



# The Wisdom of Avalon

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## HELLO ORACLE CIRCLE MEMBERS!

You may have noticed that once you make friends with an Oracle deck, you immediately want to know all about it. As a creator of Oracle decks, I get asked all the time about the decks. People want to know their origin story, how they came to be, what inspired the artwork, and about the symbolism in each deck.

As part of my Oracle Circle, you are in the right place! I thought it would be fun to feature each deck and talk a little about each one and how they came to be.

So, let's start at the beginning with my very first deck, **The Wisdom of Avalon!**

This is the first deck that I created for Hay House. Prior to that, I played around with creating my own decks with ordinary playing cards. I would take each playing card and use a sticker to cover the front and then I'd write a message on it, and that was how I'd do readings. This method was actually the beginnings of the Avalon Deck.

**Why did I choose Avalon as the theme for this deck?** Well, when I was a little girl, I always painted blue crescent moons on my forehead. I didn't know why, I just really wanted a blue crescent moon there. Years later, I read the book, *The Mists of Avalon*, by Marion Zimmer Bradley. This book contains the description of the Avalon priestess, whose symbol was the blue crescent moon tattooed on their foreheads! I've had an affinity to the legend of Avalon since. I began to study and read all about the Avalon myth, so when Hay House approached me about creating an Oracle card deck, I immediately asked if I could do one with Avalon as the theme.

Now let's look at the deck.

First, if you look at the back of the deck, you'll notice there is a **blue crescent moon**, which is the symbol of the priestess, and a **chalice**, which is the symbol of the goddess.

The deck is structured with 4 different sections:

- 1) **The Messengers of Avalon** - These are the people cards. You'll meet the King, Queen, Merlin, and the High Priestess, just to name a few.
- 2) **The Animal Guides of Avalon** - These are some of the animals that I saw while in England, and they speak specifically about the subjects that needed to be added to the lexicon (the symbolic language of the deck)



- 3) **The Guides of Faery** - They are some of the other magical and mystical beings that inhabit this world, as well. They are represented by the four elements and the Goblin, which speaks to our shadow self and wounded ego.
- 4) **The Sacred Journey Markers** - These markers indicate when we have reached a point in our lives where we need to look at that particular theme. *In the first printing of this deck, all the Sacred Journey Markers were the same, in subsequent printings, they are each unique.*

The Wisdom of Avalon is always meant to be read upright, there are no reverse meanings in the guidebook. It is a gentler deck and great for beginners.

I hope you enjoyed this peek into Avalon. The next deck I will talk about in this series will be my 2nd deck, **The Wisdom of the Hidden Realms**

Until next time,

*Collette*

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