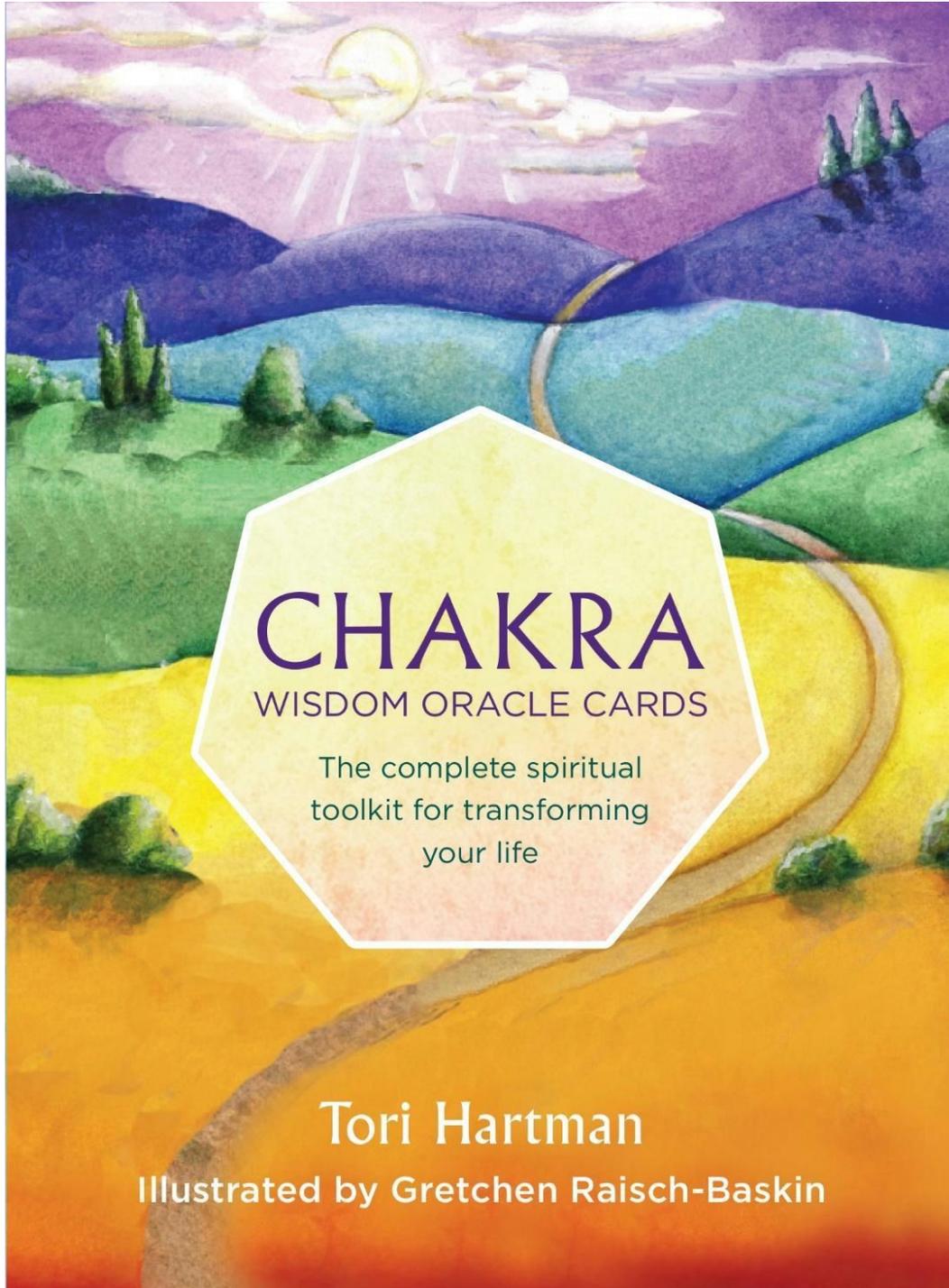




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## The Chakra Wisdom Oracle: Synopsis

*"I ADORE the Color Wisdom Cards and have been playing them non-stop since they arrived, with myself and friends. They are immensely valuable for shifting perspective and creating profound new growth."*

- Author, Artist, and Creative Fountain Susan Ariel Rainbow Kennedy (aka SARK) [www.planetSARK.com](http://www.planetSARK.com)

*"Tori's lovely toolkit can help you tune-in and tune-up with the rich magic of the spectrum. She makes it fun and fascinating!"*

- Amy Zerner & Monte Farber, authors of *Karma Cards*, *The Enchanted Tarot* and *Goddess, Guide Me!*

*"Read and experience this! Each poignant and thought-provoking story will give you the feeling of a long lost treasure - uncovered truths just for the reader."*

- Mark Victor Hansen, Co-creator of the *New York Times* #1 best selling series, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*



When Tori Hartman was in her early twenties, she went through a near death experience, during which Angels visited her and told her stories. Tori had no way of knowing at the time that her experience would become one of the most significant occurrences of her life.

As a tween, Tori's rite of passage included having lunch with her neighbor, renowned chef James Beard. And she still has the original book of poetry that another famous neighbor autographed for her when she was born. It was all in lower case of course, as that's how e e cummings wrote all his poetry.

Tori will tell you that she has a penchant for doing exactly the opposite of what people expect of her. "My mother wrote all my school papers for me while I was growing up until the day she died when I was 15," says Hartman. "She told me that I had no command of the language." After her mother died, Tori failed high school English and had to work three times as hard as anyone else. Regardless of that, Tori grew to love literature of all

kinds, and reads multiple books at the same time.

The real irony, of course, is that Tori became a writer. When she wanted to be a model, people told her that standing at 5' 4" she was too short. Tori ignored them because she knew there were other people like her.

"I mean, my own mother was wrong, so I figured that if I worked hard enough and had the right attitude, I could create miracles," says Hartman.

While others doubted, Tori would eventually be tapped to become Liz Claiborne's first petite model, and



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later signed with Elite Models. When Elite launched the Petite Elite Modeling Agency, Tori was already there.

After successful careers in fashion and voiceover, Tori decided it was time to take on her most difficult challenge of all: help others discover their own voice. Her mother was an alcoholic, whom Tori believes had been molested by her father, a combat veteran in World War I. Tori's own father was a paratrooper who jumped on D-day and fought straight through to VE day.



Tori's Greenwich Village childhood was anything but idyllic, and she believes that the deep wounds inflicted upon some of us as children are the spirits' way of leaving us open to receiving messages. Our wounds, Tori believes, can become our greatest assets, and often become our gifts, even if it doesn't feel that way at the time of the occurrence.

“I often tell people that if they want to know what they're supposed to be doing, they should try to just hide from it. That is the story of the fables and the Angels that brought them to me.” The fables were written down on legal pads, scraps paper and on the backs of envelopes, after which they were shoved in a drawer, where they remained for over twenty years. Tori knew that they were important, which is why she kept them. One day after working with them in a fable group, she posted an advertisement for an artist and was contacted by Gretchen Raisch-Baskin, who would go on to create artwork for the cards.

“I never met her,” says Tori. “I emailed her the manuscript and each week like clockwork over the course of a year, a picture that brought the fable to life appeared in my inbox. Using my savings, I put the entire deck online for people to use for free. I printed the cards overseas and they arrived in late October. I went on to sell thousands of copies of the card deck from my website alone.”

Less than four months after the fables were published, Gretchen died. Tori says that Gretchen often said that she felt there was a 52nd card. At the time, the deck had 51 cards. “I told her I thought there was a 52nd spirit, too, but I couldn't see a card. I realize now that she was the final spirit in the deck. She was only 41 years old, and this would be her final work.”

Since the deck's release, the cards have been used by people from various backgrounds. The biggest surprise for Tori, however, was the discovery (through the help of Google Analytics) that 60% of the cards' users were men.

In January 2013, Tori decided that she had taken the color wisdom cards as far as they could go—she could see that these cards had a life of their own and needed more professional guidance than she could offer on her own. Ignoring advice, she decided to head to London for a book fair that took place in April, with the sole intention of selling the deck to a publisher.

“Little did I know that this too was guided,” says Tori. “Jo Lal was the new publisher of Watkins



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Publishing, and had recently joined the company. In our first meeting, she suggested changing the title from ‘Color Wisdom’ to ‘Chakra Wisdom.’ I had already been teaching the cards through the chakra, so her thinking was nothing short of synchronistic with the project.”

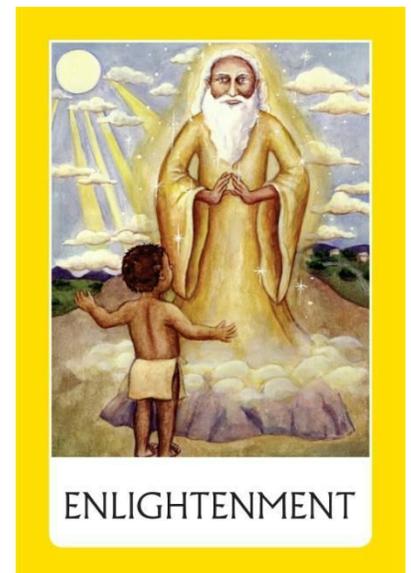
When asked what the ultimate purpose of the Oracle is, Tori says, “It contains every single one of our stopping points in life. We all have blind spots that we can't see, and this deck shows you where they are and pinpoints what's stopping you. For me, there's nothing more powerful than a guided solution from my Angels.”

Tori’s goal is to help others find their own answers by trusting themselves. It took Tori years to realize that she has the very gift that her mother told her that she lacked, and she feels that it is her responsibility to share this gift with others.

To coincide with the launch of the new *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards*, Tori has created a new website, [www.ChakraWisdomOracle.com](http://www.ChakraWisdomOracle.com), is re-launching her personal website, [www.ToriHartman.com](http://www.ToriHartman.com), and is currently working on a Toolkit book, which will assist others in using the cards and fables to change their lives. The Toolkit will contain extended versions of the fables and supplemental insights that will help supercharge the effectiveness of one's intuition.

When the *Color Wisdom Cards* were first released in 2010, the deck had the distinction of being the first of its kind to encompass multi-ethnic and LGBT experiences, and the new edition preserves this unique feature.

The new edition of the cards will be attractively priced at \$19.95 US—almost 50% less than the original edition.



## About Tori Hartman



Tori Hartman is a world-renowned author, spiritual teacher, and intuitive soul. Born and raised in the free-thinking atmosphere of New York’s Greenwich Village in the 1960s, Tori has been aware of her psychic abilities since the age of eight. After a near-death experience about 25 years ago, Tori began having a series of encounters with angels that revealed the profound fables that were to become the basis of the *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards*, and *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Toolkit*.

Tori has been featured in several highly-acclaimed publications such as the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. She has also worked



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with celebrities including Jeff Lewis whom she helped launch his hit TV show, *Flipping Out*, on Bravo Network USA.

Since then, her impact has grown exponentially. She successfully launched *Life Purpose Divination*, a system designed to shut down your brain to allow you to learn to live with complete trust in your intuition.

The success of the course led her to license the training, and it is now being facilitated around the world. Most recently, she united 18 Card Reading experts for the first ever virtual Intuitive Festival. Using innovative video technology, the event featured her interviewing and candidly speaking with Best-Selling Authors such as Colette Baron-Reid, Mary Greer, Stewart Pearce, Judith Orloff, Robert Lee Camp, and James Wanless to name a few. The event was magical, to say the least.

Using the Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards along with books, classes, and seminars, Tori Hartman continues to promote the empowerment of individuals and the acceptance of their intuition to make decisions.

## **Praise for *Color Wisdom Cards***

“I didn't really know what to expect. I had been listening to recordings of Tori's radio show for about a year before joining Spiritual Club and had been engaging with the cards on the free site for a while before jumping in, and all I knew is that I really wanted to get to know these cards better. I had no idea how it might happen as I had never done a course like this before. I am absolutely thrilled with the way the course went! I worked diligently with the material as instructed and had a wonderful, life-changing experience as a result. I feel so much more connected to my own inner voice.”

**- Spiritual Club Member, Renee**

“The Multi-Generational Healing for Love class has just been fantastic! It really helps you to look at your patterns and habits and put another light on them. I'm able to see from another perspective and shift my beliefs about a particular situation. It's kind of like opening Pandora's box, and being able to look at it in a safe and nurturing manner, with a support group encouraging and uplifting you, and helping you bear your own soul. I really appreciate all the work you do. Thank you for everything!”

**- Jasmine, CA**

“When I got my *Color Wisdom Cards*, I saw the Multi-Generational Healing information in the book and began learning bits and pieces in Spiritual Club meetings. Although I thought the concept was interesting, the more I heard, the more I knew it was the missing piece of my puzzle. I've been working on myself and consciousness since my mid-20s and had always felt like there was a piece missing and I didn't know what it was. I couldn't move forward. I wanted to do something and I knew I was supposed to be in this class.

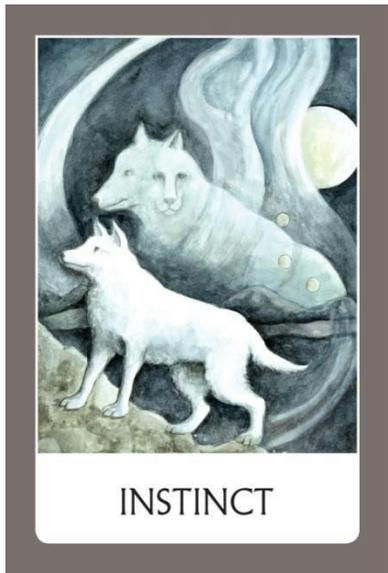
**-Jacqueline, GA**

## **How did all this begin?**

It started after my near death experience in my early 20s. Angels came and told me stories, and spirits came and told me their stories, too. They would not go away until I wrote them down.



These visitations took up space and time, and I was often too tired to do any writing the next day. The irony is that they stood in the way of what I thought was so important at the time. Looking back, I have no idea what I thought was so important back then, but I can remember the feeling.



### **What do the cards do?**

In essence, they assist you in changing your perception and finding a solution when you need one; they help you see something that would've taken you longer to find out.

There's the famous story of the tall ships that came over to America, and all the Native Americans saw were people walking onto the shore. They didn't see the tall ships because they were not in their frame of reference.

They couldn't imagine what a ship was and therefore even though they were on the horizon and out in the water, they couldn't see them. It wasn't until one of the elders of the tribe began to believe that there was some form of carriage for these people that he saw the ships. After that the others could see them, too.

The idea behind this work is to give us a way to see something that was previously outside of our frame of reference.

### **In a lot of your work you speak about the power of intention. What does that mean to you?**

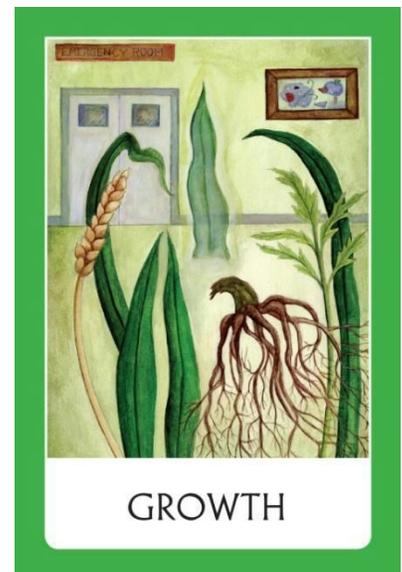
I love this question. Intention means everything in my world.

It is bigger than a wish, more intense than a goal.

An intention is the force that rolls determination and spirit all into one and throws it out into the universe like a meteor, hurtling toward creation and manifestation. This is the power of you and spirit combined.

All intentions require these steps:

- Identify your desire.
- Feel it into your soul.
- Live the invisible.



What you currently have in your life will reveal your true intention until now. It's simple:



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*Change your intention. Change your life. Become who you want to be.*

The true purpose of a goal is who you become in the process. An intention is a way of being and a focus of attraction. For example, a goal of becoming a medical doctor is about who you become in the schooling process: a doctor. An intention is choosing who you are now, it's an internal shift.

What I love about using my *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards* is that the cards always shine a light on the truth of someone's intention, and if he or she is off track, the cards give support in stepping into alignment.

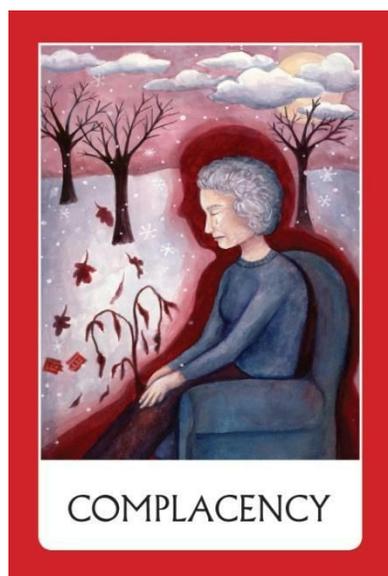
The *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards* speak to your inner knowing, your highest wisdom that is constantly evolving within your own fields of energy or chakra. The cards reflect your inner reality and in many cases support what you know to be true. I love to say that they validate your reality.

In my world as a psychic, I believe that my job is to make my job obsolete. The *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards* give you powerful, life affirming insights. They support your intuition and offer you a way to trust yourself.

### **How are these cards different from other cards?**

I don't know of a card deck that is about supporting your wisdom. Most decks offer you their wisdom. There is something quite extraordinary about the way these cards blend with someone's life and offer lessons without the lecture.

The fable and accompanying card taps into a very distinct aspect of your chakra, and works on several levels. Your inner energy centers and your wisdom are reflected in the cards. Most other card decks reveal your past, present and future. This one does that too, but it is also uniquely positioned to provide tools that help you prepare for life's challenges.



For example, the Grief card is about the story of Penelope and her dog Pickle – and his passing. It reminds us that “grief is love without a place to go.” This is a powerful affirmation of grief as a normal process for all of us. The Rejection card is about living outside the “norm” – being gay, an artist, or not accepted by society and living into your gift regardless.

The voices of the Angels were so different that I was confused by who was speaking to me at any given time. But they came and I wrote down the material as it was given. Their stories were multi-ethnic and LGBT, about war veterans and housewives. There were many times that I dropped to my knees and asked them to stop because I didn't want to do this. I had a book to write and this energy interfered with my ability to work, but they didn't stop. And then something happened; they became a part of me. I loved their stories and along the way, I knew I had to bring this work to life.



To be honest, I went through my life savings to create the original deck, and many people told me it was crazy. But I couldn't afford to think that way. Now, when I look back, I agree that it was crazy! But when I get letters from people saying how their lives have been transformed through using the cards... well, it's been worth it.

### **Can we go back to the toolkit example? What do you mean by that?**

When we think about the concept of tools, we often think of a hammer and a screwdriver first. But there are so many more tools that craftspeople use.

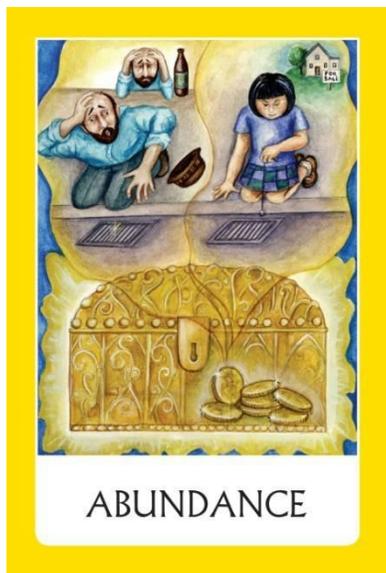
Now, imagine that you have a spiritual tool belt and on your tool belt is meditation. That's one tool.

Every fable is a new tool to add to your tool belt. They offer you a shift in perception that will allow you to build something outside your frame of reference. But, more importantly, you will learn how to sustain it.

Remember the tall ships? When you start adding new tools to your tool belt, many things will begin to appear that in the past would never have even occurred to you as a possibility. When you *know* something exists, you can create it.

For me, the fables have brought forth a roadmap. I never knew where this was going to go. Most of us have a roadmap but we deny it because it doesn't look like what we want it to look like. I learned that in my journey of trying to be something I wasn't, I was almost prevented from becoming who I could be.

The cards help people find their authentic intention and, as a result, step up into their own greatness, whatever that looks like for them.



### **What is the difference between the *Color Wisdom Cards* and the *Chakra Wisdom Oracle Cards*?**

One word: partnership.

The *Color Wisdom Cards* came through me and because I self-published them, I managed every aspect of the cards. It became clear to me that I needed a vision that was bigger than my personal capability.

In all honesty, I wanted a collaboration and that's why I chose Watkins Publishing in the UK. While there was a bigger house here in the states that wanted the project, I felt it was more important for me to go with the person whom I felt could shepherd not only the project, but the voice of the work. Which is why, when I met Jo Lal, I knew she was the right person to work with.

In essence, I teach the cards as chakra, and so we changed the name. The deck became more compact, and my brilliant editor, Fiona, distilled the best parts of the deck into the guidebook. This would allow people to get a clean reading and the ability to start playing with the cards more quickly. It also made the entire



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program more marketable overseas. We already have a French publisher lined up and I'm very excited about that. The deck will come out over there around Remembrance Day – my father was a paratrooper in WWII so this has a great deal of meaning for me.

We are currently collaborating on the Toolkit, which will include the full fables and offer a way to make the tools of the *Oracle* readily accessible in one's daily life.

## Sample Media Questions

- 1) What are the chakras and why do you think people need to know about them?
- 2) How does the *Chakra Wisdom Oracle* help you hone your intuition?
- 3) Are you a psychic or a medium?
- 4) Was this system “channeled?”
- 5) Can the *Chakra Wisdom Oracle* help me become psychic? Can it help me know if my husband or boyfriend is cheating on me?
- 6) Elsewhere you have mentioned Multigenerational Healing? What is that and how does your deck fit in?
- 7) What is a one-on-one session with you like?
- 8) You begin every year by picking a theme for the coming 12 months. What is your theme for this year?
- 9) You believe in the Law of Attraction, but with a twist. How does Manifesting work with your system?
- 10) Who are your mentors? Who do you look up to in this work?

Tori is currently writing her next book, *Chakra Wisdom Oracle: How To Read The Cards For Yourself and Others*.

To request an interview with Tori, a sample of the *Chakra Wisdom Oracle* or to discuss feature ideas please contact **Gemma Creffield**, Assistant Publicist for USA & Canada, on:  
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