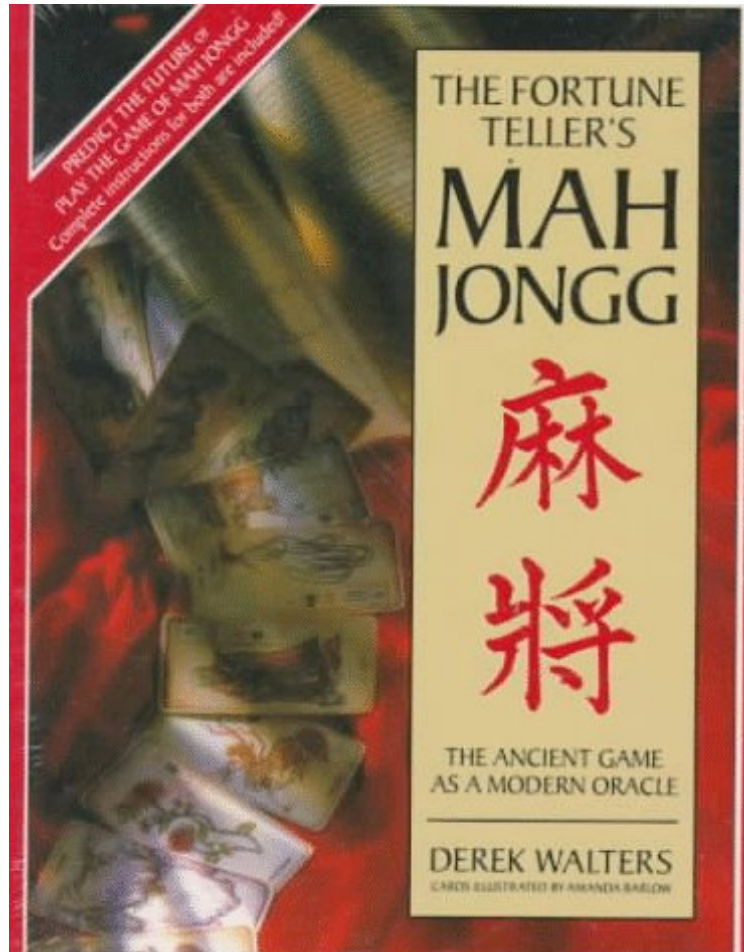


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Derek Walters : The Fortune Teller's Mah Jongg before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Fortune Teller's Mah Jongg:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. delightfulBy CustomerI'd been intrigued by this set for years before deciding to hunt it down. My advise is only buy a new copy because the used is often sepearted from the actual cards. There are also two editions it seems, one in paperback and the other hard bound.The book itself is very readable. Slightly less than 1/4 of it goes over history, symbolism, and the basics of a reading (i.e. the card spread). Each card is given a page of description/meaning often with a note regarding added meanings should it come up in a spread that it naturally aligns with in meanings. The last quarter of the book covers a dozen of real readings. Each case goes over the querrents questions and how the placement of cards combines for more in depth gleening.I'm not sure if anyone can say enough about the lovely cards. They are rather small compared to other divination deck, but obviously larger than a mah jongg tile. About 3.5 by 1.75 inches (9 by 4.5 if you use metric). The card stock has been treated with a very light surfacting to aid in their handling. The only thing that one could wish for is that the card stock had been heavier, thicker. I worry about how wear and tear will affect them over time. Once you stack the cards in a deck, it's nearly as

tall as the cards are wide since there are 144 of them. And I simply love the illustration! They are so evocative of the cards name, such as duck, carp, tortoise, willow. They do not depart from what you expect of age chinese art, either in the landscapes, trees, or people garbed in historical wear. All the flavor of china is there. A small key is on the right of every card with thier number, the original tile, the chinese character, and page number if you need to check the book. There are 3 blank cards included as well for creating a replacement if a couple get lost. If you have any interest (be it curiosity or your interest in divination) you should order now that you've found it. Otherwise you will be like me and regret missing the chance and hunting it down at a later date. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Glad it is still available. By Mari Bergen I have been using the Mah Jongg cards for over 20 years. I've worn out two sets and am on my third set. Instructions and guidelines are easy to follow - make sure you purchase a full set (cards and book) as the books are sometimes sold without the cards. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Insightful look into the origins of Mah Jongg. By Eric Neil Koenig Most of us Westerners think of Mah Jongg as a game played with tiles. The truth, however, is that centuries ago, it was a deck of cards used for divination, much the same as the Tarot deck is used. The Tarot deck, in turn, derives from the Mah Jongg one and from that we get our modern deck of playing cards. It can be played as a game but its original purpose was to answer questions about one's future. Westerners also are mistaken if they refer to the red, green and white "dragons" as these cards represent commence, center, and white (unknown), respectively -- green (go) is a stylized image of an arrow being drawn back in a bow and red (stop), an image of the same arrow having hit the bull's eye of a target. White was originally introduced as a spare. Originally this book also came with a set of cards but apparently even the re-issued ones here are book-only.

ased on the traditional Chinese oracle: The Fortune Teller's Mah Jong is a simple and amusing way to make predictions about the future. includes four decks of 34 cards and eight Guardian cards, plus 3 spare blank cards, illustrated 112 page paperback. The accompanying book explains the symbolism of every card and gives instructions on how to use the oracle, including twelve sample readings to show you how to get started. The original oracle, from which the Mah Jongg game evolved, is thousands of years old, but its wisdom is still relevant to our lives today. Now you can use this wisdom to solve your daily dilemmas.