

Introduction

FIRST AND FOREMOST...

Simplicity is the ultimate key to learning and understanding the Tarot. So before anything, this deck is meant to be simple and easy to understand and use. But it is also intended to lead you on a fantastic, yet memorable voyage of intuition, discovery, and endless possibilities using the beautifully sublime illustrations of Jasmine Becket-Griffith as your guides. Brace yourself, as this will be one journey that will keep you coming back for more.

In each card within this deck, you will encounter benevolent mystical beings who will aid and entice you to explore the answers you have been seeking and longing for. These magickal beings have been with you since the creation of man and since the day you were born. They are far more experienced than you and I—or anyone else who dwells on this planet. They have seen it all. They know your past, present, and future. They know all about you. They have seen you shed tears of joy and sorrow. They were there in your most difficult times. They have seen you walk down those lonely, cold paths time after time. When you were wide awake, they were in your consciousness, and when you slept at night, they were inside your subconscious as well. But you were too blinded to see or feel them near you. So today, they've decided to manifest themselves once more to keep any past pains and regrets from repeating themselves, and to pave the way to a better and brighter future that awaits you.

Before you read any further, if you are a seasoned Tarot reader, you will notice the traditional Court cards—the Pages, Knights, Queens, and Kings—have taken on different characteristics:

The Pages have been replaced with Flower Fairies.

The Knights, Queens and Kings have been replaced with astrological signs.

This was done to simplify the Court cards for beginners who are starting to learn and read Tarot cards for the first time. Although, as many of you might not be aware, astrological signs are traditionally associated with the Court cards anyway (for example, the Queen of Pentacles associates with Capricorn). Regardless, I've also provided the traditional Court card meanings for those who are more experienced

Now, LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

About these Beautiful Creatures

Using the *Beautiful Creatures Tarot* will be like using any other Tarot deck. It is meant to guide you and give you wise advice when you most need it. When you feel like you have lost hope and have nowhere to run, these beautiful creatures are here for you. Always! For as long as you need them to be.

Some of these creatures you will be familiar with. You will feel as if, and believe, you've seen them before. Where exactly? Maybe they have been in your dreams when you've slept at night, in your imagination when your mind has wandered off from your daily duties, or maybe even in a past life! Then there are those you may not be familiar with; but don't worry. They are totally familiar with *you*.

All of these creatures are benevolent, yet some *appear* to be malevolent. Don't let malicious attributes intimidate you. These childlike entities are nowhere near mean, rude, or evil; they are simply audacious, sassy, and yes, even prissy. But most important, they are honest to a fault and carry a very strong personality. These beautiful creatures come disguised as mystical beings such as fairies, witches, countesses, maidens, etc. Other creatures might be similar to people with whom you've crossed paths or people in your life. If you are unfamiliar with one of these creatures, make time to get to know her better. Talk to her if you must. Before you sleep or take a nap, ask her to come into your dreams. When you're home alone or driving in your car, ask her if she has a message for you. Don't be afraid. These creatures want to connect with you. They will not judge you; in fact, they will help and understand you.

Overall, you may ask yourself these questions:

- How do I bond and collaborate with these beautiful creatures?
- In what areas of my life will I ask them to assist me?

The answers are strictly up to you. You see, these creatures were once in *your* shoes. Yes, they were! That is why they've made a world of their own—a place where pain doesn't exist and where there's a solution for every problem. They've made a place to share with you.

ABOUT THIS TAROT DECK

This Tarot follows the same structure as any other Tarot deck; for example, it features 78 cards. These 78 cards are divided into the Major Arcana that consists of 22 cards and the Minor Arcana that contains 56 cards. Out of the 56 cards, there are 16 that are called the Courts. The Courts embody the Kings, Queens, Knights, and Pages.

For this second edition Tarot deck, the traditional groups and titles of the traditional Tarot have been applied to each of the cards. For example, you will have the original names of the Major Arcana and the original elements (Wands, Swords, Cups, and Pentacles). The Courts have kept their original titles (Kings, Queens, Knights, and Pages).

One thing that you should take into consideration is that the images in this deck are somewhat different and only loosely based on the traditional meanings found in the Rider-Waite (RW) cards, though, there are some images that bear an uncanny similarity to that of the RW cards. Don't let this discourage you in learning, studying, and using this deck. The point is for you to connect with the images and let them whisper to your subconscious, speak to your heart, and converse with your spirit. At the end of the day, you and the cards will become one.

There are keywords printed below the images for this second edition. These keywords are meant to be a pinpoint, a compass for you so you do not lose your focus or concentration on what the cards mean and the messages conveyed. After spending time working with these cards, you will see that the need to depend on keywords will no longer be an issue to you because you will have already connected with the cards on a deeper level. And this, my friends, is a step in becoming an authentic Tarot reader—by listening to your cards and what they have to say.

Keep in mind that Jasmine has had her artwork published in different oracle decks. Be assured that none of those artworks will appear in this deck making *Beautiful Creatures* special and unique.

HOW TO USE THIS DECK

Within the companion book you will find that each page will provide a quote that is delivered to you by the creatures on the cards. Then, one keyword will help summarize the meaning of the card followed by an explanation that will explain the illustration so that you might better understand it. There will be an upright and reverse meaning for you to consider for your readings.

Two bonus cards bring the total of cards to 80 and these two can be read like any other card, but they do serve a special purpose. Many readers like to pull out a card and use it as a significator. But when this is done, it breaks the structure of the Tarot. So instead, one of the extra cards will represent people and the other will indicate situations.

This Tarot deck can also be used as an oracle deck. If and when there is time, take one card, put aside the original Tarot meaning of that card, and incorporate your own meaning to it based on your intuition, visual cues, or anything else that draws you into the card. When you do this, write the meaning down in a journal. Do this until you've created different meanings for all 80 cards. You don't really have to feel obligated in creating meanings for all 80 cards—just do as many as you like. You will note that your intuition and your thinking skills will stretch.

Now, in order for you to read the cards and get your juices flowing, you will need Tarot spreads that will help you exercise the meanings and how to interpret the cards. Following you will find fifteen Tarot spreads that will range in laying a total of 1 card to 12 cards. These spreads will cover pretty much anything you want and need to learn. But this is not an obligation to use these spreads; by all means, create your own! There will also be an astrological game for you to delve into personalities!



Q the FOOL

I'm off on an adventure unknown to me. When I get there, I will collect what I've seen and experienced.

Keyword: Exploration

Fluttering her wings out of a fancy cottage adorned with flowers, a sweet and delightful little butterfly fairy who loves to explore is on an adventure—one where she will learn different things needed for everyday life. She's not the least bit worried about where she's going, nor will she listen to what people have to say, because her plan is for her adventures to be a surprise. Her dress is adorned with purple irises and her hair with a variety of flowers that produce a lavish scent, just in case she needs motivation while she's exploring. Accompanying her is a wise and beautiful yellow butterfly. This butterfly will join her on her mission and will serve as her guardian. The butterfly will protect and keep her from making senseless choices. Should she ever run into danger, because her curiosity leads her to it, the butterfly will lead her to the right direction.

Upright: In a reading, this card represents that it is time for you to know that you have to let go and explore what's out there. In this adventure, you will encounter people and things unknown to you. This exploration may be as simple as going out of town or hiking in the woods. The card also denotes a new beginning, a fresh start. Remember that when you are done with something, a new beginning starts to develop.

Reverse: When reversed, this card tells you that you are not looking closely enough at where it is you are venturing and that you are not being careful with what it is you are exploring. You're conducting your actions and behavior in a foolish and naïve manner.





13. *The* TRANSFORMATION
TRANSITION

9. *the* TRANSFORMATION

Don't fear me. I won't harm you. Instead, I will transform you. What is old and useless will end right now, at your convenience.

Keyword: Transition

In front of you, there is a serious, yet alluring, maiden. Little do you know that she is the Princess of the Dead. She is responsible for discarding what no longer should be in use, what no longer is needed. She paves the way for different beginnings and transformations. When the life of a living creature is about to end, she comes closer and closer. Many think that she comes to terrorize those who are at the verge of dying; but in reality, she's there to assist those who need to let go of life and transcend to another destination, another dimension. All these creatures have to do, as their lives slip slowly away, is to look into her eyes, and without pain and without hesitation, they will find themselves softly letting go of life and being lifted to eternal and everlasting bliss. The skeletons that you see around her were once living creatures—just like you—and like all things, living or material, the time came when their lives needed to come to an end.

Upright: In a reading, this card represents understanding that the end is near. Your final destination is right around the corner. There is no escape and no salvation for this. The good thing about this card is that it does not pertain to a physical death, like everyone dreads. Instead, it pertains to a transformation, a transition. From something old, something new is born, like a snake shedding its skin or a larva turning into a flying creature. The process is very simple: learn to let go. Accept this transformation as it will be very useful and beneficial for you.

Reverse: When reversed, this card tells you that you are not letting changes manifest in your life, but rather you are just keeping the same routine. At times, you feel like not changing the negative aspects in your life and, eventually, those parts of you will take their toll.



15. *The* HABIT
DEPENDENCY

10. *the* HABIT

Hi, you must be my next victim...oops, I mean, my friend. Hey! Ever heard of that saying about old habits dying hard? Here, try this. Let's see how hard your habits die.

Keyword: Dependency

Stranded, lost and alone, in a dark and secluded area is a young female angel who has indulged in some heavy and dangerous temptations. Life was perfect for her when she lived in a pink house with a white picket fence, all while taking care of a loving family who needed her more than anything. One night to help out others who were in need of guidance and protection, a devilish cat appeared to her and asked her to try a drug so delicious. After giving in, she tried it and has never looked back. As a punishment from her superior, she has been asked to go far away where she will have no contact or company with any living creature, except for the company of the evil cat who got her into the mess in the beginning. But all is not lost; her only salvation is to detach from the company of the cat, and all will return to normal—but for now, she is slave to her addiction.

Upright: In a reading, this card indicates that you are being led in the wrong direction—a direction that has no good consequences whatsoever. Should you proceed down this path, you will find yourself a slave to addictions that will never let you rest. If you develop bad habits, it will take a very long time for you to overcome these patterns. You may also find yourself depending on others—worst of all, living off them! In the end, once an addiction has developed (whether it's drugs or sex or of another variety), mercy and salvation will seem very far away and difficult to attain. But with willpower and self-control, you can fight being a victim to your addictions.

Reverse: When reversed, this card is a good omen and it is telling you that you are slowly becoming able to untie yourself from your addictions. You've opened your eyes and now you are realizing the harm it is causing you, or may cause in the future.



17. *The* STAR
HOPE

11. *the* STAR

I've seen you lost in desperation. I also see you are alone and in confusion. Why don't you take this star and let it spark hope and guidance? There's plenty where this one came from.

Keyword: Hope

Up above the night skies and from the heavens, a star angel has crossed into our earthly realm. She did not come empty handed; instead, she is bearing gifts for you. The stars she is gifting are not just for anyone. In order to receive one of her stars, one must earn it. Each star at her disposal grants several things you really need. But only she knows what it is that you truly want. Or, you can ask her and she will kindly see to it that you get what you desire. Among all the stars, hers serve as an aid. Let's say that you are lost; she'll display a star so you can find your path to your destination. If there is something missing in your life, she'll shoot a star across the skies and grant you one wish (or more than one, if you see her shooting several stars at once). Also, she can display a huge, bright star and, once you look at it, your life will be filled with hope—the kind of hope that you anticipate when desiring something.

Upright: In a reading, this card advises that you should not give up too easily on what you want to achieve. Your goals and dreams are only the beginning. Once you fulfill your dreams, *then* it's the finish line. If you are feeling lost and alone, know that there is someone there to guide you. It may be an actual person or a divine spirit or angel. When the stars manifest in the heavens, it is a reminder that you are not alone and that your wishes, goals, and dreams are ready to come true, but only if you find the inspiration to make that happen.

Reverse: When reversed, this card is not ill-intended and remains positive. It says that even though nothing is going as you planned, and despite your troubles and the feelings of hopelessness, rest assured that your hope is still there, waiting for you to pursue it.

5 of Wands

I advise you that a simple and friendly debate doesn't hurt me or anyone else competing with me— unless I allow it, of course.

Keyword: Rivalry

A mischievous prehistoric princess has traveled in time, from the Stone Age into our modern era, and has made a spoiled decision that this is where she wants to stay. Her two dinosaur guardian friends and caretakers have traveled from their Stone Age era into our modern times as well to take their princess back where she belongs. The princess likes it here so much that she has refused to go back to her world. The dinosaurs strongly and forcefully debate whether to leave her where she wants to stay or take her back where she truly belongs.



Upright: In a reading, this card represents a process of debate. You're debating for something that you want very badly or a change that you want to make in your life for the greater good. Remember, by engaging in a competition, you are not fighting, nor should you be hurting other people or yourself. Put your skills to the test in order to obtain all that you've been longing for with a clean strategy and with a clear mind.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies two things: one, you are not competing for things with ease by using your skills; instead, you are competing with aggression and inconsideration for others. And two, you are letting things get out of control. A competition has clouded your judgment.

3 of CUPS

Did you know that having friends is the best thing that can happen to you and me? Why? Because you can celebrate with them.

Keyword: Celebration

A beautiful Greek Goddess by the name of Circe, the Goddess of magick, and her two Swine companions rejoice in the fact they are friends. They have cups from which to drink together; they tell funny jokes and recall when and where they first met; they dance to music and laugh in good company. The flowers around them bring them closer together. They celebrate in the heavens where their friendship has no ending and where there is nothing but honesty. Since they know what they feel for one another, they don't care about each other's differences. Their friendship is based on a blood pact, making them inseparable.



Upright: In a reading, this card represents the closeness between friends. When possible, you celebrate all sorts of events and special occasions with treasured companions—to the maximum! You're surrounded by people who give you joy and with whom you feel comfortable. Life is a celebration. You love to entertain and you will inspire friendships with everyone you encounter. Unhappy and depressing situations are now becoming a thing of the past.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies that there is no real friendship between two people. Someone is pretending to be a friend for personal gain. At times, you may be partying way too much, causing you to forget your obligations or to give in to intimacy without thinking.

8 OF SWORDS

You know, nothing got me stuck in this rut. I actually did this to myself. I'm just too afraid to get out of it and move on.

Keyword: Imprisonment

A young maiden from the future has traveled back in time to set things right for the evolution of humanity and all living species. Upon her journey, she becomes trapped in the prehistoric era where she will remain until she finds a solution to escape and travel back to her time. She is now responsible for taking care of all the dinosaurs that live in this era. She has no choice but to comply to this task. The Triceratops inside the glass bowl represents the manifestation of a different

problem and the frustration that hides deep within her subconscious mind, keeping her stagnant and unable to move forward. Her mind is somewhere else, and this causes her to neglect the fact that she needs to find a way to liberate herself and those creatures trapping her there.



Upright: In a reading, this card represents feeling mentally tied down and helpless, which prevents thoughts from moving forward. Your inner beliefs are being affected. A wave of insecurities and doubts fill your mind. You may need to seek guidance and clarity from someone trustworthy. Stop doubting solutions to your problems. You feel as if your thoughts are trapped and you can't liberate your ideas. You're being deprived willingly, or unwillingly, of speaking your mind.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies finally being liberated and ready to leave a situation. You are able to run free. It's time to remove the blindfold from your eyes and see how you've gotten yourself tangled in the first place. Let go of other people's beliefs and opinions.

1 of SWORDS

Oh my goodness, time is running out! What should I do? Somebody please help me! Oh no, I'm going mad!

Keyword: Anxiety

A beautiful princess is going through a state of mortifying distress that is leaving her restless every night. She has too much going on in her mind and it's leaving her exhausted, worried, and unable to concentrate on important tasks in her life. She can't handle all the stress and it's making her physically ill. The princess has tried to find help to relax her mind, but nothing has worked for her. The masquerade is the only thing that helps her to remain calm and to ease her busy mind. But again, that mask does nothing for her. What's worse is that she doesn't even know where all the stress is coming from.



Upright: In a reading, this card represents a period of distress and nervous breakdowns. With fears taking over, you're feeling worried and restless. Blowing everything out of proportion, you are causing too much drama over nothing— and hurting everyone around you. Your guilty conscious is taking control and you may be feeling overly responsible for something. Someone is spilling their problems onto you and you are becoming very stressed and anxious.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies a state of relief and serenity. At last, you can think clearly. Your mind is functioning normally. Now, you can finally sleep better and wake up feeling calm and rested. You're able to concentrate on any task. Stress is over and done with. You feel at ease.

2 of SWORDS

It was as if I was pierced by multiple razor blades all over my body. I was walking in quick sand. But now, it's all over.

Keywords: Finality

A beautiful, Gothic, young girl sits inside an underground Mexican graveyard in Guanajuato, better known as a catacomb, where countless bodies of diseased Aztec Indians are laid to rest. This does not scare her, but she *is* in a place where she must embrace countless skulls that are not attached to skeletons. The skulls remind her of all the problematic situations that were taking a toll on her ability to live. As a result of breaking through her problems, those events are finally finished. Butterflies

remind her that she is now able to move on with her life. She has survived and needs to prepare for what is ahead for her.



Upright: In a reading, this card represents something is far from done. What you have been dealing and struggling with is over. You no longer need to live in pain and suffering. Problematic situations will be experienced, but eventually they will come to an end. You have found a solution and an exit from all your problems. When this card is drawn, you will have to leave your problems and obstacles outside the door.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies not letting something come to an end. You haven't accepted the fact that something is already over. You may be over killing a problem that has ended a long time ago. You keep holding on to something that is hurting you.

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10 OF PENTACLES

You and I are now surrounded by riches and family. We've acquired a profound stability with our physical selves. Enjoy.

Keyword: Legacy

The blonde maiden and her relatives gather around for an annual family reunion, where they embrace and enjoy each other's company. At their annual get-together, they go through their family album and tree, admiring their legitimated legacy and family dependency. These five ladies and their animal relatives live happily together in a house filled with love and respect. They rely on each other just as a family having pacts within the group. They don't need anything, since they come from a well-earned inheritance. They use their good fortune for beneficial security and to provide for the greater good.



Upright: In a reading, this card represents a state of being physically or financially secure. You've done a good job investing your priorities and time. You now have everything you care for well secured. The current state of being and health regarding your family is a very good one. An inheritance from a beloved family member will come to you soon. Bond with your family members. There's an abundance to look forward to. You're passing forward a legacy.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies relying on resources for personal gain and accumulation. You are expecting too much for so little. Your money and dignity have been tarnished. There are issues within your home and family life. Things are dysfunctional.



PAGE of SWORDS
INSPECTION

PAGE of SWORDS

I let the wind take me where I want to be taken.

Keyword: Inspection

A blond nymph is surrounded by foxgloves that summon the wind. The pink flowers compliment her golden hair and light skin, and she becomes one with the air. Not only do the flowers have the ability to call upon the air, she too possesses the power to summon the air to clear things out of the way. When you need something to be cleared away, let her give you some of her flowers.

The Page of Swords produces ideas and creativity. This element is our muse, the one that inspires us to think the impossible. The Page of Swords blows all of our memories out from our subconscious. The Page is the reason for anything we set our minds to. It is associated with the wind that blows everything in its path to clear things out. For those who don't know how to handle a Page of Swords, they are prone to get carried away and be taken by the wind.

archetype: The Page of Swords denotes a person who is quirky, feisty, quick-witted, and has a smart remark for everything. Their persona and attitude whisks away what is no longer needed. They have the ability to clear up all confusions. On the negative side, the Page of Swords may also be a person who blows things out of proportion. Any little thing they do not like, they bring to everyone's attention. They make small problems into bigger ones just for the sake of comedic relief and at the other person's expense.

Situation: The Page of Swords represents a situation you may want to analyze on your own to draw your own conclusions. Avoid getting other people's feedback. Face your problems squarely and equally, without fear and doubt and without letting anybody telling you that you should or shouldn't face your problems. On the negative side, avoid anything that will discourage or bring down the way you feel about yourself and other people—like new friends or a lover. You will encounter people who will not treat you fairly and may make you feel less than you are. Stay away from people who keep you from accomplishing your goals.



YOU are ONE

I want you to believe that there is no one more special and unique than you. You embody everything that outshines and distinguishes you from the rest. Love yourself.

Keyword: Authenticity

This beautiful maiden is an outcast to the people in her village because of her physical attributes, which are very rare. The Gods and Goddesses blessed her by giving her a red streak across her eyes, platinum hair, and light skin, as opposed to the people in her village, who have black hair, and dark skin, and a black mask across their eyes. To them, this maiden is cursed and will bring nothing but bad omens to the village. Nonetheless, the maiden has disregarded the villagers' senseless assumptions and has traveled to another village where, there, she will be accepted and loved for her unique attributes.

Upright: In a reading, this card represents learning about and acting out self-love and self-acceptance. People may not be accepting you for who you really are; you must learn to accept and love yourself and know that you are worth much more than people make you out to be. It is vital and empowering to accept your flaws—physical and emotional, big or small. Know and accept that everyone and everything is different—just as you are.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies pretending to be something you are not for acceptance or personal gain. You're lying to yourself in order to be someone you are not. You want to fit into a particular group of people and you will do anything to gain approval.





The PARANORMAL
CURIOSITY

the PARANORMAL

I've learned the hard way that there are some things that should remain a mystery and should be left alone. Of course, discover which at your own risk.

Keyword: Curiosity

These beautiful sisters gather around and initiate a séance to contact a spirit that has been lingering in their home for a long time. This spirit is an intruder, a nuisance, an entity that does nothing but annoy and frustrate people. The redhead and blonde sisters are very sensitive and they are scared. They warn their brunette sister about the consequences of meddling with the unknown. Of course, the brunette sister, who is far braver and tougher than her two sensitive siblings (and who initiated this séance in the first place), disregards their advice and proceeds to contact the spirit to cast it out of their home for good.

Upright: In a reading, this card represents the dire need to figure something out. Things are a mystery to you and you may not be able to solve it. There is a calling from the unknown that summons your attention; follow it and see what you discover. A bit of skepticism clouds your beliefs and you feel that you must prove something right or wrong, either or; don't step on anybody's personal beliefs.

Reverse: When reversed, this card implies that you are meddling too much in a particular area that should be left alone. You may find yourself poking around in someone else's business. Or, somebody is meddling too much in *your* personal affairs. Either way, it has to stop!

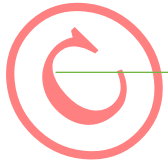
Conclusion

First and foremost, thank you for acquiring the *Beautiful Creatures Tarot* and for becoming familiar with these wonderful entities. When you hold and admire these beautiful creatures, please, remember that you yourself are a beautiful creature, too. Despite your flaws and contradictions, remember that you are unique and unlike anything else on this planet, which is why you were placed here—there's a reason.

Whenever you feel lonely, sad, or frustrated, turn to these beautiful creatures who will always be here and there and everywhere for you. Their world is not only theirs to dominate, but yours to find refuge in, if you ever need to.

BE SAFE & BE JOLLY.





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