



A POET'S TAROT



Here, contained within *pure silk*, is an exciting tarot deck and book all in one! These uniquely two-sided cards (each featuring original art on one side and an interpretive poem on the other) are guaranteed to draw the seeker into the realm of psychic awareness — giving insights about the deeper self, relationships and the environment. This highly - recommended tarot is complete in itself or fully complements other decks. Instructions are included. 74 black, white, silver and violet cards.



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These cards come wrapped in silk, as this insulates and protects their energy from outside influences.

Many people draw cards from the deck at random when advice, answers or insight are desired. Some of us keep one or more cards out on an altar or other location (protected from wind, water or fading from extended exposure to sunshine) to help focus our energies or guide our meditative learnings.

These cards may be shuffled and read in any of the usual fashions for tarot (whatever feels best to the reader) or may be used as a reference book to complement other decks.

If you are unsure how to handle these cards for shuffling because there is no blank side, may we suggest closing your eyes or simply unfocussing them, keeping the word side up.

Tarot is a very ancient tool for the contemplation of life. Although it may indeed be possible to predict the future through the use of tarot cards, that is not believed to be their original purpose. In an earlier repressive period in history these cards were forced to go underground to survive, passing as a mere fortune-telling game, because all books containing the old knowledge were being confiscated or destroyed. There are now many good books available as a means of introduction to the tarot. Some aspects of this deck, however, are unique.

All tarot cards are divided into the major arcana, and the minor arcana which consists of four suits. Here, the Sticks, Bowls and Knives are alternate titles for the Wands, Cups, and Swords, and the suit of Pentacles has evolved to become the suit of Pens. The suit of Sticks portrays process and the nature of reality (therefore corresponding to the element of earth); the Bowls focus on time, feelings, and relationships (therefore associated with water); the Pens: patterns and concepts (air); and the Knives: energy, form, and spirit (fire).

Thirteen is the number of magic, and of moons in a year. There are 13 cards now in these suits; there are no more kings. Neither is the hierarchical format of "court cards" still relevant. These have been replaced by animals, representatives of the higher order. The XI's, XII's and XIII's of the four suits can also be taken to represent the 12 astrological signs: the XI's being the mutable, the XII's the fixed and the XIII's the cardinal sign of each element. The correspondences are as follows:

- XI Sticks - Virgo
- XII Sticks - Taurus
- XIII Sticks - Capricorn
- XI Bowls - Pisces
- XII Bowls - Scorpio
- XIII Bowls - Cancer
- XI Pens - Gemini
- XII Pens - Aquarius
- XIII Pens - Libra
- XI Knives - Sagittarius
- XII Knives - Leo
- XIII Knives - Aries

