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Sheila Lyons, co-owner of The Magic Shop in the Pike Place Market, is a magician and a fortune teller. While some people consider fortune telling an esoteric art, for Lyons "it's just another way of looking at the world and talking in areas that give us ideas about ourselves."

Lyons' interest in fortune telling emerged early on. As a young reader, she devoured countless books on world philosophies and systems of divination, such as the *I Ching*. Not surprisingly, she also liked dressing up as a gypsy for Halloween.

Today, Lyons offers a wide range of divination services: tarot cards, numerology, aura readings and the ever-popular palm readings. She says there's "no secret" to reading someone's palm. She relies on her instincts, though she doesn't consider herself a psychic per se. Her goal is not to foresee every detail of the future, but to give her clients another perspective on their lives. This is why she never bothers reading her own palm.

FUTURE TELLER

"[Another fortune teller might] communicate in a way that would open up my reality," she suggests.

When she's not spending time in The Magic Shop or traveling to psychic conventions, Lyons

entertains at all kinds of group functions. She has

been invited to the Microsoft corporate picnic four years in a row.

"Whether it's [at] a hardware store or a very posh club, [people at these parties] have fun. My presentation is nonthreatening," she says.

So, with Lyons' access to the future, what predictions does she have as we enter the next century? With a hint of laughter in her voice, she says, "The world will go dark somewhere between the 20th and 21st of January 2000."

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