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Tarot Illuminati Kit



Synopsis

A profound quest for enlightenment drives us to grow, overcome challenges, and reach our full potential. Combining artistic beauty, symbolic depth, and intuitive vigor, the Tarot Illuminati warms the soul and frees the mind. This evocative tool of self-discovery is rich with ornate, vividly beautiful illustrations that will illuminate your path to higher purpose and true fulfillment. The Boxed kit (5.5 x 8.5) includes 78 full-color cards with gilded, gold-foil edges and a 160-page book with color illustrations. The companion booklets for most Lo Scarabeo decks are in five languages: English, Spanish, French, Italian, and German.

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Customer Reviews

Kim Huggens has been studying Tarot since the age of 9, and is the co-author of Sol Invictus: The God Tarot (Schiffer Publications, 2007) and in-progress companion deck Pistis Sophia: The Goddess Tarot. She lives in Cardiff, UK, where she works as a veterinary receptionist part-time to fund her university studies in Ancient History. She moved to Cardiff in 2002 for her undergraduate degree in Philosophy, and also graduated with an MA in Religion in Late Antiquity from Cardiff University in 2007. Kim has given numerous talks and workshops on the subject of Tarot, divination, Paganism and mythology in the UK, and regularly runs Tarot courses. She is a practicing Vodouisante and Thelemite, and a member of the OTO. She lives with her partner and cat, and in her spare time plays Call of Cthulhu, Dungeons and Dragons, writes short fiction, goes for walks in graveyards and wishes she could translate Sumerian. Erik C. Dunne is an artist who works on commissioned projects. He's traveled extensively, retracing the footsteps of legendary kings and

queens, riding camels across the dunes of Persia, and galloping heavy steeds across fields of gold. A classically trained artist, his medium of choice is digital, where he has allowed his passion for costume design and his roots in the theater to lend their resounding voices to each and every card he creates.~

I pre-ordered this kit and was a little put off when the ship date was moved back - but Boy! Was it worth the wait! The book has a color print of each card, which I always appreciate, and was written by Kim Huggens who wrote Tarot 101 (highly recommended). There is mention on p. 152 of an ebook called The Tarot Illuminati Revealed, which (I think) is now titled "Complete Guide to Tarot Illuminati" and available on Kindle. The deck is amazing. To me, this is a deck of dream images. While most dream decks are filled with wispy/foggy images in watercolor and pastel, these images are instead what I see when I dream: they are lush, eerily beautiful, highly detailed, and hyperrealistic. The complexity of the images makes these cards utterly fascinating; here are images that confound the eye, and pull the viewer into their world. Thank you, Erik Dunne, for your genius! Update: It wasn't until I went to shuffle the cards for the first time that I noticed bits of paper had come off the backs of several of the cards. This must have occurred when I pulled the cards apart. It's not unusual for brand new cards to stick together a bit, but I've never seen them damaged. (All swords, too. Hmmm.) It makes the deck useless for divination. I am having send me a new deck and returning this one. Update II: I received the replacement deck 2 days later, and it is perfect! The cards didn't stick together at all.

Totally disappointed in this deck!!! Although it is Uniquely beautiful the manufacturing is very poor. All the gilt edges STICK together like GLUE. When I was able to pry them apart the artwork on both front and back was damaged. Not just a few cards but ALL . The box also has a wrinkle right down the middle of the face. I don't keep the boxes but it's really a nice box.... I am sending it back for a replacement and HOPE to get a better product because I truly do love this deck.

I'm giving this deck five stars because it's a beautiful deck, beautiful book and beautiful kit and the authors/artists don't deserve to have their ranking diminished for the publisher's issues. BUT some of the batch sent to is defective. Like another person said, many of the cards were stuck together, causing some of the card backing to come off on the cards. AND my copy also has a weird stripe of oddness at the top of each and every card. I've now heard of three people who all have the same complaints. And I've also heard of many others who received a perfect deck. I'm choosing to keep

my deck rather than return it, because as GORGEOUS as these cards are, I won't use them often enough to care. But it's sub-standard and the worst issue I've ever encountered with a deck (primarily because I have had the fortune to always receive pristine decks). Lo Scarabeo dropped the ball on SOME copies. And all of those copies I've heard about so far--perfect and flawed--have come from . So be aware it's a crap shoot ordering from here for the time being. That said, has some of the best customer service in the world from my experience, So if you get a bad one, they'll make good on it for you. But just know this is an issue happening on SOME decks. But the deck art is every bit as gorgeous as you hope it would be, and the book is well written. I highly recommend this deck.

It's a stunning set and well worth the price! I wondered why it was priced a little higher than most decks but then I saw that it was a kit rather than just a deck. It comes in a sturdy and decorative box with a magnet closure. There is a full-color book to accompany it. The book pages are thick, glossy, and far from cheap. The cards themselves have gilt edges, which are beautiful, but as some remarked, they did make the cards stick together. I ended up having to pry up some of the edges on the artwork, which was unfortunate. The artwork itself is fairly intricate and dreamlike, but in many instances I felt it looked too photomanipulated, even sometimes too Photoshop amateur hour. Overall it's lovely, though. I personally liked that the entire Pentacles suit had a Chinese theme and the Wands suit had a Middle Eastern theme. I don't often see people who look like me in western-made Tarot decks, so it's a wonderful touch. They'll be an easy read if you're used to the Rider-Waite; the imagery is heavily lifted from that standard. The Pages and Knights are replaced by Princesses and Princes, which suits the deck theme. However with the gilt edges, they stick together too much to be practical, so I may just keep this one as a display set or use it for plot ideas when I write.

This is by far my favorite tarot deck ever. The artwork is stunning! It's designed in RWS tradition but omg the pictures are so much better, far more expressive. The heavy cardstock and gilded edges give this deck an incredibly rich feel. Yes it can make it a little hard to shuffle but it's worth it. If you like tarot decks that give a subtle and gentle read this isn't the deck for you. The messages this deck give are very straightforward and upfront. That's how I prefer it actually. I normally don't keep the boxes tarot cards come in but this box is an exception. Extremely sturdy and beautiful as well. I keep my deck in there along with the book all the time now. The book is very well written and gives a wonderful explanation of the cards for those who are still learning. All in all I can't give enough

stars 10! 17! 42! Best deck ever!

I received my beautiful cards today. The cards are vibrant with a wide variety of colors. They fit into my hands quite easily. The gilded edges are absolutely beautiful. The book, that accompanies this deck, has color photos of each card. The explanations of these cards are detailed and easily understood. The box may be magnetized because the flap stays in place when the box is closed. The box is a masterpiece in and of itself. The pictures don't do justice to this deck. I am VERY happy with my purchase.

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