

# A Crash Course in Lenormand

## What is the (petit) Lenormand Oracle?

- ❖ 36 card deck
- ❖ Images originated from Johan Kaspar Hechtel's Game of Hope (1799)
- ❖ Used in a Chutes and Ladders style parlor game
- ❖ Original instructions included instructions for divination with the images
- ❖ Images and divination meanings originated from tea leaf and coffee ground reading symbolism
- ❖ Madame Lenormand's name attached to the deck for marketing purposes (she never used the deck)



## Interpretation Techniques

- ❖ Take note of directionality – what direction is the image facing? What information does it add to the meaning?
- ❖ The center card often represents the “heart” of the matter
- ❖ Read cards in pairs or triplets
- ❖ “Neighbor” cards represent direct influences
- ❖ Opposing cards provide additional detail
- ❖ Cards on the diagonal indicate subtle influences

## Card Keywords

#	Card Name	Keyword
1	Rider	News, Arrivals
2	Clover	Small luck, timing
3	Ship	Forward motion, travel
4	House	Home, privacy
5	Tree	Health, family
6	Clouds	Confusion, uncertainty
7	Snake	Surprise, betrayal
8	Coffin	Endings
9	Bouquet	Gift, happiness
10	Scythe	Sever, collect
11	Rod/Whip	Repetition
12	Birds	Talk, gossip
13	Child	Youth, new beginnings
14	Fox	Cunning, dexterity
15	Bear	Protection, defense
16	Star	Fate, joy
17	Stork	Delivery, return
18	Dog	Faithfulness, loyalty
19	Tower	Boundaries, formalities
20	Park/Garden	Society, social settings
21	Mountain	Obstacles, interruptions
22	Roads	Choices, decisions
23	Mice	Dwindling, theft
24	Heart	Emotions, romance
25	Ring	Unions, marriage
26	Book	Knowledge, secrets
27	Letter	Message, communication
28	Gentleman	Querent
29	Lady	Querent
30	Lilies	Maturity, experience
31	Sun	Best luck, complete happiness
32	Moon	Fortune, dexterity
33	Key	Certainty, opening
34	Fish	Resources, industry
35	Anchor	Hope, steadiness
36	Cross	Burden, struggle

