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Forecast: Cream and Sugar Style

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I just had the best coffee date ever. By the time it was finished, I was jumping up and down, covered in goose bumps and madly dialing my friends to dish about it. But it's not what you think. My date was over the phone (and no, it wasn't *that* kind of date) and my companion was not an irresistible lad, but a spunky grandmother of seven.

Jorianne the Coffee Psychic came to my attention a few weeks ago, when I heard about the 2007 Health and Beauty Expo that will be hitting Schaumburg this weekend (check listings for more info.) One of the Expo's featured guests, Jorianne is a Tinley Park resident who can read past, present and future by looking into a cup of Joe: "I see letters, numbers, body parts, faces, images," she has said. "The elements of the coffee form pictures, like a video or motion picture, always moving, always changing; information comes up for interpretation, goes down into the coffee, and as more cream is added, more information resurfaces."

Much to the dismay of my cerebral friends, I think it's totally valid (and actually quite smart) to open oneself up to the intuition of another. I am positively convinced that some people are truly psychic. But even I was a bit skeptical about this coffee reader, and I wasn't sure what to expect when she called me from Disney World (where she was vacationing) for a reading and a quick interview.

The verdict? Total awe within twelve seconds of conversation. Jorianne described people in my life with astounding detail (I mean, she knew what kind of *shoes* one guy wears), told me my life goals (even the ones I keep very private) and made some future predictions that prompted the wild, jumping-around-the-apartment episode (I'll have to get back to you on those, but they were sure nice to hear). I do believe that everyone is psychic to some degree, but this woman saw things that intuition just can't spot. I asked Jorianne how she knew so much without even seeing me in person. "We're all energy," she said, explaining that she doesn't need to have a physical body before her to tap into someone's spirit.

In addition to her famous coffee readings, Jorianne is a certified hypnotherapist and a reiki healer. She can also read Tarot cards and communicate with the dead. But to take advantage of Jorianne's talents, you don't have to commit to something as intense as a seance. Just start with a simple coffee date. Jorianne can be reached at (708)478-8792; you can also stop by her booth at this weekend's expo or visit her Web site at www.coffeepsychic.com. And for all you eye-rollers out there: if you're not convinced within ten seconds that this lady is the real thing, your next latte's on me.

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