



Getting to Know Your Deck

HI EVERYBODY!

This mini-lesson is about how to get to know your deck.

Why is it important to take the time to get to know your deck? Your Oracle deck is a communication device. It is a tool you can use to communicate directly with the Conscious Universe, the Divine, Spirit, or whatever you call your Higher Power. You will really want to get familiar with how each deck speaks, especially since all Oracle decks are different.

— **The first thing to do when you get your new deck is to thank it.** Just hold it in your hands and thank the deck in advance for being a supportive partner to you. By doing this, you are acknowledging that the deck is alive, that it is in service to you, and that it allows communication with the Divine.

**Always approach your deck with a sense of gratitude and curiosity!*

— **Next, one by one, look at every card.** Just go through the deck and get a feel for it. Look at the artwork. Notice how you feel.

— **Read the introduction in the guidebook!** This will tell you more about your deck.

- Why it was written
- What the author wants you to know
- What the author's intention is for the user. *The intention of the author is important to how you receive what's in the deck. You want to know why the author created the deck.*

In my **Spirit Animal Oracle** guidebook, I tell you why I wrote it, what I intended for you, and the purpose of the deck. My guidebooks are thick because I want you to learn what the deck means and what all the cards mean according to how I created them.

Once you ask a question and choose a card, first, just look at the card. Take in the artwork. How does it make you feel? What do you think it's saying to you? *The art is chosen by the author as a pictorial meaning of the card.*

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