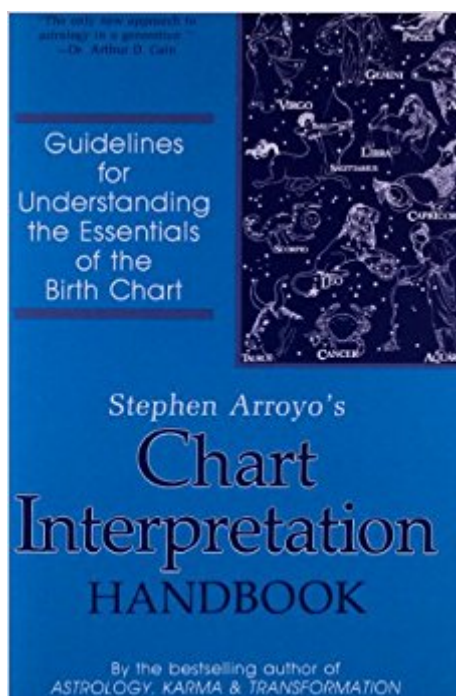


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# Chart Interpretation Handbook: Guidelines For Understanding The Essentials Of The Birth Chart



## Synopsis

Thousands of readers worldwide have found personal meaning in Arroyo's bestselling books. Here, he shows how to develop reliable, in-depth interpretations for any birth chart.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Stephen Arroyo (born October 6, 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri) is an American author and astrologer. Arroyo has written seven books on psychologically oriented astrology which outline his theory that the individual's experience of the Solar System's impacts on their personal energy field, both psychological and physical. His works recast astrological concepts in psychological terms, and reject what he perceives as the fatalism and negativity of old-fashioned astrology. His books have now been translated into 20 languages. Regarding his written works, the Library Journal stated: "The simplicity and clarity of his treatment of complex ideas is remarkable; it makes accessible even to the beginner a wealth of understanding....giving meaningful psychological grounding to astrological interpretation." [citation needed] Arroyo has been guest speaker at events in the North America and Europe, and has taught astrology courses in the United States. He has been awarded the British Astrological Association Astrology Prize, the Fraternity of Canadian Astrologers' International Sun Award, and the United Astrology Congress's Regulus Award. He has an honors degree in literature from the University of California and a Masters Degree in Psychology. Previous occupations include marriage counseling, and the practice of a homeopathy and polarity therapy. Marshall holds a B.A. degree from Purdue and a Masters of Library Science from Vanderbilt University.

I cannot think of a better introduction to astrology or natal chart interpretation than this book. Arroyo provides a refreshingly holistic and essentialist approach to chart interpretation. This book is definitely not a one size fits all, astrological cookbook. In this book, Arroyo discusses the nuance and subtlety that must be taken when attempting to synthesize a natal chart, but still provides very basic interpretations for different chart components that the reader can elaborate and expand upon as they discover their own personal way of approaching and interpreting natal charts. The outline for chart interpretation provided at the end was both my favorite and least favorite part of the book. I loved it because it was exactly the straightforward information I was looking for to help me figure out where to begin my readings and what components of a chart to hone in on. I was, however, a little disappointed that the outline referenced a few concepts that Arroyo does not explain in the book. I don't take away any stars, however, because Arroyo does state that his book should only be used as guidelines for those new to chart interpretation, not as an end-all-be-all astrological reference book.

I love the size and portability of this book. It's not like a thick heavy phone book, remember those? Every word is a nugget of precise, spot on, astrological gold. The author packs his wealth of astrological knowledge into this easy to use volume.

If you are just learning about astrology, you will find this book very helpful. Mr. Arroyo has broken the book into easy-to-understand sections. He even has a chapter on how to use his book! The "Contents" section starts with the four elements of the 12 signs and progresses to "The Planets", and then to the "Planets in the Signs." It then delves into "The Houses - Planetary Guidelines" and "Understanding Planetary Aspects." This book is simple and easy to read, but it is full of information helpful to someone who is serious about astrology. Very good book for a beginner with some knowledge of astrology.

As a new student to astrology I appreciate Stephen Arroyo's straightforward style. Easy to read and easy to understand, Arroyo breaks down chart interpretation into the basic elements of astrology. If you are familiar with Parker's Astrology, this book is totally different. While Parker's is very detailed, a sort of encyclopedia for astrology, this is a much smaller volume that gives general guidelines. Arroyo deliberately kept things general. Evidently he thinks it's best to think in broad terms and to only deal with the essentials of a chart when interpreting it. By teaching us the basics of astrology

Arroyo helps us do that. I see Arroyo's book and the Parker book being very complementary--being a new student I appreciate what each has to offer. This is a great place to start if you are serious about understanding the fundamentals of astrology.

From what I can tell so far, this is an exceptional book. I'd definitely recommend.

This is an insightful, fabulous astrology book. The information is clear and easy to apply to whatever level of astrology you are studying. It may not be for an outright beginner but it will be a go-to and reference book for me in my astrology practice.

A great place for anyone to begin with astrology. Arroyo is a great writer, clear, precise and yet not pretentious or stuffy. He gets you to think astrologically, to interpret a chart holistically, which is the real challenge--getting beyond the aspects to the human being.

Very insightful and helpful.

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