

# The Fascinating Language of Symbolism by Ting Yuen



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Hello Friends,

Do you create art that no one seems to relate to? Does your art tell a story? Or Do you have a hard time conveying the meaning behind your painting?

I love art and what I love most about art is the story that it tells. It can be a figurative, an abstract, a dreamscape, or a landscape, they all can tell a story. Stories are important to art because it helps the artist to connect with his/her audience.

My artwork is storytelling, I create a dream world where everything is possible. I love to use symbolism in my work because it is fascinating and unlike words, symbolism creates mystery and decoding.

Symbolism can be quite complex from Dreams, Folklores to Religions. I am here to keep it simple for you so that you can use symbolism in your work immediately.

Here is an introduction to a new world that will greatly improve the way you can connect with your audience and your art collectors.

The below is a list of Symbols that I use in my paintings and their meanings: (Please feel free to add to the list)

Angel Wing: Protection and guidance.

Ants: Hard work.

Bear: Courage.

Bamboo: Good luck.

Buffalo: Stamina.

Butterfly: New beginning and metamorphosing.

Cat: Black cat in England and Japan symbolizes Good Omen.

Cladagh: Friendship Promised.

Dog: Loyalty and friendship.

Doves: Peace and hope.

Dragon: Clarity, wisdom and power.

Dragonfly: Adaptation to life & immortality.

Dream Catcher: Protects the sleeper from nightmares.

Duck: Loyalty and marital bliss.

Eagle: Wisdom and strength

Elephant: Good fortune.

Elm Leaf: Guidance and wisdom

Feather: Spiritual growth.

Flower of life: Healing and enlightenment.

Hummingbird: Love and joy.

Infinity: Eternity and empowerment.

Innuksuk: Safe travel and navigation.

Key: Answer to your quest.

Lighthouse: Help in navigating our way through rough times.

Lotus: Enlightenment and beauty.

Magic Eye: Deflection of evil.

Mirror: Self Acceptance.

Moon: Creativity, Feminine Power and Protection

Moose: Integrity, strength, pride, and life.

Mountain Goats: Agility, prosperity and kindness.

Om: The meditation state to bring past, present and future.

Owl: Wisdom.

Phoenix: Reincarnation, rebirth and immortality.

Raven: Creativity, humour and a transmitter of Light.

Rose: Love, beauty and harmony.

Salmon: Provider of life and persistence.

Skull: Fearlessness and immortality.

Starfish: Divine love, inspiration and intuition.

Sun: The beginning of all creations.

Swan: Grace, trust and submissions.

Thunderbird: Power and transformation.

Thor's Hammer: Blessing, healing and strength.

Totem Pole: Ancestral connection.

Triskele: Karma, the rewards and punishments.

Tree of Life: Abundance and protection.

Turtle: Longevity.

Umbrella: Protection

Water: The passing of time, purification and life.

Whale: Family unit and communication

Wolf: Leadership, guardianship, ritual, loyalty, and spirit.

Ying and Yang: Balance and duality.

### **Final Note from the Author**

Well Friends, thank you so much for subscribing to "The Fascinating Language of Symbolism".

I encourage you to use this list often, you'll find the use of symbolism tremendously helpful in conveying your message across in your artwork.

If you wish to know more about art and how to find inspirations, please feel free to download the rest of the free resources that I have created for you at [www.tingyuenart.com](http://www.tingyuenart.com) .

With Creative Joy,

Ting Yuen

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