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Michael Dummett : Twelve Tarot Games before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Twelve Tarot Games:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Game Rules Written by an AcademicBy M.J. HeadleeFirst, though Tarot is in the name, this is not a book about fortune telling or anything of the sort. Michael Dummett is an academic who has a passion for the history of card games, and this book introduces 12 card games using various Tarot packs from around the world. The intended audience then is actually card-game aficionados. While this book is expensive and fairly rare to find, it is an excellent introduction to some splendid games (there are few other English language books that even reference Tarot games. One notable exception is Tarocchi: Introducing the Card Games for Tarot, but even that book is getting harder to find.If you like card games, he introduces 12 delightfully varied Tarot games, complete with a small discussion of strategy after each of the games. The one downside of the book, other than price, is that Dummett IS an academic. As a consequence, the rules can be extremely dry reading. If you're the kind of person who loves reading the rules of card games, you'll probably be very excited by the precision with which he describes these gems. If you play card games but have to sit down and play to understand, this is probably not the book for you.Note that some of these rules are available at pagat.com for the curious who want to dabble, but this is one of the best references out there (the best is also by Dummett, Complete History of Games Played with the Tarot Pack, but it is

a massive 2 volume work that weighs in at 900 pages and is extremely rare and very expensive).