



WHAT TO EXPECT AT A TAROT READING

Wait...what is this tarot and crystal stuff actually?

Tarot cards have been around since the 14th century, believed to be created in Italy. At that time they were used to play a game, somewhat like bridge. They have continued to find their way into society since.

They got a bad rap as a tool of the occult, but truthfully they are only a tool to connect a person to their spirit and their journey in life.

They are not affiliated to any religion or any "god" but are a method to communicate with a universal energy. It is an art form that requires a combination of interpretation and intuition. Each card in a tarot spread interacts with the others, creating a story that reflects a person's life and circumstances. Skilled tarot readers use their knowledge of the cards' symbolism, their intuition, and their ability to connect with the querent to provide meaningful insights and guidance.

Crystals come from the Earth and are an easy way to connect with the universal energy that is in us all, in every living thing and in everything the earth provides. The earliest documented usage of crystals comes from the Ancient Sumerians (circa 3000 BC). Other early adopters include the Ancient Egyptians, who incorporated crystals into burial rituals and jewelry for protection and health, and the ancient Chinese, who considered them sacred for their healing properties. The practice has roots in traditional medicine, spirituality, and decoration, with evidence of its use dating back thousands of years.

How does Squid Ink Stories use them?

I have been practicing the art of tarot for years and use many different decks for readings. Also to add to my readings I use florioraphy, sacred geometry, astrology, symbology and psychology for an added depth to my interpretation.

With crystals I often use them as talismans, carrying a specific one around for its unique properties. I combine the use of a specialized crystal tarot deck, to help me see which crystal can benefit me that day. I can do this with you as well, and have a crystal display available for you to touch and experiment with them.

What happens during a reading?

You can book your preferred date and time on our website. You will be provided with the exact address upon booking.

When you arrive, you will have a cleared parking spot on the driveway. The sign on the door welcomes you in, take a seat in the entry way and remove your shoes. We will welcome you into the studio and show you the bathroom.

The studio is a calm, warm, welcoming space and will be set up comfortably with an armchair waiting for you.

A table will be ready with a few decks, crystals, candles and Tibetan singing bowls laid out. You will be offered a choice of tea, coffee or water to really feel at home.

We start with a little breathe work, a little bowl song and an intention for the session. Then we jump into the decks that speak to you. If you can't decide, I will use the ones that are most commonly chosen.

Often we use the cards to ask a specific question. If there is something that is worrying you, or a big decision you have to make, or a relationship you are uncertain of, we can ask the cards for guidance.

Another common reading is a look into the month/year ahead, with possible signs to look out for in the future, or an animal guide that may assist you or a special flower, symbol or colour that might be grounding for your time ahead. Or all of the above!

Are you predicting the future?

No! These items are just a tool to help you connect with a greater energy. I use them as a guide, with possible connections to pay more attention to.

Does this sound interesting? Fun!?

A personalized reading can be really insightful and connect you to yourself and the universe at large.

Readings can be a great addition to a girls night, a gathering of friends, a helpful tool when you feel stuck or in a rut with life.

If you are interested in a reading and how crystals can accompany your path, then sign up on the website, or contact me at: alicia@squidinkstories.com