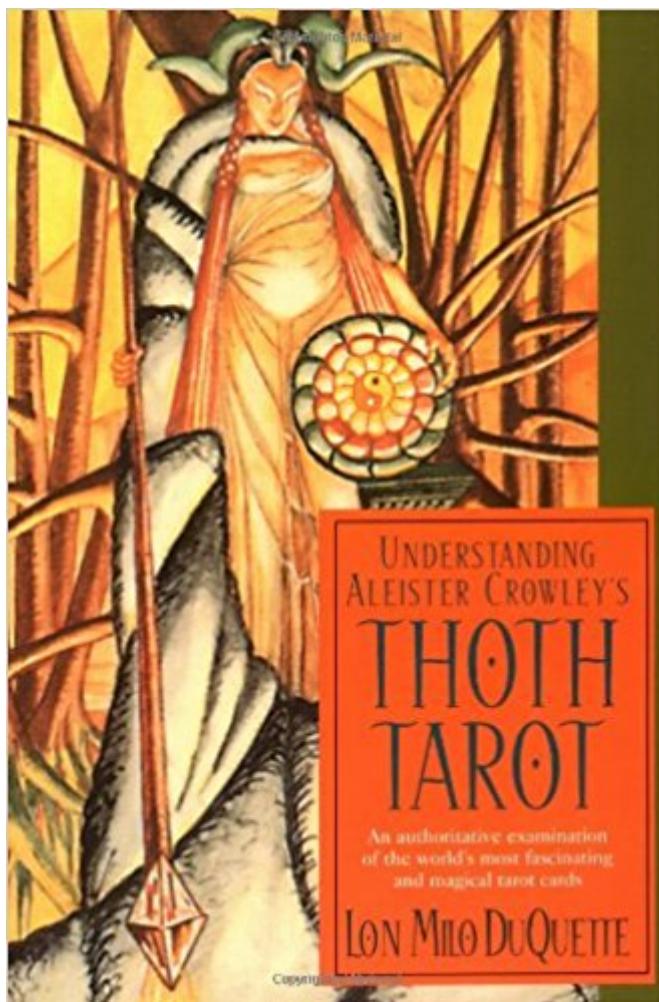


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Understanding Aleister Crowley's Thoth Tarot



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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Customer Reviews

Lon Milo DuQuette has been involved with occult studies since the late 60s and has become an acknowledged and widely-recognized authority within the world of modern occultism. He is the U.S. Deputy Grand Master of the O.T.O. and lives with his wife Constance in Costa Mesa, CA

I've learned SO much from this book that I can't recommend it enough. If he simply went through all the cards, as so many other books do, well, his book would be like the others. But he goes over the underlying theory (if I might be forgiven for calling 5000 years of mysticism "theory") and sets a very nice basis for the things that are revealed in the Thoth Tarot. There are not all the many people who are actually qualified to explain all this complicated mystic information but he certainly is. And of the people who can explain it many of them would, no doubt, make it dry. But, good lord, he keeps it interesting. And all this explication is essential because the Thoth Tarot really is the culmination and the bringing together of many many mystic lines of inquiry over thousands of years. It would be truly overwhelming if Mr. Duquette didn't treat the subject with his incredible depth of knowledge and excellently accessible writing! As you might have guessed by this point, I highly recommend this

book!

Lon Milo Duquette is a treasure. This book has it all-- an overall history of Tarot, the background and contextualization of Crowley's 'Book of Thoth' and his relationship with the artist who painted the deck. The latter half of the book goes into the various associations each card has, from a qabbalistic standpoint as well as a more simplified quick reference chart. Honestly, if you've just bought a Thoth deck, this is the users manual. Pair this with his Chicken Qabalah for maximum results.

Very interested and useful book written in language that isn't overly verbose. Lots of information, would recommend.

Lon Milo Duquette is a very entertaining and knowledgeable writer. This book is fun to read and very informative if you are starting on the work of Aleister Crowley and the Thoth Tarot. Duquette provides all the tools to start diving deep into several disciplines related to tarot, however I must admit this is good only for beginners. I would have liked to read a lot more on several subjects from Duquette's "pen", because, as I said, he's really a great narrator and teacher. The second half of the book seems to rush a bit compared to the first. Either way, here you'll find all you need to start your studies: card symbology, meanings, brief biographies of Crowley and Freida Harris and more. I bought the Kindle ebook, and here's the down side to this review: the adaptation isn't that good. There are several typos, but, most importantly, the very precious charts Duquette designed to explain the relation between cards and astrology are so tiny and blurry as to render them useless on a Kindle. They should have been placed in a vertical format or towards the end of the book as large images. The way they are presented now is not respectful of the author's work. Thanks to Duquette's explanation we can re-construct these charts ourselves, but it's certainly a drag.

Great book! I bought the deck, and immediately had to get this book. Helps SO much with reading the actual cards. If you buy the deck... you better buy this next. You're going to want to anyways.

This is my first book I read on the Thoth Tarot it was a great first book before I jumped into The Book of Thoth. I like how he walks you through some of the parts of the Thoth deck and very easy to understand I feel this is one I had to have in my study of the Thoth Tarot. It is one I will go back to time and time again.

Nice book, but I loved mostly first part of it. When it came to cards, especially minor arcana, i expected a bit more explanations. I would recommend the Hajo Banzhaf's books to anyone who wants to learn Crowley's deck. But as i said, the first part of the book explains many things I didn't know.

This is a very instructive book. Very well written, an intelligent explanation of how to interpret each one of the Thoth Cards. If you are to buy one book about the Thoth Cards, I highly recommend you start with this one before any other. In this book, Mr. DuQuette clearly gives not only their position on the Tree of Life, but also its Astrological correspondences - and why! Also, in this book, you clearly learn about 'the dominances' exercises by other cards over the minors...

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