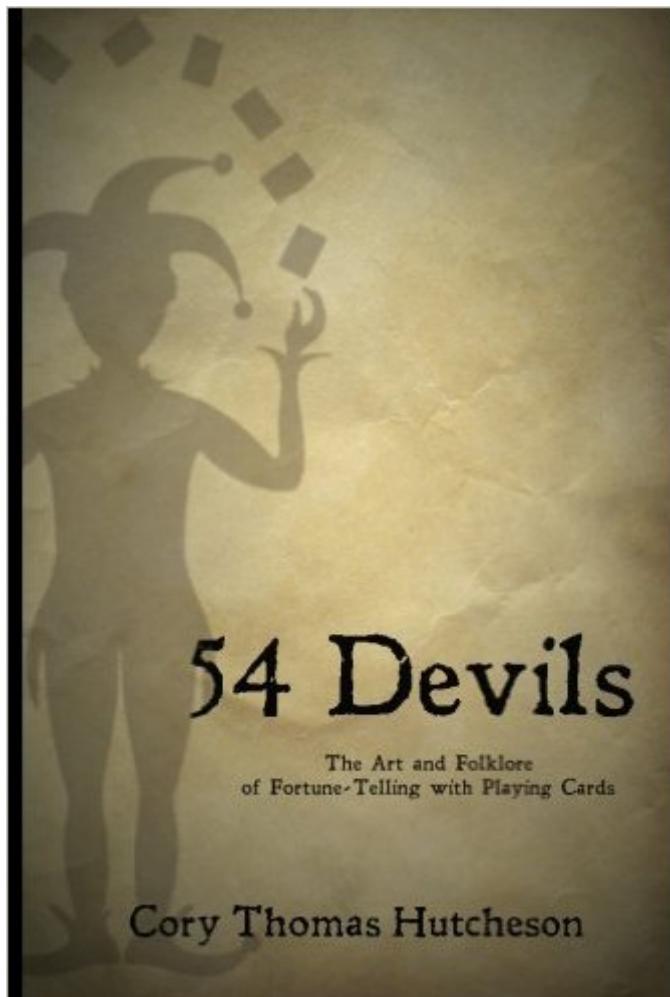


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Fifty-four Devils: The Art & Folklore Of Fortune-telling With Playing Cards



Synopsis

âœYe are twenty-five cards. Become twenty-five devils Enter into the body, into the blood, into the soul .â• So begins a nineteenth century Italian charm making use of a small deck of playing cards. This brief-but-richly drawn book explores the practice of divination by playing cardsâ "known as cartomancy. It reveals the âœsecrets in plain sightâ • which hide within the pips, kings, queens, and jokers of a standard deck. Explore one method of divination in-depth as you meet the âœfifty-four devilsâ •â "the symbolic spirits of each cardâ "and learn about invoking ancestral blessings for card readings, the folklore of playing cards, and how to relate fairy tales to a spread along the way. -From the back cover

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Customer Reviews

I'm often asked for resources and advice on divination with playing cards, and for a long time now, the New World Witchery Guide to Cartomancy has been my go-to recommendation. Fifty-Four Devils is the expanded and revised edition of that guide, and it is even more helpful than the original. Playing cards can often be every bit as intimidating a method as tarot when you're starting out (personally, I found it more so), but Cory Hutcheson has distilled the necessary information into a readable and coherent method. If you're looking to get started in cartomancy, or just to learn more about the author's method, I'd definitely recommend this book. Meanings are given for every card -- including the jokers -- and several spreads and sample readings are given. The information in here is great, and laid out in a well-organized manner. It should be relatively simple to pick up this book and a deck of playing cards and immediately begin to read the cards (though perfection tends to take time, of course). That's what I did with the original guide, and playing card divination had been

a struggle for me to grasp before then. Especially valuable though, are the insights given to the author's personal reading practice. He goes out of his way to remind the reader that his method is only one method (something I appreciate very much, and wish was a more common disclaimer in these kinds of texts), but his own system is interesting. Seeing how he matches the readings to fairy tales or folk tales, for example, was incredibly fascinating! The additional folklore given on playing card divination (including a short story by the author himself which was very good) was also a nice bonus that I'm sure many will find inspirational, or at least entertaining.

this is an excellent book for those into playing card readings highly recommended will love this book give you exactly what you want enjoyable will be something you will use and take good care of very informative

This book and a deck of playing cards is a fun gift for anyone, whether they are into cartomancy or not. I happen to be into and I liked the book for the folk tales and card meanings. It is well written and easy to understand, I did wish there was more separation between the suits, it was a little inconvenient to flip back and forth and look for the bold lettering. I havent come across many books on this subject and was very happy to find this one.

Fifty-Four Devils has been spot on. It is not just a book but a working tool to help you with divination. I am a professional reader of the tarot but not playing cards. This book is helping me to expand my knowledge and learn this ancient art form of fortune telling.

I am learning how to divine with playing cards. This book was very interesting. I like how he did a 52 card spread and how he interpreted the joker cards!! It was very thorough for the kindle edition.:-) J. P-B

The book was informative, except I could not understand the five card spread at all. The illustration (4-5) and (6-7) just didn't make any sense to me and didn't correspond with his writing. Maybe it's because I got the kindle edition. Can someone please explain? That's the only reason I gave it 3 stars.

A wonderful primer for the beginning playing card reader. I also liked the author's wit.

I thought this a great book! As always Cory never disapoints, keep up the wonderful work! Looking foreward to more.

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