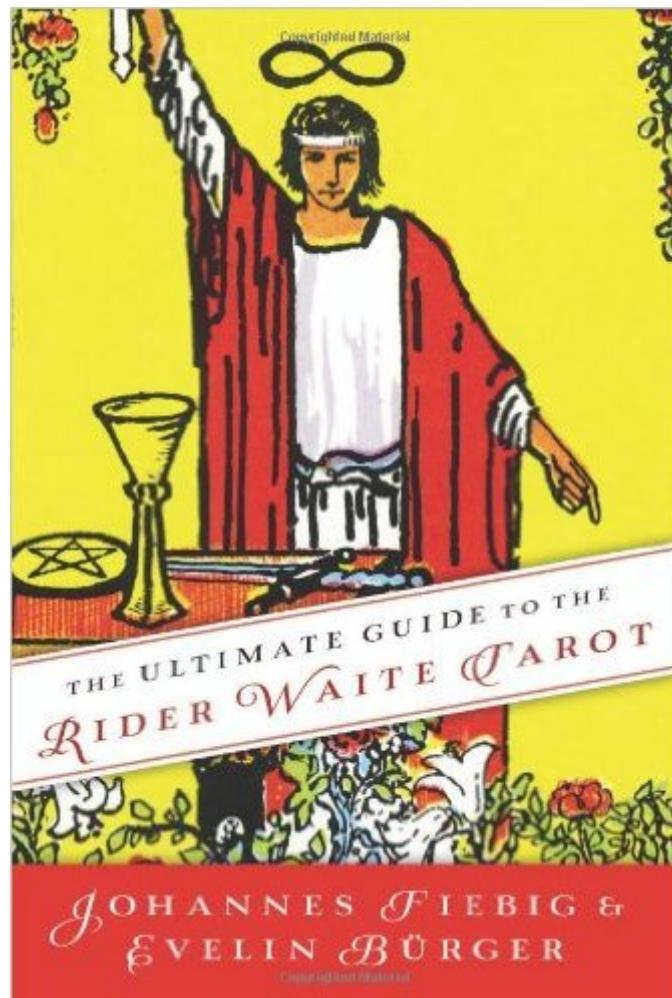


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First, let me say that the title "The Ultimate Guide..." is pretentious. I give this book a three star rating because I find it useful on two fronts: 1) the writers choose what they call the ten most important symbols for each card in the RWS deck and then give a short blurb about each symbol they choose. This helps me to think about each symbol, but frankly, the blurbs do not have enough supporting scholarship, for instance, in The Fool Card, they state that his yellow boots are the sixth most important symbol and write, "The Fool goes his way with great self-confidence; every step is taken consciously." Well, they have already told us that yellow means "consciousness, joie-de-vivre;

envy, mental dissonance ('shriillness')." I am always suspicious when someone presents a kind of catalog for symbols. I would associate *joie-de-vivre* with the Fool, but not consciousness. He is apparently headed over the cliff, unless the dog can get his attention. As the writers point out, his arms are outspread, and his sleeves flap open, almost like wings. Perhaps he is completely aware of his surroundings and only steps to the cliff edge to enjoy the view, but I do not believe the images in the card support this. Then, the flower in his left hand, symbolizing the fleeting nature of his existence (should he step over the cliff) is not even chosen as one of the ten most important symbols in itself. It is sandwiched with the sun and dog because all three are white. I think the rose is more significant (on its own) than a few others these writers have chosen.

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