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# Sacred Path Cards: The Discovery Of Self Through Native Teachings





## Synopsis

This extraordinary tool for self-discovery draws on the strength and beauty of Native American spiritual tradition. Developed by Native American medicine teacher Jamie Sams, this unique system distills the essential wisdom of the sacred teachings of many tribal traditions and shows users the way to transform their lives. The 44 beautifully illustrated cards, each endowed with a particular meaning and message, may be drawn individually for a daily lesson or laid out in a series of spreads that open up different paths to inner knowledge. Used with the accompanying text, which explains the various forms and methods of interpretation and divination, the cards are a powerful tool for enhanced self-awareness and positive change.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

As I was reading through the customer reviews for the Sacred Path Cards, I was intrigued by the two reviewers who gave this item 1 star. One reviewer gives everything she reviews 1 star. The other apparently based her review on reading other reviews vs any first hand knowlege. I have used Sacred Path Cards for over 10 years and consider them to be an invaluable tool for spiritual growth. These are not meant to be fortune telling cards. To misconstrue this would be like calling your mother a fortune teller because she told you to "bundle up or you'll get sick" on a cold day. It is difficult to be objective to one's own issues. Our humanness seems to cloud the facts. Lots of people pray for spiritual growth and blame Satan for throwing obstacles in their path when it may just be God answering their prayers. If you don't understand this, I challenge you to pray for the

ability to trust God fully. If you're not that brave try praying for patience. Will your discomfort make it more difficult to hear God's guidance?Sacred Path Cards help cut through the illusions we hold of ourselves. They bypass the tendency of our rational minds to justify and defend our motives or desires and tap into the truth in our own subconscious. I have always found Sacred Path Cards to provide a dead-on accurate reflection of what is going on in my life. With the accurate reflection also comes "the fix". The future holds the logical consequences of one's actions or inactions. No hocus-pocus involved.I would liken Ms. Sam's teachings to a Native American version of parable-style teaching. She gives insightful cultural history and mixes it with the lesson(s). The result for me has been the ability to limit the amount of time I would normally spend wallowing in my own misery and allowing me to focus on bringing my life back into balance."Thank you, Jamie Sams." is inadequate to express my heartfelt gratitude.

One of the reviewers spoke for Native Americans who might view these as hocus pocus. As one of this heritage and deeply connected to it, I can say this is not hocus pocus. Cards, feathers, rocks, crystals and a great many other tools are used in reading Mother Earth and her nuances. All provides a message to us in teaching and that is indeed the Native way. I rather enjoy the cards, when I am centred and holding pure intent...I ask that I receive all messages meant for me. It can come through the cards or not, but always appears to those with hearts and ears willing to hear. If one is looking for another tool to connect, consider the cards, but with the frame of mind/heart that says these are not to give you THE answer, but an answer...a guide. The rest is yours to do.Namaste

I have recently begun using the Sacred Path cards, companion book, and workbook. Although I have been reading the Tarot for several years, it has never been as accurate and informative as the Sacred Path cards. The cards are universally understandable and easily applicable. I have used the Sacred Path cards with both the companion book and the workbook. Each book details various cards spreads and provides insights into the card meanings. Both books also detail how to do readings combining the Sacred Path and Medicine cards. In the past month, I have done three readings using three different spreads. Uncannily I have picked many of the same cards in each reading, which have ultimately reinforced a global message. They really have enabled me to grow and transform during a very interesting period in my life. I highly recommend the Sacred Path cards, the companion book, and the workbook. They have been invaluable to me in my "personal vision quest." They will help you to change your life by the way you perceive yourself and the world. They

will also allow you to perceive how others view you. They are thought-provoking and inspiring.

For anyone interested in Native American Spirituality and in learning how they can apply these Ancient Teachings in their own modern-day lives, this book is a MUST READ (and USE!) It is a tool that can help anyone who WANTS help. I believe the reviewer who commented that "no Indian he (or she) knows uses CARDS" - must be ignorant to the fact that this book was NOT written for those who were taught these teachings from birth, but rather was written for people like myself who are NEW to the Sacred Path and who don't KNOW how to get on it (and STAY on it!) I thank you, Jamie Sams, for sharing your Native Teachings with those of us who are IGNORANT about these teachings (like the reviewer said) and NEED and WANT to know! This book with the cards and the companion workbook have helped me to make tremendous changes in my life which I hope will make the world a better place for those whose paths will cross mine in the future!

This book and these cards were a beginning of a journey for me and my family. Because of these cards we all have opened a communication and built a spiritual oneness with powers that had always been but we never took the time to feel and see the connection. My personal spiritual growth has been immense since I purchased this book. It along with the cards have been a stepping stone for deep meditations, walks back to meet with my Indian Spiritual Guides and awakening my heritage connections. Using these cards along with chanting, prayer and purifying medicine wheel meditations has enriched my life and given me a serenity I had never known before. I strongly recommend the Sacred Path Cards. May the Spirits guide you on your Medicine Walk down the Sacred Path.

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