

The Wild & Sacred Feminine Deck

FAQ

How do you use an oracle deck?

As with any oracle deck, you will be called to pull cards for different reasons and situations. Sometimes you may want reassurance, other times advice, and still other times to shed light on everyday conundrums. To develop a relationship with the deck, begin with a one-card draw daily or weekly. Shuffle the deck while asking for guidance. Place the deck facedown and fan the cards out in front of you. Close your eyes and draw a card. Or you can simply flip open the book or draw a card at random. The joy of an oracle deck is its capacity to be a 24-hour hotline to the powers that be. You will get an immediate answer. Your task is to discover how the card relates to you in the moment. You can linger with the card, receiving the image and its wisdom. But *The Wild & Sacred Feminine Deck* guidebook also steps in to bridge the gap between inquiry and interpretation. We intended the guidebook to work as a portal, to give you context and cues that will escort you to the place where the card connects with your own deepest knowing.

What makes *The Wild & Sacred Feminine Deck* special?

We believe it is the sincere devotion with which this project was undertaken, compounded by Jenny's extraordinary imagery—each card a work of art—and the co-creative spirit we brought to making sure the cards and booklet were the best they could be. Each of us in our own way have committed to the sacred as a way of a life, a calling. But all sacred and no wild can make for dullness. The wild draws upon the mystery, the surprise, the unexpected, the unknown potential. Our highest offering was to be in service to something greater than ourselves, to get out of the way, allowing ourselves to be conduits for whoever was speaking to us and through us. The heightened collaboration that ensued, astonishing in its insistency, was collectively energizing. And the final version of the deck, handsomely printed and boxed, astounded us with its confident power.

How did you choose which elements/animals/archetypes and goddesses to include?

We intended the deck to be relevant and accessible, to evoke the unknowable mystery but not be

obtuse. And, we wanted to highlight a broad range of cultures and have a universal appeal. We believe our selection represents a continuum of human experiences that show up across time and culture. To ensure we didn't get overly invested in one particular strand of the feminine at the expense of another, we welcomed a constellation of imagery that includes the familiar and the lesser known. That said, we recognize that, like everyone, our careful listening has been tuned by our particular time and place in this world. and is by no means exhaustive. During the deck's creation, we thought a lot about the women who inspire us. And, we tapped a vast well of feminine wisdom through extensive research and interviews.

What kind of insight does the shadow aspect of a card offer?

The shadow aspect that we felt was essential to include serves as an invitation for honest self-reflection. When relegated to the undesirable, the shadow can sabotage your gifts. We believe in the value of recognizing that you are neither wholly light nor totally dark but instead fascinating and nuanced shades of gray. We turn toward the shadow to transform the problematic areas of our life or to discover, in the play of conscious and unconscious, hidden aspects of ourselves that reveal our wholeness.

Why is exploring the sacred feminine so critical right now?

The sacred feminine is a wild and holy energy that animates our world and circulates through all living things. She relates to the body, soul, nature, and the cycles of creation and transformation. She exists everywhere, in every culture and spiritual tradition around the world, in temples and rituals, throughout the landscape, and in every living being. To honor the feminine is to honor all life, to perceive the sacred in the ordinary. It is the feminine that marries spirit with matter, infusing the world with vital coherence. Only through her wholly re-membered being can the world be sung in all its aliveness. To hold—and ultimately embody—a vision of the sacred, we all need to dream the feminine alive inside ourselves, to have a repository of images to draw from as touchstones. Only then can we come into right relationship with her and the pulsing, animate world in which we live.