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Louisa Poole : Merryday Tarot (deck of 78 cards) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Merryday Tarot (deck of 78 cards):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not my favorite By Customer Really wanted to like this deck. Card

stock isn't the best. For me some of the cards were absolutely magical and others were kind of blah... But that is a matter of taste. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Get into the Ren Fest feel...By Bruce GrayI recently purchased the Merryday Tarot as a gift to myself. I wanted to see more of the artwork on these cards, which I had seen used recently at a Renaissance Faire, and wanted to try to work with them myself. These are standard larger size Tarot cards, with all 78 cards, and a small fold-out card with the Merryday Tarot cards referenced, some basic card meanings, and a small section about "The Four Seasons and You." I was impressed with the art on these cards - very colorful and lively. I enjoyed the new pictures, especially those which I have not had much experience with. "The Fool," for instance, doesn't look as much like he's getting ready to step over a cliff into nothingness as he does in other decks, although blue sky is still visible under his outstretched foot. "Oracle" still looks enough like "High Priestess" to be recognizable, while containing new elements that enhanced readings. Some of the renamed cards, such as "Mentor", "Student", and "Teacher" had totally new images associated with them. Borders are black, and contain the number of the card at the top, and the name of the card at the bottom, and under that a very basic interpretation of the card's meaning. There's also a small block at the bottom containing another number. As an example, at the bottom of the Seven of Wands we find the number "47/11" - meaning that the Seven of Wands is the 47th card in this deck and has a numerical value of 11. The backs are one of the most disconcerting I have ever seen on any Tarot deck. It is composed of white line images on black backgrounds with a huge "Merryday Tarot Deck" logo in the center. This is the first deck I have ever used where reversed cards were obvious as you deal, a feature I did not like. I thought the logo was overdone and the reversed color calligraphic line art did nothing to impress me to say the least. If they ever redo this deck, the backs are the one thing I'd change. Now about the features I found most challenging - the differences between this and any other deck I have ever worked with. First of all, Strength and Justice have been reversed. Although there are other decks that do that, this is the first one I've ever used that did. In the Major Arcana, there are the following differences: 01 - "Magician" becomes "Apprentice" 02 - "High Priestess" becomes "Oracle" 05 - "Hierophant" becomes "Mentor" 07 - "Chariot" becomes "Student" 08 - "Justice" becomes "Strength" 09 - "Hermit" becomes "Teacher" 10 - "Wheel of Fortune" becomes "Lady Destiny" 11 - "Strength" becomes "Justice" 12 - "Hanged Man" becomes "Journeyman" 13 - "Death" becomes "Metamorphosis" 14 - "Temperance" becomes "Time Lord" 15 - "Devil" becomes "Tempter". I can see why a change was made to turn "Death" into "Metamorphosis" - people I've read for who don't know a lot about Tarot can become concerned when "Death" shows up in a reading. I like the changes to "High Priestess," "Wheel of Fortune," and "Death," and I kinda like the "Devil" turning into "Tempter," although I believe I would have gone all the way and turned this card into "Temptation" if that change is made. But I have no idea why "Chariot" becomes "Student," or "Hermit" becomes "Teacher," or "Hanged Man" becomes "Journeyman". However, these changes made a big difference at a reading I did for college students, although it totally changes the meanings of these cards into something different entirely. Which is not necessarily a bad thing - just something new to get used to. And in the Minor Arcana: "Knight" becomes "Warrior," "Page" becomes "Elemental," and "Ace" becomes "Dragon". I like turning "Knight" into "Warrior" - this gave the deck a little more modern feel, despite its Renaissance look. I'm still not sure if I like "Pages" becoming "Elementals," or "Aces" becoming "Dragons," but I'll find out more once I take this deck to science fiction and fantasy conventions, which is one of my main venues for readings. There is plenty of new symbolism to see in the Minor Arcana, just as there is in the Major Arcana. Turning to a random card, I find the Two of Wands represented by an African Shaman with two staves, and two zebras, two dogs, and two meercats looking on. A Japanese theme runs through Swords, an African theme through Wands, a Native American theme through Cups, and a mildly European theme through Pentacles. There are many references to seasonal aspects of the Minor Arcana - not the least of which is "Spring Warrior" for Swords, "Summer Warrior" for Wands, "King of Autumn" for Cups, and "Winter King" for Pentacles. But if one is going to do seasonal aspects of Tarot cards, I wish that the representation was consistent. Although Spring and Summer are Warriors, Autumn and Winter are Kings. I felt as though they should have been all Warriors or all Kings - or both. This is not a deck I'd recommend to anyone just starting out - there's just too many differences between it and a standard deck of Tarot cards. However, accomplished readers may find this deck adds more to standard readings, and provides fresh new insights. 29 of 35 people found the following review helpful. Middle of the road tarot deck - take it or leave it By m.a.r. This deck has me somewhat torn. I would award high points for the nice illustrations, colors and symbolism, but I'm dismayed by the lack of originality on the part of the illustrator (this deck "borrows" A LOT from the Ancestral Tarot). The cards themselves are a nice size and laminated, but the card stock is very thin and raises questions in my mind about durability. The addition of key words to the cards was well intentioned perhaps, but it proves confusing in many circumstances. And the numerology references are VERY distracting. Also, the black and white design on the back of the cards is the most eye-irritating I have ever seen - it was truly unnecessary to put the title of the deck there. Overall, I do like the deck for the illustrations, but if I knew before what I know now, I most likely would not have purchased it.

A unique translation of the traditional Tarot Deck that returns the Tarot to its roots while incorporating numerology and archetypal mythology. Presented with dramatic and beautiful color images combining the ancient and modern traditions.

The Merryday Tarot Deck is one of the most beautiful Tarot Decks that I have ever used. These cards cross all cultural boundaries -- In American, Far East, Celtic etc...About the AuthorThe author Louisa Pool is a well known tarot reader in the Boston area. She has been reading for well over 30 years and is currently writing a book to go with the Merryday Tarot Deck.