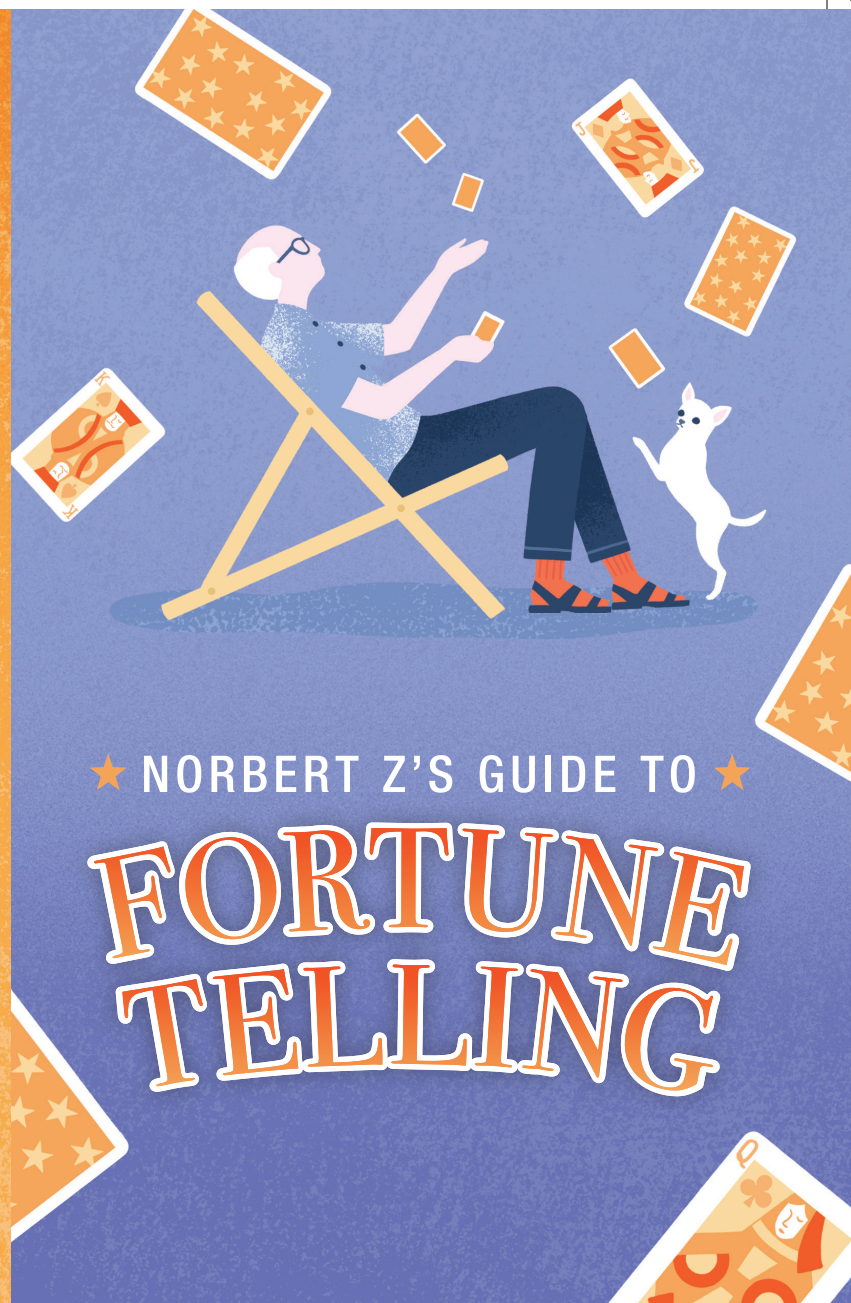


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**FORTUNE
TELLING**

Be guided by your own intuition and common sense, as much as by the card meanings listed here.

Step 1:

Have your querent shuffle the cards and hand you the top one, shuffle again and do the same, always shuffling between cards, until you have seven cards. Place them in a horseshoe spread, facing yourself.

Step 2:

See if a face card has appeared in the spread; Kings are males, Queens are females, and Jacks can be either. If there is more than one face card, one is sure to be the querent, and the others represent important people in the querent's life. Cards to the left of the querent card may signify past events that continue to have an effect now. Cards to the right of the querent card refer to the future.

NOTE:

Alternate meanings are listed for some cards; these alternate meanings may seem to contradict the first meaning listed. As the reader, you must use your own intuition to discern which meaning is correct. Above all, look for encouragement and positive suggestions you can give your querent, because people are very suggestible, and may unconsciously work to make your reading come true.

Hearts

Ace of Hearts: A transformative power is at work here. You will see that assistance comes from an unexpected source. Above all, trust yourself.

Two of Hearts: You are about to have a fun adventure. Be open to trying something new. Alternate meaning: You have a secret admirer.

Three of Hearts: You may be challenged to defend yourself. Be calm. You are very well able to deal with any difficult person or situation.

Four of Hearts: Be confident in yourself. Another person may feel threatened by your skill and power. Just be kind, respectful and firm.

Five of Hearts: Beware of another's envy. Alternate meaning: Know that ultimately, you are safe. You are flying high, aligned with your inner being.

Six of Hearts: A gathering of true friends brings good times and a sense of peace. Alternate meaning: You are curious about your future. Begin having fun with your plans.

Seven of Hearts: Strife between friends. Focus on common goals. You really are on the same side, truly.

Eight of Hearts: An unexpected meeting brings new perspective. You learn every day and at all times, when you are open. Alternate meaning: A wedding soon. It may be yours or someone else's.

Nine of Hearts: Your deepest wish will be granted. You will receive benefits even beyond your deepest wish.

Ten of Hearts: You have a special gift that you may have not developed. It may even be a hidden gift. Why not begin to use this gift?

Jack of Hearts: A fun-loving person. Possibly a person who parties too much and is irresponsible. Alternate meaning: romance is in your immediate future.

Queen of Hearts: A good-hearted woman, supportive of the querent. A friend indeed.

King of Hearts: A kind and generous man. He will help you in any way he can.

Spades

Ace of Spades: There is great power in this card. A determining factor. It is the end of one chapter, to allow for the beginning of another.

Two of Spades: We are all carrying our own sorrow. Be kind to everyone. Consider performing a random act of kindness. It's always good karma.

Three of Spades: Health concerns. Do you need to see a health care professional? Alternate meaning: maintain the blessing of good health that you have by eating well, exercising, and getting enough sleep.

Four of Spades: The past must be released. What's done is done. In order to go forward, you must turn your head toward the future.

Five of Spades: A crisis. Help is needed. You or someone close to you needs help. The surrounding cards should guide you as to who, and what kind of help.

Six of Spades: Grief. Loss is one part of life. Allow time to grieve. Grieving is hard work. Be kind to yourself.

Seven of Spades: Your responsibilities require your attention. Alternative meaning: you are taking on more responsibility, and this will help you to grow as a person. The responsibility could be a pet, a child or an elder, or it could be a task at work.

Eight of Spades: You are challenged to withstand criticism. Don't worry. You know who you are. Alternate meaning: Let any negative energy just pass you by; it is nothing to do with you. Stay focused on what you love and what makes you happy.

Nine of Spades: Disaster. You are on the brink of taking an action that might have far-reaching consequences. Draw back from the precipice while there is still time.

Ten of Spades: Tearing down of illusions to make space for new beginnings based on truth. You are dedicated to learning and growing. Alternate meaning: you will be signing up for a course of study.

Jack of Spades: A pompous or immature man or woman. A blowhard. This person needs to strut and command attention due to insecurity.

Queen of Spades: A woman who is very perceptive. Don't ever bother trying to fool her! She is a good person to have as an ally.

King of Spades: A serious man with no sense of humor. Critical and closed-minded.

Diamonds

Ace of Diamonds: The power of the magician is signified here. Within you there is a powerful force. It is time to tune into it and let it be your guide. You have great talent.

Two of Diamonds: Others trust you because you are sincere. Great things are coming your way. Look for them. Alternate meaning: a small amount of money is coming to you soon.

Three of Diamonds: Success! Good fortune is building. Gratitude is the secret to happiness. Through a daily practice of gratitude, you will continue to attract even more good things into your life.

Four of Diamonds: Open your mind and allow yourself to explore new ideas. Why not? Alternate meaning: a job offer comes from an unexpected source.

Five of Diamonds: A power struggle or a personality clash. You may be shocked by someone's ingratitude. Whatever the unpleasantness, do not engage. Walk away. You'll be glad you did.

Six of Diamonds: Financial security. Money begins to come to you more easily now. You step into a position of your own power. Honesty is always the best policy.

Seven of Diamonds: Your relationships deepen and grow stronger. Bonds of friendship are emphasized now. You have wonderful people in your life, and they appreciate you. Alternate meaning: you will meet your soul mate very soon.

Eight of Diamonds: There is something good in your life. Do not let it go. It may be a job, relationship or a precious material item. Whatever it is, if it gives you joy—keep it.

Nine of Diamonds: A financial new beginning. Financial reward beckons. Go forward with confidence.

Ten of Diamonds: Your project gains traction. Whatever you have been focusing on is ready to take off now.

Jack of Diamonds: A young person at the crossroads.

Queen of Diamonds: A charming but controlling woman. She can be a strong ally, but beware of falling into her power.

King of Diamonds: A happy and friendly man who will be a positive factor in your life.

Clubs

Ace of Clubs: Powerful forces are at work. You are creative and artistic. Go ahead and indulge your sense of play. That is where your genius lies.

Two of Clubs: There is yet time to take a different path. What would you really like? Describe exactly where you want to be. Your thoughts will attract what you love.

Three of Clubs: Your business is highlighted. Success is growing, and will grow beyond your expectations.

Four of Clubs: Popularity. You are liked more than you suspect. Your sphere of influence is about to widen.

Five of Clubs: Handle issues delicately or they may explode.

Six of Clubs: A solution is on its way. Beware of the motivations of others. They are not as they seem. Alternate meaning: you will be involved in a legal matter.

Seven of Clubs: Be on the lookout for an important new relationship. Someone would like to know you better.

Eight of Clubs: You are presented with a business opportunity. Consider all sides carefully before responding. Note surrounding cares for guidance.

Nine of Clubs: A period of study and hard work is indicated, if you are to succeed in your aims.

Ten of Clubs: A period of healing now. It could be physical, emotional or spiritual. Take the necessary time to recharge.

Jack of Clubs: An unremarkable or dark-eyed man. There are hidden depths here. He has undeveloped potential.

Queen of Clubs: A kind woman. Loyal and open-hearted. She loves others deeply.

King of Clubs: A courageous man, capable of true heroism.

Joker: The reader may choose to leave the joker in the deck or take it out. When it appears, the Joker signifies personal transformation, psychic awakening and a journey into another world.

POWERFUL, SPECIAL COMBINATIONS

Certain card combinations, when appearing in the spread, take on a particular meaning.

Four Kings: A gathering of support. People will come together for your cause.

Three Queens: Strong personalities guarantee interesting company and a good time.

Four Sevens: Don't tempt fate. Be alert to factors that may be hidden.

Four Sixes: Peace and equilibrium are restored for a period of time. Enjoy it.

Ace of Clubs and Eight of Clubs: A job offer or business opportunity carries the power to completely change your future. Stay true to yourself, and you can't go wrong.

Jack of Clubs and Three of Spades: In order to grow into who you are, you need to get away from your early influences.

Jack of Hearts and Ten of Hearts: You need a vacation—or even a stay-cation.

Ten of Clubs and Four of Spades: How and why are you blocking your own healing? Take care. You are on a path that leads into a dark void.

Ten of Hearts and Four of Clubs: You have people who love you unconditionally, although you may not realize it.

Ten of Hearts and Four of Hearts: Go ahead and have confidence in yourself. If need be, "fake it til you make it." You can do this!

Nine of Hearts and Nine of Diamonds: Most favorable combination. Your wishes come true. You satisfy your heart and heal the hearts of others through service.

Nine of Spades and Ace of Spades: Take care to avoid a disaster that has been building.

Three of Hearts and Ace of Spades: Your own recklessness throws you into danger. Try to learn from this.