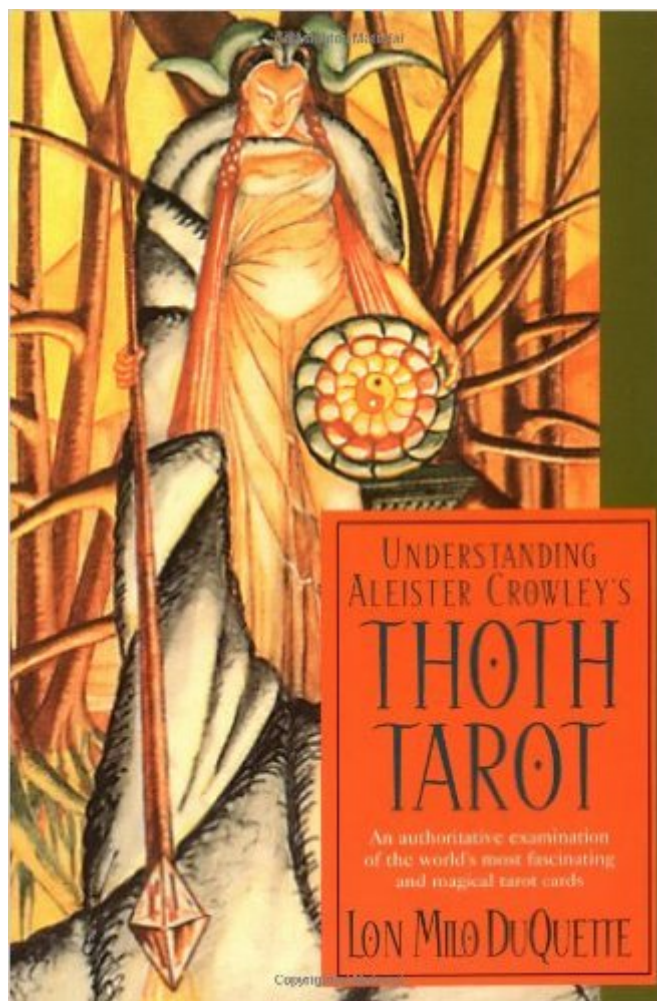


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Synopsis

Aleister Crowley's Thoth Tarot was his final opus, the culmination of a lifetime of occult study and practice. With artist Lady Frieda Harris, he condensed the core of his teaching into the 78 cards of the tarot. Although Crowley's own Book of Thoth provides insight into the cards, it is a complicated, dated book. Now, in clear language, Lon Milo DuQuette provides everything you need to know to get the most out of using the Thoth deck.

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Aleister Crowley's Thoth Tarot is one of the most popular and best selling Tarot deck in the world. It is, however, more than deck of fortune-telling cards. For those with an advanced understanding of esoteric matters, it is one of western civilization's most important spiritual object d'art. Designed by Crowley and painted by the surrealist genius Lady Frieda Harris, it distills in breathtaking and terrifying beauty the essence of the Hermetic mysteries; the quest for the Holy Grail; kabbalah; astrology; alchemy, and magick (even sex magick!). To accompany the cards and explain their symbolic imagery Crowley wrote his magnificent magnum opus, The Book of Thoth. Penned in his last years, he literally raced death to desperately pour the totality of his vast knowledge and wisdom into a few hundred pages of complex concentrated esotericism. For the most part he succeeded, but unless the reader is already an advanced student of the mysteries the text is all but incomprehensible. This irony has for nearly 40 years frustrated the tens of thousands of owners and users of the Thoth Tarot (myself being the most notable) who sincerely would like to know more about the cards but find we simply cannot wade through Crowley's highly stylized and post-graduate text. It took a genius to create the Thoth Tarot and the write The Book of Thoth, and fifty-five years

after Crowley's death it took another genius to create the Rosetta Stone that unlocks the mysteries of these magical masterpieces. In his 1993 *Magick of Thelema* (now renamed *Magick of Aleister Crowley*) Lon Milo DuQuette did what many very knowledgeable people thought was impossible.

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