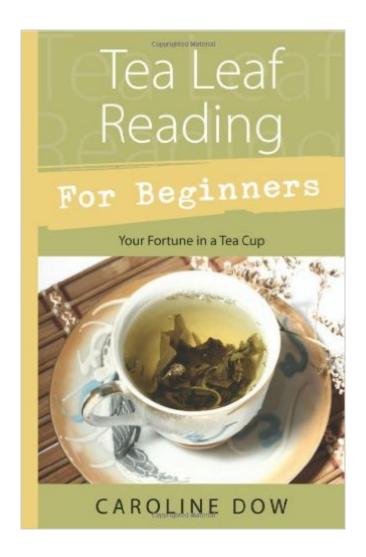
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# Tea Leaf Reading For Beginners: Your Fortune In A Tea Cup





## Synopsis

With a cup of freshly brewed tea, you can indulge in an age-old custom that brings you deep relaxation, healthful rejuvenationâ •and a sense of wonder as you see what the leaves reveal. In six simple steps, you'll learn to read tea leaves like a pro. Four sample readings with photos will help you interpret tea-leaf patterns even more easily. You'll also find hundreds of symbols and their meanings, grouped by themeâ •from animals and sun signs to travel and trees. â •Prepare herbal infusions for better health â •Give tea-leaf readingsâ •Host a tea partyâ •Master tea-taking etiquetteâ •Brew the perfect pot

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#### **Customer Reviews**

This originally appeared on The Magical Buffet website on 8/8/11. Anyone who has read The Magical Buffet for a while knows that I love food and drink. When the opportunity presents itself to review a book that could potentially give me ideas of new things to eat or drink, I always go for it. And that is why I was thrilled that Llewellyn Worldwide sent me a copy of "Tea Leaf Reading for Beginners: Your Fortune in a Tea Cup" by Caroline Dow for me to take a look at. There are a lot of books out there about tea leaf reading. For instance I own a copy of the second printing of "Tea Leaf Reading" by William W. Hewitt that Llewellyn published in 1992. My discerning teenage eye choose it because of the pretty gypsy woman peering into a tea cup on the cover. "Tea Leaf Reading" is a fine book. Total truth in advertising. Looking to learn about reading tea leaves? Try "Tea Leaf Reading"! However Caroline Dow gives you tea leaf reading and so much more!Yes, "Tea Leaf Reading for Beginners" gives you everything you need to know to start attempting to read

tea leaves. Part two of the book is an ample section on interpreting symbols, although Dow also encourages practice and intuition to determine what symbols mean to you personally. And let's face it, that is the bulk of what most books about tea leaf reading are, a big ol' glossary of symbols. Let's take a look back at my "Tea Leaf Reading" book from the 90's. It is 226 pages long with pages 25 to 205 being a glossary. I'm not complaining, I'm just pointing out what you can expect from most tea leaf reading books. "Tea Leaf Reading for Beginners" is 288 pages long with the glossary of symbols being pages 131 to 246. That leaves 128 pages of other stuff!So what can you find in those other 128 pages? Tons.

Tasseomancy, or tasseography, the reading the omens/future, etc., with tea leaves, started in 17th century Europe, so it has some history. Like all kinds of divination, belief is in the beholder. It's up to you to decide how seriously you take it. I bought this book to create a fun activity for a tea party, so I'm not real serious about it. And author Caroline Dow recognizes that possibility, when she writes: "Okay, you want to be a tea leaf reader for fun, for profit - if the laws of your state permit - or in a sincere desire to help people achieve their highest potentials. How do you start?"As a "non-believer", who bought this book for fun, I did occasionally roll my eyes. For example, you're told to use a black tea scented with jasmine, rose or hibiscus petals for questions involving "love, romance and friendship". You can't read love in orange pekoe? To be fair, though, she does also say that she is giving recommendations and each reader finds his/her own way.Dow also makes it clear that the client/inquirer has a big part to play in the reading, and the tea reader should observe the client closely and ask careful questions. "In tea leaf reading, you have more experience and practice reading symbols than your inquirer. That person, while new to the game, has more knowledge and experience with his or her own life."This attitude is interesting, because usually skeptics deride a psychic who asks leading questions - I can't help but think of Professor Marvel in "The Wizard of Oz". In Dow's opinion, this is not chicanery, but the client consciously or subconsciously offering the truth to the reading. However, I will say this, if you are genuinely interested in giving readings from tea leaves, I think this book is very thorough and accessible.

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