The Spirit Book Series
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Books of textured papers with twigs, beads, delicate golden stitched spirals, and pinpricked designs rest in cradles of branches and roots. The Spirit Books bring together my love of the book and my response to the natural world that we see and the invisible one that lies behind it. I find evidence of that deeper world not in wide vistas and scenes but in small objects that I gather. While I enjoy the expanse of the horizon as I walk along the beach, I am drawn to the scattered piles of shells and driftwood I see on the sand. As I walk down the street on a glorious fall day, I find myself looking down at the fallen stems of the chestnut rather than up at the blazing orange maples. It is in the subtle shifts of browns and grays that I find beauty and resonance.

I feel a deep connection to older powers as I gather twigs, branches, vines, and roots. Using them to cradle books, I link them to the longstanding tradition of books as testaments of faith and belief. Each page is a meditation that echoes nature with both repetition and variety. “Reading” the book is meant to be a contemplative experience that takes the reader out of the everyday world and into a state of gratitude and reverence.
Spirit Book #1: Sewn Prayer
Spirit Book #2: Candlemas Cradled
Spirit Book #7: Sacred Speaker
Spirit Book #8: Earth Rood
Spirit Book #10: Beseeching Beads
Spirit Book #11: Terrestrial Talisman
Spirit Book #17: Marked Mandala
Spirit Book #18: Abiding Guidance
Spirit Book #19: Truth Guardian
Spirit Book #21: Sheltered Continuity
Spirit Book #22: Nurturing Cradle
Spirit Book #24: Ascending Calm
Spirit Book #25: Spiritual Synthesis
Spirit Book #26: Enduring Contemplation
Spirit Book #27: Absorbed Prayer
Spirit Book #29: Guiding Unity
Spirit Book #30: Ixchel’s Dream
Spirit Book #31: Illuminating Grace
Spirit Book #33: Healing Permanence
Spirit Book #35: Earthly Radiance
Spirit Book #37: Cascading Meditation
Spirit Book #39: Infinite Acceptance
Spirit Book #40: Patient Protection
Spirit Book #41: Ceremonial Sympathy
Spirit Book #43: Renewed Wisdom
Spirit Book #44: Seeded Passages
Spirit Book #46: Ripening Harmony
Spirit Book #48: Welcoming Remembrance
Spirit Book #49: Creative Generosity
Spirit Book #50: Transcendent Promise