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The Steampunk Tarot



Synopsis

Where the past and future converge . . . With a turn of the wheel and a spin of the cog, the oracular machinery lumbers into action. The curtains slowly draw back; the time has come to reveal your destiny. Created by award-winning tarot expert Barbara Moore and brilliantly brought to life by artist Aly Fell, The Steampunk Tarot deck offers a glimpse of the future through a lens to the past. Retooling the gears of the Rider-Waite tradition, each card's intricate artwork depicts a scintillating fusion of man and machine, nature and technology, science and alchemy, romance and fashion. The included manual offers tips, original spreads, and guidance in card interpretation. Praise: "An electric marriage of favorite geeky things, this deck is the perfect formula." —Geek Mom Blog on Wired.com

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Customer Reviews

In the early 1990s, at a party, someone put a tarot deck in Barbara's hands; she's held on tightly ever since. Tarot provides just enough structure so that we don't get lost as we explore the mysteries, plumb our dark corners, and locate our North Stars. Barbara has been reading and writing for as long as she can remember. She's published a number of books on tarot, including Tarot for Beginners, Tarot Spreads, The Steampunk Tarot, The Gilded Tarot, The Mystic Dreamer Tarot, and Tarot of the Hidden Realm. Writing is solitary work and is relieved by teaching tarot at conferences around the world. Barbara also loves working directly with clients, helping them uncover guidance and insight in the cards. Connect with Barbara online at

www.tarotshaman.com. Aly Fell is a UK-based illustrator with over 20 years experience in publishing, animation, and games.~

I used to read using an old Robinwood deck a friend gave me, but after I lost it during a major move, I stopped reading for a long time. Every once and a while I'd hop online and search for a new deck half-heartedly, but nothing jumped out at me. Then I ran across this Steampunk deck by Barbara Moore, and it was love at first sight. The deck itself is richly illustrated, and far more than just a novelty piece to collect. Each card is a fantastic new interpretation of an old system, but because it's Steampunk, the designs still maintain the old feel, rather than a new-age or alien feel that you may see in other decks. The book which comes with the deck is extremely insightful, and as many others have noted, is written like the author is just a friend chatting with you over tea. I am 100% fascinated and satisfied by this purchase. Highly recommended for beginners, as well as others who already read and are looking to connect with an interesting new deck.

The art work has a lot of detail which I appreciate, and the steampunk theme well done. The colors are muted with brown overtones sort of like an old vintage photo. I really enjoyed the aviatix on the mechanical chariot, the devil card is well done and captures my attention, but my favorite card is the knight of pentacles who is a British soldier with pith helmet and red tunic with a mechanical device strapped to his back. For those of you who don't know steampunk is sort of quirky mix of science fiction, steam engines and Victorian era fashion, with some emphasis on gears and clockworks all very neat. Having said all of that this is still a serious and accurate tarot deck. The book itself is some 294 pages with the core meaning of each card given and then a more detailed description, plus a page devoted to the picture of the card tying everything together. I enjoyed the spreads at the back of the book in particular Panoramic Photograph Spread. My only complaint is that the cards feel a little bit thin. Thanks Barbara Moore and artist Aly Fell, for a nicely themed deck.

Lovely set of card that are sturdy and have a nice texture to them. The cards and book are wonderful. The cards have beautiful images full of symbolism and meaning that beautiful balance tarot and steampunk. The book itself is very interesting and insightful. I personally love how the writer of book is very upfront and honest about the deck, her knowledge of tarot and where to find more information. I would highly recommend this deck to anyone looking for a goods starting deck or anyone looking for a fun and interesting novelty deck of card.

I am constantly surprised by how much I get out of the images in this deck. I enjoy the female centric interpretations of the artist.. Some of the visages of the people depicted tell the whole story. The book is well written as well. It's motivational, productive, and lovely.

I love these cards! I first saw them on an app and knew I had to have them. The images and descriptions really spoke to me. The genre choice is creative and the artwork is lovely. I'm really impressed with the book too! Chock full of details and insight. I've only had it for a few days but have already learned more from this deck than with the traditional RWS deck I've used for a year. I like a little give when I shuffle so the thinner card stock is perfect for me.

THE STEAMPUNK TAROT Journey into a world that is like no other. The Steampunk Tarot is a very unusual deck. It is based in the world that is slightly 1800's Victorian England and slightly mechanical, gears and industrial. If you have ever seen a depiction of a Steampunk world, it is very cool to look at. Top hats and umbrellas, gears and ancient pilot goggles - I love all things steampunk. So, this deck was definitely a great fit for me. We all have those decks that we gravitate to. This is my go-to deck. If I don't have a deck in mind, I will always grab this one. I totally resonate with it. Love it! The Steampunk Tarot is a Rider-Waite based deck with the artwork by English artist, Aly Fell. If you have never heard of the Rider-Waite deck, you must be living under a rock or have never picked up a deck in the last two decades. A lot of decks these days are based on the original tarot deck, that is now published by U.S. Games Systems, Inc. It is the old-school tarot that many people still use and love. But a lot of tarot makers don't vary much from the original depictions of the cards that Pamela Colman Smith created in 1909. But of course, everyone puts their own spin on the cards. The Steampunk deck is no different. Fell has provided what looks like digital artwork for the cards. And if you are not a fan of digital, stand back and take a new look. You're gonna love this artwork. It's all in a bit of an amber/brown cast that truly brings about the steampunk genre. The companion book is a massive 298 page tome written by my favorite tarot book author, Barbara Moore. (Yes, I'm a fan girl. Can authors have fan girls?) I always suggest any books written by her to people who are new and wanting to learn tarot and know the definitions as I learned them. It is awesome and definitely worth picking up along with the deck itself. Mine came together... love, love, love that. As far as descriptions of the card and divination info you get a small black and white photo of each card and a good bit of text that sometimes can run two or three pages. Most tarot decks have court cards, which can or may not depict actual physical people. The usual deck will only have women depicted as the Queens. But it is a toss up to figure out what gender is a king, a queen, a

knight or a page. And that doesn't bother me at all, but it will bother some. If you are looking for an unusual deck that is very unique and stands out, then this deck is definitely for you.

The card art is pretty good- a lot of Steampunk cliches but attractively done. Most of the cards are the standard Rider/Waite/Smith images tweaked, but some are original. The cards themselves are printed on thin stock (like cheap playing cards) and are already a bit warped- after shuffling and handling they're going to look pretty dogeared. Also, the cards are loose- no box? The book is better- an explanation of the cards with a bit of history tossed in. There is some good sound material, but the writing style is easy and comfortable. Enjoy the cards, pay more attention to the book.

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