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PREFACE

The revelation of the animal symbolism and wisdom of the oracle

The wonder of nature has always fascinated humanity, revealing its beauties and enigmas. From the graceful flight of birds to the peaceful sway of ancient trees, the natural world provides an immense canvas that blurs the boundaries between the physical and spiritual realms. She embodies ancient wisdom and hidden truths that people from all cultures and civilisations have sought for guidance and insight.

Animal guides are indispensable in this rich tapestry of the natural world. They form a bridge between the messengers of profound meaning and keepers of age-old wisdom.

Throughout history, humans have recognised the deep connection between themselves and the animal kingdom, recognising the spiritual essence that permeates all living things. They have tried to unravel the secrets of the animal guides by viewing them as guides, teachers and embodiments of divine wisdom.

This book discusses the symbolism of the animal guides and their meaning. Using the oracle card 'animal guides', in which I hand-painted each card, we embarked on a transformative journey to discover the profound messages of these guides.

By exploring the intricate symbolism of the animal kingdom, we can gain insight into how these divine

beings can become powerful allies in our personal growth and spiritual journey.

As you read these pages, you will unlock these animal guides' wisdom and profound messages. Animal guides possess unique qualities, values and teachings to enlighten your spiritual journey. These guides transcend cultural boundaries and offer insights that resonate with the universal human experience. By understanding their symbolism and embracing their guidance, you can tap into a well of ancient wisdom and unleash the full potential of your intuition. As you turn the pages of this book, you will discover various animal guides, each with unique qualities and spiritual significance.

The lion embodies fearlessness and courage, while the dolphin symbolises joy and playfulness. The turtle radiates patience and delay, and the butterfly represents transformation and carefreeness. These animal guides offer valuable insights into different aspects of life, providing you with the necessary tools to reach your full potential.

If you are fascinated by animal guides, you can explore these beautiful oracle cards of animal guides that can help you connect with them. These cards serve as a portal to the spiritual world and open doors to their profound knowledge and guidance. You can receive divine advice from the animal guides by choosing a card after shuffling the deck. These pieces of advice can help you overcome challenges, make wiser decisions, and enhance your spiritual journey with greater clarity and understanding.

In this book, we delve into the symbolism of each animal and unravel the layers of meaning inherent in

their presence. We explore their natural habitat, mythological associations and cultural interpretations and recognise the universal archetypes they represent in various belief systems. Additionally, we explore the energies and lessons these guides offer and the specific oracle messages they bring, tailor-made to support and inspire you on your unique path.

Remember that this book aims to provide valuable insights and spiritual meaning about animal guides. Still, the ultimate interpretation and resonance depend on your heart and soul. The oracle messages in this book serve as a valuable tool for establishing a connection with the animal guides. However, they still need to provide complete solutions. Your intuition, discernment, and personal experiences are crucial in interpreting the messages these guides bring, and only you can fully understand their true meaning in the context of your life journey.

Exploring the realm of the animal guides and their symbolic meanings is an experience that transcends time and language. Be guided by their wisdom and embrace the profound messages they convey.

This book will introduce you to the fascinating world of animal guides and encourage you to embark on a journey of self-discovery, connection and growth. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner, a curious seeker, or intrigued by the mystical realm of the animal kingdom, this book provides a wealth of knowledge, perspectives, and practical techniques to deepen your understanding of and relationship with animal guides.

When connecting with the oracle and exploring the symbolism of animal guides, it is essential to recognise that these encounters are purposeful and regulated by

a higher power. Every interaction with an animal guide offers an opportunity to delve deeper into yourself, embody their virtues and traits, and integrate them into everyday life.

Your journey is a sacred dance with the animal guides, a mutual learning experience. If you show them respect and reverence, they will lead you to greater self-awareness, spiritual insight, and a harmonious connection with nature.

It is crucial to remember that the wisdom and observations of animal guides extend beyond what is documented in this book. They exist all around us, and nature acts as a powerful oracle. By cultivating a strong connection with the natural world, you will be amazed at how animal guides show up in different ways and provide valuable guidance and inspiration.

Travel with an open heart, ready to embrace the unknown. Listen carefully to the whisper of the wind, the rustling of the leaves and the sweet song of the birds. These messages from the animal guides lead you to a greater understanding of yourself and the interconnectedness of all living things.

As you begin your journey into the world of animal guides, remember that you are on a path of transformation. Embrace the symbols, respond to the timeless messages, and let the symbolism of these animals be your trusted guides as you walk your spiritual path. The key to unlocking their wisdom lies in your Higher Self, your willingness to listen, and your commitment to honouring the messages they reveal.

May you find great enlightenment, empowerment, and a profound connection with the natural world through this book. May it work as a bridge between

different realms, revealing hidden truths and leading you to a more conscious and fulfilling life. Let the wisdom of the animal guides enrich your existence and inspire you to live in harmony with the sacred web of life.

With light and love,

Jennie Smallenbroek

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the enchanting world of "The Symbolism of Animals and Messages from the Oracle." This book invites you to journey into a realm of mystery, symbolism and wisdom deeply rooted in the ancient traditions of oracles and the rich language of animals. Have you ever wondered how to communicate with the universal forces around you? Are you curious about the hidden messages that the natural world and the oracle have in store for you? This book offers you the key to unlocking these secrets to better understand yourself and the world around you. In this introduction, I will take you through the art of laying oracle cards and drawing cards with the wisdom of animals as a guide. But we go further than what is on the card because it often only contains two words. We will discover that the symbolism of each animal goes much deeper than what you see at first glance on the card. An animal can be a treasure chest full of powerful words and spiritual messages that can guide us on our life path.

I will guide you in understanding the symbolism of animals, how to choose the right cards and how to unravel their more profound messages. It is an invitation to see the world around you with new eyes, listen to nature's whispers and follow the guidance that the oracle offers you.

So, take a moment to immerse yourself in the wisdom of this book. Be inspired by the animals' power and the oracle's messages. Step into a world of symbolism

and insight that will change your life forever. Let's go on a journey together and discover the secrets nature and the oracle have in store for us.

Practical use of the Oracle cards

Now that you've been introduced to the fascinating world of animal symbolism and the oracle's messages let's get down to business. In this chapter, I will guide you in using the oracle cards effectively and teach you how to reveal the more profound wisdom of the animals.

Step 1: Choose cards

- Choose a suitable time and place: Find a quiet and peaceful environment where you can concentrate without distractions.
- Shuffle the cards: take them in your hands and shuffle them thoroughly. This helps to connect your energy with the cards.
- Ask a question or intention: before drawing the cards, ask yourself a question you want to explore. This can vary from personal growth to specific situations in your life.

Step 2: draw the cards

- Choose the legging: You can use different legging depending on your preference. Some popular spreads are the three-card spread (past, present, future), the Celtic cross spread and the simple one-card draw.
- draw the cards: Focus on your question or intention as you draw the cards. You can draw one card for

a quick message or multiple cards for a more in-depth insight.

Step 3: Interpret the cards

- **Observe:** Look at the cards carefully. The image and your first feelings and thoughts when you see the cards.
- **Analyse symbolism:** dig deeper into the symbolism of the images. What do the animals tell you? What details do you notice? Which colours, postures or environments are relevant?
- **Connect with your intuition:** close your eyes and listen to your inner voice. What do you feel deep inside? What message emerges?

Step 4: reflection and action

- **Write:** Write down your interpretations and the feelings you had when you saw the cards. This helps to anchor your insights.
- **Reflect:** Consider how the cards relate to your question or situation. What can they tell you? What steps can you take based on these insights?
- **Take action:** use the wisdom gained to make conscious choices and take action in your life. The cards provide guidance, but ultimately, the power of change lies with you.

Step 5: Practice and patience

- **Keep practising:** oracle cards are like a language you learn to speak. The more you practice, the deeper your insights become.

- Be patient: sometimes the messages are not immediately apparent. Let the meaning unfold naturally.

Remember that there are no "right" or "wrong" interpretations when working with oracle cards. Your intuition and feelings are the key to understanding the messages of the animals and the oracle. These cards guide, inspire and support you on your life path. So, go on an adventure, be open to new insights, and let the symbolism of animals lighten your way.

The Symbolology of a Bear

Independent & Strong



The bear is an enduring symbol of strength, courage and primal instincts, revered by various cultures and indigenous peoples worldwide. Its rich and varied symbolism represents aspects such as protection, wisdom, healing and introspection. One of the most striking associations with the bear is its depiction of strength and courage. Its physical presence, formidable size, and ferocity

in the wild have symbolised power and resilience. In many Native American tribes, the bear embodies courage and leadership, a reminder for people to tap into their inner reservoirs of strength and face challenges with determination and steadfastness.

The bear is also associated with protective qualities, symbolising care and guardianship. In many indigenous cultures, the bear is considered a protective spirit that watches over people and guides them on their life

path. It is seen as a symbol of motherly love, family bonds and the importance of nurturing and protecting those we care for, just as a mother bear fiercely protects her cubs.

The bear's association with wisdom and introspection is another crucial aspect of its symbolism. The bear is considered a wise and revered teacher in many indigenous cultures. His hibernation, a period of introspection and self-reflection, is a metaphor for the importance of seclusion and inner exploration. By embracing silence and meditation, one can tap into one's inner wisdom and find answers to life's questions. Furthermore, the bear is spiritual in various cultures because it represents a connection with the divine and the world of guides.

In Native American spirituality, the bear is often associated with the Great Spirit or considered a spiritual guide. Its presence in dreams or visions signifies spiritual awakening, guidance, or a call to begin a spiritual journey. The symbolism of the bear also extends to the field of healing and medicine. In indigenous cultures, it is believed that the bear possesses and becomes powerful healing abilities

associated with medicinal plants and herbal remedies. His affinity with nature and intuitive understanding of the healing properties of the environment make him a symbol of healing and holistic well-being.

Although the bear embodies positive symbolism, it can also represent more challenging aspects, such as aggression and unpredictability, reminding us to respect and acknowledge our darker and more aggressive elements and to find a balance between strength and aggression.

Artistically, the bear has been a popular subject in various forms of expression, evoking a sense of awe, respect and admiration for the natural world and its powerful inhabitants. In short, the symbolism of the bear encompasses a range of attributes and meanings that have resonated with people throughout history and connected them to their inner strength.

The message of the Oracle

An encounter with a bear can have different meanings depending on experiences and context. As an oracular message, seeing a bear can mean strength, power and resilience. It serves as a reminder of your inner strength and the courage it takes to overcome life's challenges. Embrace your power and use your innate abilities.

Introspection and contemplation are also associated with bears, known for hibernation, a time of deep contemplation. Seeing a bear may indicate it is time to retreat and spend quiet moments reflecting on your life, goals and desires. Allow yourself to go within and seek clarity.

Set healthy boundaries in relationships and prioritise your well-being. Bears are protective creatures, especially towards their young. Seeing a bear could be a sign to evaluate your limits and ensure you protect yourself, your loved ones, and your personal space.

Seeing a bear can indicate that it is time to stand in your power, take your life into your own hands and pursue your goals with determination. Bears are also associated with awakening and embracing personal power. Trust your abilities and be guided by your inner strength.

Bears are deeply connected to nature, and their presence can remind you of the importance of reconnecting with nature's natural world. Seeing the bear deepens your connection to the earth and its wonders. Take time to immerse yourself in nature, appreciate its beauty, and find comfort in its tranquility.

The symbology of a Beaver

Renovation & Creative



The beaver is a fascinating animal with important historical symbolism in various cultures and societies. Its unique qualities and behaviours have made it a powerful symbol representing multiple aspects of life, including construction, wisdom, ingenuity, community and balance with nature. One of the main symbols associated with the beaver is building and hard

to work. Beavers are known for their exceptional engineering skills, building intricate dams and castles with meticulous craftsmanship. Their tireless efforts in constructing these structures exemplify dedication, perseverance and a strong work ethic.

The beaver's ability to alter its environment by manipulating waterways is a metaphor for humans' efforts to change and adapt to the natural world.

Wisdom is another symbolism often attributed to the beaver. The beaver's ingenuity and intelligence in

solving complex problems in building dams and creating territories are admired by many cultures.

In Native American folklore, the beaver is revered as a wise teacher and guide, emphasising the importance of using knowledge and wisdom to overcome obstacles and find innovative solutions.

The beaver's ability to adapt to changing circumstances and navigate complex environments is a testament to its profound wisdom.

The community-oriented nature of the beaver is a symbol of cooperation and unity. Beavers usually live in large family groups and work together to build and maintain dams and castles. Their ability to synchronise their efforts shows the power of teamwork and unity in achieving common goals. The beaver's strong family bonds and emphasis on collective well-being are a reminder of the importance of cooperation in human societies.

Moreover, the beaver symbolises harmony and balance with nature. By building dams, beavers create ecosystems that benefit many species, including fish, birds and amphibians. By controlling water levels and creating wetlands, beavers maintain biodiversity and the ecological balance of their environment. This symbolism encourages us to recognise the interconnectedness of all living things and emphasises the need to live in harmony with the natural world.

The beaver's ability to adapt and survive in diverse environments is a lesson in resilience and ingenuity. Their physical characteristics, such as their webbed feet and broad tails for balance, allow them to thrive in a watery environment. This symbolism inspires us to embrace change, remain flexible and find creative

solutions in adversity. In many indigenous cultures, the beaver is considered a totem animal, embodying specific spiritual qualities and being a protector or guide. Totem beavers represent qualities such as determination, hard work and unity and are believed to provide protection and support to individuals and communities. The totem meaning of the beaver encourages us to connect with our inner strength, tap into our abilities and seek guidance from nature.

In addition to its cultural symbolism, the beaver has also found its place in various national and regional identities. For example, the beaver is Canada's national animal and symbolises perseverance, resilience and unity. It appears on the Canadian nickel coin and has been an essential part of the country's history, especially during the fur trade era.

The message of the Oracle

The oracle tells you that the industrious beaver symbolises ingenuity, harmony with nature and diligence. He encourages you to balance your pursuits and use your abilities to build a strong foundation.

Just like the intricate dams and huts that the beaver builds, you have the power to shape your environment and make your dreams come true. Embrace your inner creativity, adaptability and perseverance. A focused work attitude can help you overcome obstacles and achieve great things.

Build a sense of unity, support and cooperation to reach greater heights. Furthermore, the beaver encourages you to nurture relationships and work together. Collaboration and teamwork can help you achieve goals that would be impossible alone.

Seek guidance from the example of the beaver and balance perseverance and flexibility. In times of change or uncertainty, the beaver teaches you to trust your instincts and adapt to new circumstances. Sometimes, you must follow the flow; other times, you have your own course map.

The symbology of a **Bee** Abundance & Productivity



The bee has always been a powerful symbol in many cultures throughout history. Her meaning encompasses many qualities, including perseverance, community, fertility, spirituality, and royalty.

One of the most prominent traits associated with bees is their dynamic nature. Bees are known for their diligent work, buzzing tirelessly from flower to

flower, searching for nectar. Their dedication to their tasks and the intricate organisation within a beehive have made them a symbol of hard work, productivity, and perseverance. The bee's ability to convert collected nectar into honey emphasises its role as a symbol of abundance and productivity. Community and social harmony are other fundamental aspects of bee symbolism. Bees work in a highly organised society in which each member plays a specific role to ensure the survival and growth of the hive. This cooperative behaviour has made bees symbols of unity, teamwork,