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PLAYING CARD
ORACLES

DIVINATION DECK

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The One Eyed Jacks

*In among the Lords and Ladies
That rule this curious pack,
There's a one-eyed pair of brothers
Both take the name of Jack.*

*At a glance they seem dissimilar,
Like night opposing day
Each looks his own direction,
Sees the world in his own way.*

*What's misleading, each lives separate
And serves a different Queen
But unless they're viewed together
Leaves half a man unseen.*

—CJF



INTRODUCTION

Card reading with Playing Cards may seem like a strange proposition. After all, aren't playing cards for games? Yet far from haphazard, the construction of the deck alludes to a clearly thought out intention, to a purpose far greater than ordinary gaming. Think about the striking fact that there are 52 cards in a deck as well as 52 weeks in a year. A look through history reveals that the playing deck is actually a perfect replica of a Fixed Lunar Calendar. A calendar provides a layout in which to chart events that have not yet occurred. Thus, it is not so strange to think of the playing cards as an oracle. But to be very clear—this is not a Tarot deck, nor is it derived from Tarot in any way. It is its own unique oracular entity—a divination deck providing a unique method of card reading. While ordinary playing cards may be interpreted in the same manner, Playing Card Oracles feature exquisite artwork designed to help you discover the secret wisdom of the ancient oracles.

SUITS

Each suit has its own personality, and represents one of the four essential aspects of our lives. Together the suits bring balance and wholeness to a spread of cards.

DIAMONDS

Element: Fire

Key Concepts: prosperity, creativity, self-confidence, transformation, spiritual growth.

CLUBS

Element: Air

Key Concepts: ideas, thinking, dreams, communication, detachment.

HEARTS

Element: Water

Key Concepts: emotions (love, passion, hate, fear, etc.), sympathy, healing, the subconscious.

SPADES

Element: Earth

Key Concepts: labor, career, housing, the physical body, discipline, responsibility.

THE ORACLES

The explanations that follow give clues as to the interpretation of each card. I say clues because what is given here is necessarily abbreviated. Let the images, the colors, and the total picture of the cards in your layouts inspire your interpretations. The magic is inside of *you*.

Enjoy!

A ♦: IGNITA

The gifts waiting here include the creative ability to will our dreams into reality as well as attract money and resources.

A ♣: ETHRA

The moth represents another world, where dreams, ideas and creative impulses emerge.

A♥: AGANA

The heart may be a lonely hunter, like this bird of prey, seeking to fulfill its basic needs. But it is also a creature of desire, thirsting for and devouring affection, nesting where it finds love.

A♠: TERRA INCOGNITA

Death may mean an end to things as we know them, as well as the unearthing of secrets.

2♦: THE RIVALS

Rivalry or a clash within our own lives can create the push that brings out our personal best.

2♣: THE FRIENDS

The energy of the Deuce, typically quite intense, is lightened and lifted by the airy, detached nature of the Club suit.

2♥: THE LOVERS

Two hearts are bound together in a relationship, tethered by the sweet and bitter cords of emotion.

2 ♠: THE ENEMIES

The Spade Suit, corresponding to the solid element of Earth, provides the most concrete example of opposition within the Twos.

3 ♦: THE NECKLACE

Objects of value and brilliance are strung together. People possessing “The Necklace” are messengers of light.

3 ♣: THE WISH

Thought has influence even beyond what we are willing to admit to ourselves, so be careful what you wish for, it might come true!

3 ♥: THE CLUTCH

Three is a difficult number when it comes to matters of the heart. It beckons a choice, or decision.

3 ♠: THE GRAVE

The time has come for something to be buried, to take its rightful place in the past.

4 ♦: THE SOUTH WIND

When you see this impish card, plan on the unplanned. The direction of South.

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