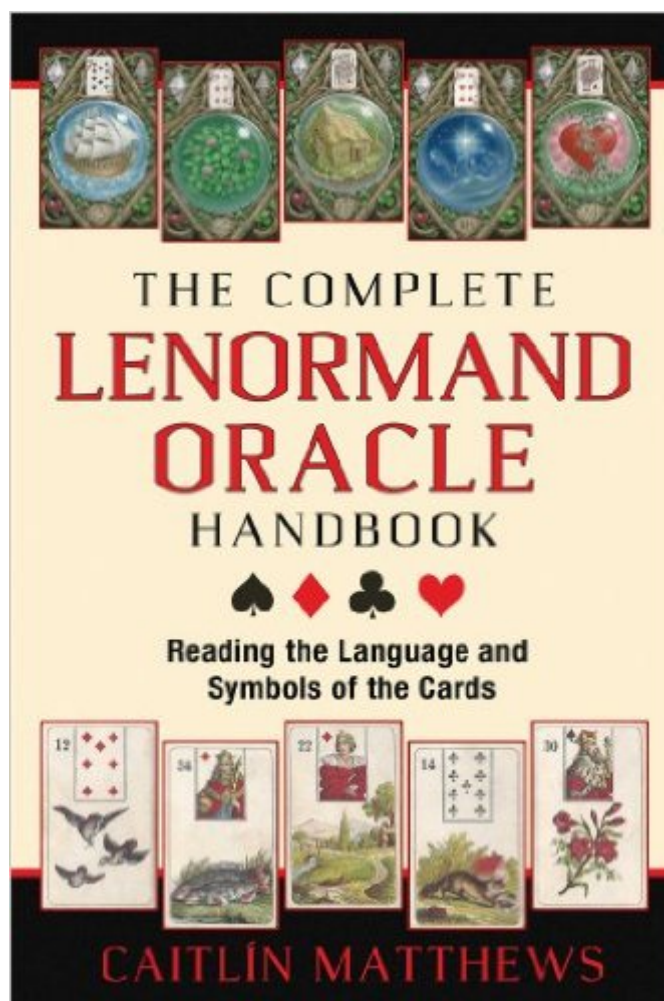


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# The Complete Lenormand Oracle Handbook: Reading The Language And Symbols Of The Cards



## Synopsis

A full-color guide to fortune-telling with the Lenormand oracle • Explores the meanings of the 36 Lenormand cards and their playing card insets to help build a resourceful, interpretative vocabulary • Provides instructions for many spreads, starting with 3 or 5 cards and building to the Grand Tableau spread, which uses all 36 cards • 416 pages and full-color throughout • Reveals the origins of the Lenormand oracle from both coffee-ground symbols and playing card cartomancy

More than 200 years old, the 36 Lenormand cards are an oracle combining standard playing cards with images from the everyday world, such as key, book, animals, and flowers. Their simple, predictive, and non-esoteric nature opens the realm of fortune-telling to all, offering a traditional cartomantic divination where card combinations fuse together to give clear answers. In this complete guide to Lenormand card reading, Caitlín Matthews explains the multiple meanings for each card, providing keywords so the reader can quickly build an interpretive vocabulary for Lenormand fortune-telling. She details how to lay spreads, starting with 3 or 5 cards and building to the Grand Tableau spread, which uses all 36 cards. She explores the significance of the playing card pips and suits on each card and how cards combine to create a variety of meanings. Matthews enables readers to learn the Lenormand card keywords so they can both read for themselves and express their interpretations to clients. Providing real case histories for readers to interpret, she also includes self-tests and practice exercises with answers to check at the end of the book. In addition to her comprehensive practical introduction to the Lenormand oracle, Matthews delves deeply into the history of cartomancy to reveal the mythic blueprint that underlies this simple deck, the key to which lies not in their imagery but in their connection to playing cards.

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OMG! First and foremost I want to thank Caitlin Matthews, for this is an amazing resource book. It answers so many burning questions in terms of utilizing not only the LeNormand symbols, but how to apply those insets. While I already had a method in which to apply the insets, Matthews expanded it beyond my expectations! Matthews discusses timing, weather, various traits and attributes in depth. There are case studies, example readings and a plethora of practice material and exercises. For those of you who like charts - they're here for just about every imaginable correspondence. Some of which you will find in other books, but so much more you can't find anywhere else. I've been reading playing cards for over 27 years and added the Lenormand during the past 5+ years. I strayed towards Tarot for many of those 27 years and combined my knowledge of both, but when I stumbled onto the Lenormand, I felt as if I'd come home. This book has added more dimension to my readings than anything else out on the market. Believe me, I know, because I own most of the current books on this subject and none compare to this one. This is truly all you need to work with these cards. I don't care what level you are operating at, beginner to advanced will gain knowledge from Matthews. Yes, I already knew the basics, and even some of the more advanced methods, but here you will find so many ways of looking at the individual cards and combos, as well as different ways in which to read the grand tableau's (yes that's a plural on tableau!). She shows the traditional 4x8x4 as well as the 9x4, but it doesn't stop there, you'll find counting methods, mirroring and knighting. I've only just scratched the surface of what's available in this book.

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