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We're very excited to finally stock the amazing works of artist, author and mystic **David Chaim Smith** here in the shop. His works have until now been very hard to get hold of in the UK (as well as the EU), so we're happy to be able to offer them to our customers. David's work is drawn from a unique Non-dual gnostic perspective on **Kabbalah** and **Alchemy**, which is presented in profound prose and beautiful visual art. Please check our <u>webshop</u> for more info.

If you are interested in having an in-store as well as online session with one of our **readers**, you can now find all the information you need on our <u>website</u>, under the header **tarot readings**.





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Hermetica

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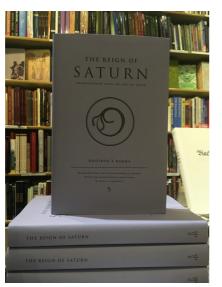
The Hermetica are a body of theological-philosophical texts written in late antiquity, but long believed to be much older. Their supposed author, Hermes Trismegistus, was thought to be a contemporary of Moses, and the Hermetic philosophy was regarded as an ancient theology, parallel to the received wisdom of the Bible. This first English translation based on reliable texts, together with Brian P. Copenhaver's comprehensive introduction, provide an indispensable resource to any student of Esoteric philosophy.



Sepher Yetzirah Magic

The Sepher Yetzirah stands as the foundation work of Kabbalah, a mystical and magical text which establishes the cosmology and roots of the tradition. The Sepher Yetzirah emphasises the symbol set of the Hebrew alphabet and expresses language as the liminal medium which unites emanation and manifestation. This book, by David Rankine is a stand-alone work which requires no previous knowledge of Kabbalah, and presents a collection of practical magical and meditational techniques for solitary and group practice.





The Reign of Saturn (Transformed into an Age of Gold)

In his Regna Saturnia, Huginus à Barma depicts the Hermetic Arcanum in such a way that he appears to have penetrated into the inner sanctum. Among other things, he says: Our mercury softens what is hard and hardens what is soft; fixes the volatile, and volatilises even the

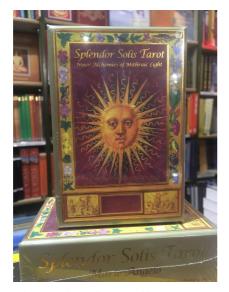


Becoming Gold

Foremost among alchemists of the Hellenized world, the "divine" Zosimos practiced a sacred art in which metaphysical and metallurgical realities were fundamentally intertwined. Rather than being an exclusive product of Alexandrian syncretism, however, the dual spiritual and material emphasis of this alchemy reveals much most fixed; renders living matter dead, and brings the dead to life through resuscitation; it is wet and it is dry. Whoever could render this subject to his will is without a doubt an heir of the Hermes of old. deeper roots than expected: roots which extend deep into the religious cultures of the Ancient Near East.

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The Splendor Solis Tarot

This tarot features card images based on Renaissance art, a golden box with a 224 page book and 78 gilded cards and 300 colour illustrations in the book. Told through the voice of the Alchemical Apprentice, this unusual tarot is presented in a tale in which tarot and Splendor Solis meet as Prospero's books. In Shakespeare's Tempest, the Magus abandons his books, but here Miranda returns to the island seeking her own magical wisdom.

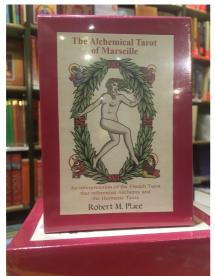


Celestial Intelligences

This book by Greg Kaminsky discusses the work of Renaissance philosopher Giovanni Pico della Mirandola. It shows how Pico's 900 Theses and subsequent Apologia very much contained the foundation for the rediscovery of Western esotericism from the mists of time along with the public declaration that magic and the Cabala were the keys to knowing the truth of religion, the world, and oneself.

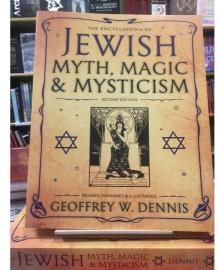


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The Alchemical Tarot of Marseille





The Encyclopedia of Jewish Myth, Magic and Mysticism

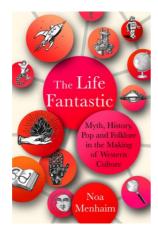
Marseille is a 78 card deck that reinterprets the French Tarot in Robert M. Place's own style with references to Alchemy and Hermeticism. The cards measure 5' by 3.25" with gold edges and a mat finish, and they come in two part cloth covered box along with a 48-page book that explains all of the symbolism, and the pips display divinatory imagery. Presenting lore that can spiritually enrich anyone's life, this one-of-a-kind encyclopedia is devoted to the esoteric in Judaism- the fabulous, the miraculous, and the mysterious. In this second edition, Geoffrey W. Dennis has added over thirty new entries and significantly expanded over one hundred other entries, incorporating more knowledge and passages from primary sources.

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Noa Menhaim - The Life Fantastic Tuesday 9 August 18.30 (In-store)

Join author Noa Menhaim for the launch of her new book THE LIFE FANTASTIC.

Explore the sprawling network of culture to discover the incredible ways in which ideas connect to shape the world we see today. These mind-blowing essays dig down to the roots of stories, myths and literary genres, travelling from art to politics to history to folklore, and from high to popular culture and back again. Through an intricate web of sidenotes, embark on a voyage of discovery from the unluckiest book ever made to Viking horned helmets to the sex life of vampires.... or from mermaids frolicking in the margins to the ancient Amazons to the power of Amazon and on to Utopia and Atlantis... This is western culture as you've never seen it before.

More info

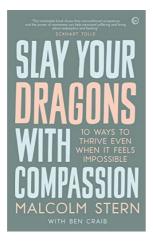


The Afterlife Tarot - Ever Orchid Thursday 11th August 17:30 (Instore)

On this Thursday evening we're happy to welcome back our old collegue and dear friend Ever Orchid, who will present her new <u>THE</u> <u>AFTERLIFE TAROT</u>.

Six years in the making, from original concept, through multiple artwork revisions, to final production, the Afterlife Tarot deck is a unique tarot that has the 22 major arcana cards and a reading cloth, where you can study how it correlates with the Kabbalistic Tree of Life 22 pathways and 13 afterlife cards, created exclusively for use with this deck and Tree of Life cloth, which you can use to correlate with the 11 sefirot and the 3 Kabbalistic veils. Each of the cards depicts original artwork based on various ancient civilization motifs and spiritual concepts of living and dying.

More info



Slay Your Dragons with Compassion Michael Stern Thursday 25th August 17:30 (Online)

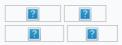
Join us for this free online event where Michael Stern will present his book SLAY YOUR DRAGONS WITH COMPASSION.

When renowned psychotherapist Malcom Stern's daughter Melissa took her own life in 2014 he experienced most parents' worst nightmare and his grief made him challenge every aspect of his work and life. It thrust his growth and development forwards in ways he never thought possible, forcing him to confront his fears and work through his biggest blocks.

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