


Flower Folklore Oracle

Wisdom Of The Flowers



To Jen Kaplan
For Your Encouragement and Inspiration,
With Heartfelt Gratitude



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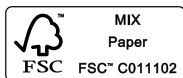
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INTRODUCTION

Beyond their apparent delicate glories, flowers and fauna live in the mystic realm of folklore, fairies and magic, which is captured in this enchanting oracle deck.

Discover how flowers speak and advise you romantically, spiritually and mystically by exploring the lore, legends, dream interpretations, and magical spells tied in with the colorful blossoms and blooms.

In ancient times, flowers grew exclusively in their native lands. Flowers' close ties to the culture of their origin led to many associations and stories with the gods and goddesses, and otherworldly beings. As humankind began to travel and trade internationally, many plants migrated with those peoples and spread far away from their original sources.

Because of this dispersion, there are now numerous varieties of flowers that inhabit nearly every continent. In these faraway places,

new legends and stories appeared alongside the plants. From this cache of flower folklore the most fascinating mystical tales and observations, intuitive guidance, and practical advice were selected for this deck.

This deck is a creative international adventure with Catherine discovering and directing three “blooming” finishing artists from all over Europe:

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ACACIA

Acacia was a lonesome and unnoticed tree. Many animals stopped for shade and would move on without a word. One especially hot afternoon, Rabbit sat down at her trunk and asked if he might rest in her shade for a while. The tree welcomed and covered him with her cool shade as he slept. Upon awakening, Rabbit expressed his thanks and gratitude for the comfort the tree had given him. Acacia was touched by his appreciation and was moved to reward Rabbit for his kindness. Acacia opened her trunk, showing Rabbit a wondrous garden abundant with beautiful, magical treasures. The tree invited Rabbit to take something from this, her heart. Rabbit chose a golden earring.

On his way home, Hyena saw Rabbit's golden gift, grabbed him, and threatened to kill Rabbit unless he told him where he had gotten the earring. Rabbit, overtaken by fright, revealed the secret of the Acacia tree.

Consumed with greed, Hyena and other animals rushed to Acacia and demanded she open her trunk. Gleeefully, they pillaged the tree's heart. It was Monkey that noticed daylight fading and the trunk slowly closing. He alerted all animals, who scrambled, giddy with avarice, out of the tree. Once outside, they watched aghast as their magnificent plunder turned to dust.

Kindness, Gratitude and Generosity

In holding these virtues in your heart without expecting any reward, you will find deep friendships and unexpected gifts. Both will bring you immeasurable happiness.

If acting out of greed, or if expecting to be compensated for your acts of giving, you spiral into a pit of never-ending discontentment.



FLOWER FOLKLORE TREE SPREAD



1. What is the root of my current problem or issue?
2. Who or what gives me strength to work through the issue?
3. What wisdom have I gained from this experience?
4. In what ways have I blossomed and grown from these lessons?

LOTUS TRANSFORMATION SPREAD



1. What challenges have helped prepare me for change in my life?
2. In what ways have I risen up toward the light?
3. How have I nurtured my creative expression?
4. How have I experienced rebirth?
5. What brings beauty into my current life?

SECRET COMPANION SPREAD

Throughout the deck you'll find secret companions. By sliding two cards together you will complete a scene. From the new combined scene, create your own interpretations.



Secret Companions



Anemone and Wild Marjoram

Bachelor's Button and Orange Blossom

Belladonna and Yellow Rose

Columbine and Wallflower

Daisy and Dandelion

Orchid and Peony

King Protea and Leopard Orchid

Naupaka Kahakai and Naupaka Kauhiwa

What other secret companions can you create from this deck?

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