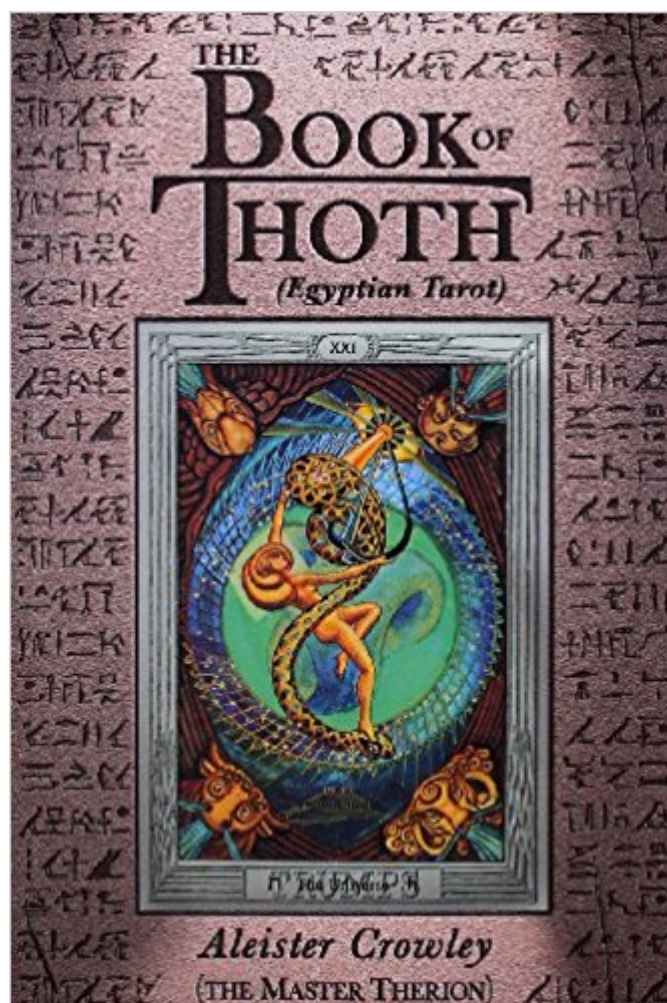


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Synopsis

Now a classic in the field, used by students of the Golden Dawn as well as by those who want to understand Crowley's tarot. This is the definitive study of the Egyptian tarot and is used as a key to all Western mystery disciplines. Color plates of eight cards.

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Customer Reviews

Aleister Crowley (1875-1947), who claimed to be the re-incarnation of Dr. John Dee among others, lived in England from 1875 through 1947. He is the author of several Weiser Books titles, including Book of Thoth, Diary of a Drug Fiend, Magick, Book of Lies, Book of the Law and 777 & Other Qabalistic Writings. He was a poet, mountaineer, secret agent, magus, libertine, and prophet "who was dubbed by the tabloids "The Wickedest Man in the World."

This book is vital, every time I read it, it opens up a little more. Touches on multiple disciplines from astrology and Hebrew attributions to geomancy and "Yi King" (I Ching) without degenerating into a hot mess of new age blather. There's good solid information for using the deck. And it's Uncle Al. If you don't have it, or you've lost your old copy, grab it!

Great Book, I don't like that the fine glossy pages of the color plates of a few of the cards has been taken out. But it is an essential read for those that practice the Thoth Tarot... it may be a little confusing for those not used to Crowley's "twilight language" which he used to throw the un-Initiated

off the scent of true revelations...

This book can be confusing for those who are unfamiliar with Aleister Crowley and his turgid, Nineteenth-Century writing style. But for those willing to put some time into it, it is a "Gold Mine". The Thoth Tarot Deck itself is both beautiful and profound. In contrast to this book, the Tarot Deck is likely to "turn on" almost anyone--with very little effort.

Crowley had his idiosyncrasies and his dark side for sure, and there is much about him that I find quite unsavory and arrogant, but he is a towering genius, and this book is a masterpiece. It is one to be savored, whether over a long slow reading or as a resource to be dipped into. Either way, it rewards frequent return, for though it often feels opaque and sometimes glib, there are layers upon layers of meaning. New insights pop out unexpectedly every time I crack it open.

I bought the Toth tarot deck along with the book. It is easier to understand the book with the tarot deck handy. Maybe I should say it is easier to understand, because, being new to tarot, it was not easy at all. The descriptions of the cards, broken down by trumps, court cards & small cards, does not delve into interpretations which may come up during readings, but with the zodiac signs, planets, colors, & other Qabalah correspondences, along with the allegories that explain why the cards look the way they do, and why certain things are shown on these cards. Each card has a personality associated with it. They are considered living beings. So they mean different things to different people. No two people will read them the same. I didn't get all the information I would have liked, but I have a better understanding of how things work. Aleister Crowley is a very colorful individual, and his knowledge of the occult is a treasure.

to explain its own masterpiece! Besides the hermetic language, it's a great opportunity to see this the deck through Crowley's eyes. I strictly recommend that you buy this one paired with Lon Milo Duquette's "Understanding Aleister Crowley's Thoth Tarot".

Unbelievable coherent.

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