

# INTRODUCTION

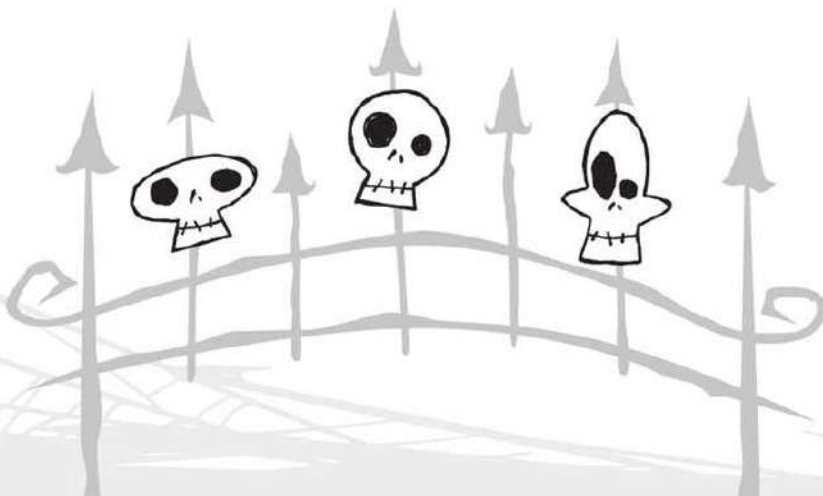
Welcome to *The Nightmare Before Christmas Tarot Deck and Guidebook*! What's this, you ask? Why, a deck of tarot cards featuring the strange and mischievous characters of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, of course. Jack, Sally, their friends, their neighbors, even that no-account Oogie Boogie, are here to help you explore your past, present, and future in the classic tradition of tarot. Whether you are a newcomer to tarot or an experienced reader, this deck is a real scream. Just try not to pull the Clown with the Tear-Away Face . . . his card is definitely the stuff of nightmares.

While many people think of tarot reading as a mystical divinatory art mainly used to predict the future, it can actually be a powerful tool for personal growth

and self-reflection. Tarot reading can offer deep insight into all kinds of situations in your life. It can help uncover your true feelings, provide clarity for making decisions, and show you how to get where you want to go. While some people do use tarot to reveal a possible future, it's important to remember nothing is set in stone. Tarot is best at giving situational warnings and advice that can help you make more mindful choices.

*The Nightmare Before Christmas* tarot deck is filled with familiar faces, themes, and iconic moments from the film, thoughtfully chosen to illustrate the archetypal meanings of the original cards. The Guidebook explains both the upright and reversed versions of each card. The final chapter includes several spreads for conducting easy readings.

**Now, ready for a visit to Halloween Town? Let's go!**



# THE FOOL

The Fool represents someone who's starting an exciting adventure. Jack Skellington, like the Fool, is enthusiastic and determined as he sets out on his ill-advised journey to take over Christmas.

**Upright:** Channel Jack Skellington's childlike enthusiasm as you take your first brave steps toward something new. With limitless potential, there's no telling how far you'll go.

**Reversed:** Jack's naivety and idealism initially blind him to the damage he causes when taking over Christmas. Learn from his mistakes: Stay excited about the future, but be sensible, and look before you leap.



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## XVII • THE STAR

The Star represents trust, faith, and a newly found clarity. When all feels lost, have hope! Like Zero's glowing jack-o'-lantern nose, the Star will light your way and guide you forward.

**Upright:** Now is the time to look to the skies and dream. The Star is here to illuminate the visionary in you. Let go of self-doubt that's weighing you down, because inspiration is ready to carry you to new heights.

**Reversed:** Are you feeling confused, lost, or discouraged? Don't despair! The Star is a comforting beacon of light. Trust in yourself, and you'll find your way out of the fog. Your dreams are still possible—you just need to believe in them again.



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### III OF PRESENTS

**Upright:** Whether you're making presents for Sandy Claws to hand out on Christmas Eve or working on something a little more mundane, III of Presents indicates it's time to work with others to accomplish your objective.

**Reversed:** Reversed, III of Presents represents an imbalance within a professional or financial collaboration. If you're working with others on a project, make sure everyone's doing their part. Disaster strikes when things become inequitable. Prioritizing teamwork will get you where you want to go.



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### IV OF PRESENTS

**Upright:** IV of Presents represents happiness and stability at home, at work, and within your budget. You're on track and setting yourself up for success by building your plans on solid ground. Say thanks with thoughtful gifts to those who've helped you get here!

**Reversed:** Is your relationship with money healthy? Is it getting you where you want to go? If not, it may be time to look over your budget and reevaluate your priorities. Make sure you're not spending frivolously if your cash flow can't support it right now.

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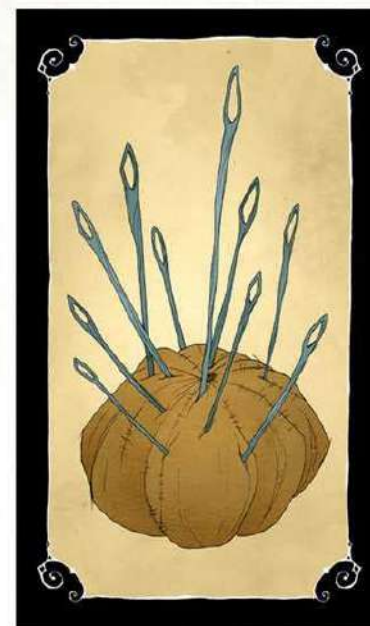


## IX OF NEEDLES

**Upright:** Nightmares, worries, fear—IX of Needles shows up when you're feeling dread. Muster your courage and face your fears. You might just find the Clown with the Tear-Away Face is not as scary in the light of day.

**Reversed:** Has your confidence been dealt a blow recently? If you're feeling low, you may be your own biggest bully. Start focusing on your positive qualities instead of fixating on perceived negative ones. A shift in perspective is what's needed to get you out of despair.

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## X OF NEEDLES

**Upright:** X of Needles indicates something is coming to a painful ending. Whether this refers to a friendship, relationship, project, or job, you may be left with heavy emotions. Give yourself time to grieve, but trust that it's for the best. Fresh beginnings are ahead!

**Reversed:** When reversed, the painful ending indicated by the upright X of Needles is stalled. Don't put off the inevitable—dragging it out will only make this harder. Make a clean break, and move on to new, better things.

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# SUIT OF POTIONS

## KING OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The King of Potions is a loyal, sensible problem solver. Embody the energy of the King of Potions by maintaining a healthy balance between the head and heart. Be logical, but stay compassionate and kind.

**Reversed:** The reversed King of Potions is emotionally turbulent, and his intense, unpredictable moods can harm those around him. If you're feeling overwhelmed,

try working through your feelings in healthy ways. Take care to anticipate your responses to make sure your feelings don't get the better of you.



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## QUEEN OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The Queen of Potions is a calm, cool, and caring gal who's motivated by compassion. She moves with grace and control through troubled waters. Sometimes, this card can be a sign to listen to your intuition. You're more perceptive and capable than you think.

**Reversed:** Reversed, the Queen of Potions becomes volatile, exasperated, and overly emotional. This card could be a sign that a major relationship in your life is out of balance. Clear communication will help you sort things out. Remember: You're strong and capable!



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## KNIGHT OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The Knight of Potions is a graceful, effortlessly fluid figure who backs up his dreams with focused momentum and action. A revolutionary with a kind heart, the Knight of Potions is here to encourage you to find your passion. It's time to explore ideas and causes that move you.

**Reversed:** Reversed, the Knight of Potions becomes sulky, gloomy, and brooding. This is often caused by a big disappointment. Take time to really think about your options before acting on them. Relationships can get sticky when decisions are made emotionally rather than logically.



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## PAGE OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The Page of Potions goes through life (and death?) with childlike curiosity and hopeful enthusiasm. Unleash your creativity, and charge forward in pursuit of the things you're passionate about. Sometimes, this card represents the beginning of a new relationship or close friendship.

**Reversed:** The Page of Potions reversed doesn't always handle his emotions well. He can be childish, naive, and even a little selfish. This card appears reversed when you're in need of a new emotional outlet. Now is a great time to explore creative new ways of expressing yourself.



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