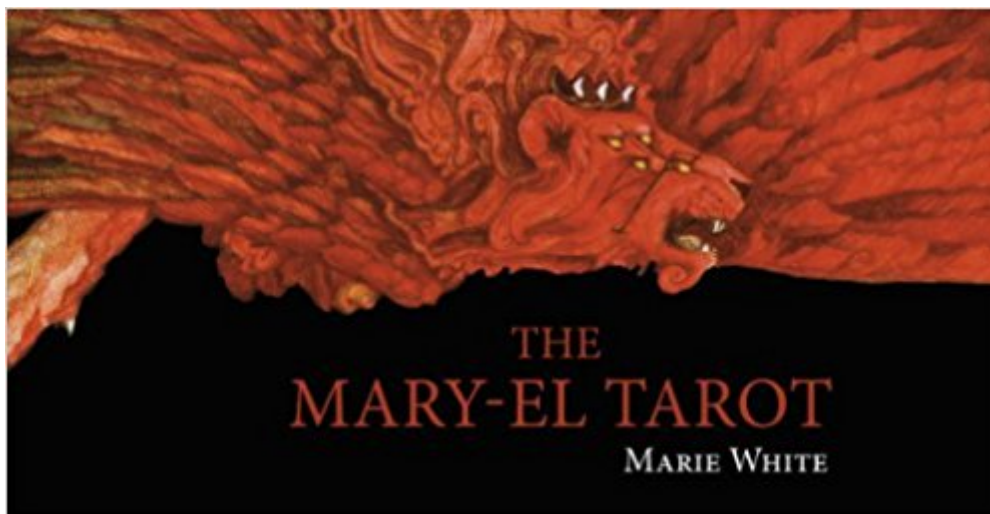


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# The Mary-el Tarot (with Cards)



## Synopsis

Exquisite and powerful, if there is a theme in The Mary-el Tarot, it is one of the alchemy of the soul; of finding balance, symmetry, mastery of the self, and becoming your own genius. This long-awaited 78-card deck is stunningly illustrated with traditional oil paints and a depth of symbolism found in the old classics. The accompanying guide, *Landscapes of the Abyss*, takes the reader through the meanings of each card via the landscape of the Moon and the High Priestess, through the geometry of the temple and the Tree of Life, the Merkabah, and the caduceus! Enter a doorway between heaven and earth, between microcosm and macrocosm, between the world of eternity and infinity. A rare gem suitable for all levels of tarot experience.

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## Customer Reviews

To Marie White, art is as important as breathing. From an early age she felt compelled to paint subjects from dreams, visions, and nature. Born and raised in California, she presently lives in the sultry forests of North Carolina.

Top 10 deck. I have over 80 decks and this is very special. I do not shuffle this deck since the cards stock is thicker and the images are so beautiful. I shuffle by making separate piles pulling from front and bottom intermittently. Amazing deck.

I absolutely love this deck and the accompanying book. It is as rife with symbolism as you could possibly wish, and the images are arresting, sometimes dark and constantly gorgeous. Marie White's interpretations are a refreshing perspective, supported by what is obviously an expert

knowledge of the myths and tropes that her deck is built from. This deck will help you tell and interpret the great Human Story, which is, in my humble opinion, what Tarot is all about. My only criticism is that my hands are too small to shuffle it!

The designs are beautiful, provocative, and somewhat demonic lol. The packaging is nice, the cardstock is thick, laminated and card size is huge. My hands are too small for this and I didn't feel a connection with the cards. I showed them to my sister who felt an instant connection, so I am gifting them to her.

This is the first tarot deck beside the Thoth tarot by Crowley and Frieda Harris that I opened up and wasn't disappointed by. Beautiful paintings, the guidebook is lyric, and insightful, lends itself to intuitive and flexible interpretations of the cards, also does a great job of explaining Marie White's more idiosyncratic imagery. I'm torn about the size of the cards. They are very large, which means the beautiful paintings have more detail, but they're very tricky to shuffle (I've taken to shuffling them riffle style by dividing the cards into four stacks and shuffling two at a time, and then dividing them again into four piles, but it's still tricky and I don't have small hands. I also hate riffle shuffling with tarot cards, it feels disrespectful to me). The cards are incredibly sturdy and smooth, which is great. But, again with the shuffling, it makes it difficult to shuffle weave style because they slip around a lot. The shininess also highlights your fingerprints/smudges on the cards which I dislike.

I followed this deck on Marie White's Web Page and was so very impressed that I kept a close watch on publication and when I found out Schiffer Publishing was involved, I knew they would do this deck justice - and they did. Presentation is wonderful, colors rich and the artwork draws you in and speaks - as it should. I agree they are a tad hard to handle - especially if you have small hands, but that would be my only drawback for this wonderful deck. I find myself going back to this deck with a refreshed interest in reading. The book is a wonderful guide and one would do well to take the interpretations of the cards seriously. I feel anytime the artist of the deck is the author of the interpretative guide, you know the true meaning of the artwork and the intent of the meaning of the cards and guide comes thru accurately. I really feel connected to this deck - which makes for an easier reading as well as a more accurate one.

Wonderful drawings. I like the quality of the box and cards. They are shining, I know, but they won't scratch and lose the colors soon, I guess that's the laminating for. The size of the cards is great. As

they are laminated, the shuffling goes a little bit slower than with regular only paper cards. I don't really like the changes of the V and XVII, I rather have the originals. The 8 of cups loses everything from the traditional RWS meaning, but this deck is not a RWS, not a Thoth either. It's a particular, singular deck. Once you get this, you fall in love with it. It gives in deep readings. The Author did a huge job and you appreciate this while reading the companion book. I think it is a MUST HAVE for any tarot reader, but definitely NOT a starter deck.

I absolutely love the cards and how each of them are so beautifully done and unique. The book in the set is very well written and has a very unique take on tarot symbolism and meanings. Readings with this deck are as shocking as they are breath taking. I would definitely recommend using this deck to do readings on creatively minded people. The production value of the box set is amazing as well. The box it comes in is not a cheap flimsy throwaway box like in other sets. Instead, the box itself is a collector's piece, made with extremely sturdy cardboard with ribbons attached to the lid to keep it from presentable when opened. The cards are made with a glossy finish and are larger than standard tarot cards, which is great because it brings out the images better. The book is also great and is somewhat thick with black and white pages. Just as a misc. note, the book in my set had rub markings on the cover even when the entire box was shrink wrapped before I opened it. It's a slight manufacturing glitch but it doesn't effect my enjoyment of the set at all. Overall, fantastic deck and one of the best sets ever. 5 stars

At first glance, I felt the imagery strange and awkward, I couldn't find the relations between the traditional meanings and these new images presented before me... but then... I looked further again, and found these new re-interpretations of the cards adapted to our new times and present days. The cards begun to speak for themselves, showing and teaching new meanings. It's an excellent deck for the new generations. As for the kit: it comes in an sturdy fancy box, the card stock is thick and laminated. These are large cards, even for me hahaha. Anyway they are easy to shuffle. I haven't read the book yet, so I can't comment on it. It's worth the invest on this deck!!

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