied to the Rider/Waite/Coleman Tarot deck (and is illustrated with the Universal Waite deck). Although there are many different Tarot decks available (I have about a dozen), I HIGHLY recommend using one of the Waite decks for study with this book.

This is one of the best beginner and more advanced tarot books around that I've read for some time. It's simple format makes it easy to follow and there's a gradual build-up of knowledge for those who don't want to be overwhelmed by information. Lovely cards, well written, clear and thorough - an essential book for any tarot reader's shelf.

I'm new to Tarot and was looking for a complete guide.. this is FANTASTIC!! The author takes you through the subject in a comprehensive but easy to follow style.. fascinating.. I'm hooked on Tarot! Thank you.

I loved the clarity of this book. All the cards are explained in detail and then you can do readings around specific cards to focus in on specific issues. Liz Dean has again written a wonderful tarot book that gives you new information and insight into personal readings.

An intelligent accessible guide - it delivers much more than I expected. Its beautifully illustrated, I really liked the cards used throughout the book. Lots of tips that I've tried out and work really well for me - the historical boxes are an added bonus that make this an informative read as well as a great tarot guide. Love it.

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