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The Baroque Bohemian Cats' Tarot



Synopsis

The Baroque Bohemian Cats' Tarot was first published by Magic Realist Press in 2004, and after several reprints will be issued again in 2011 in a refreshed and gloriously over-the-top new version. The deck has been wildly popular with tarot readers and collectors and with those who simply love the extravagance of Baroque costumes, Czech castles and cats dressed to the whiskers in lace, silk and satin. The cards follow the Rider Waite Tarot system so it's easy to read "out of the box" for both experienced and beginner readers. For this new edition there is also a unique extra card, "The Fortune Teller" that can be incorporated into readings or simply used for framing or display. Comes complete with an instructional booklet for ease of use.

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This deck is created by Magic Realist Press (authors Karen Mahony and Alex Ukolov) and based out of Prague. The website for this deck can be found online, where you can get a closer look at the deck, and learn a bit more about the authors, deck and even get a look at their studio. They are authors of other decks as well: The Tarot of Prague, The Fantastic Menagerie, The Fairytale Tarot, The Bohemian Gothic Tarot, and The Victorian Romantic Tarot. The Baroque Bohemian Cats deck itself is in its third printing. This is important to note, as since the first edition, it's been reworked, altered and has many differences. The card stock has a clean finish and feels well put together; cards slide easily when shuffled. The deck also at one point came as a kit, which included the accompanying companion book. These books are invaluable to someone that is still learning Tarot,

as it is the authors' ideas behind their cards. The author also gives a "Cat's Interpretation" of the card: a somewhat humorous but mostly useful piece of information to help complete the meaning behind it. If you have the book, you will realize that nothing in any deck created by these two is placed in a card by chance. Everything from color to choice of time in the day is all carefully thought out. The images themselves follow the Rider Waite Smith (RWS) system, are extremely colorful, detailed, and quite humorous. They combine real images of cats with Baroque style clothing. The history and tradition of cats in clothes goes back to the early 19th century, with one of the best known artists being Louis Wain, the English Victorian cat artist. In the US, the tradition continued with Renate and Alfred Mainzer producing post cards of cats in human situations.

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