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# Big Magic For Little Hands: 25 Astounding Illusions For Young Magicians



## Synopsis

Kids love magic. They love to see it, and they love to do it. Enter Joshua Jay, who started doing magic when he was 7 and was named champion at the World Magic Seminar (the Olympics of magic) by the time he was 16. His *Big Magic for Little Hands* is packed with 25 astonishing illusions for kids ages 7 and up. In other words, it's sleight of hand for the small of hand. These are tricks that require little prep time and dexterity yet are guaranteed to deliver a big payoff. The large format, oversized text, and black-and-white vintage-style illustrations make *Big Magic* particularly easy to follow and kid-friendly. Here's how to levitate your sibling several feet off a bed. Escape Houdini-like from tightly bound ropes. There are also impromptu effects that can be performed anytime, anywhere, like Spook-Key, in which an antique key mysteriously rotates in your hand. Each easy-to-perform feat is clearly illustrated with step-by-step drawings and accompanied by insider tips. Joshua Jay is a master who guides his apprentices through every aspect of the magician's art, from the first step—taking the Magician's Oath—to how to minimize nervousness (Rule #1: Rehearse. A lot).

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 11 years

Grade Level: 2 - 6

## Customer Reviews

Joshua Jay, "one of America's finest young magicians" (Genii, The Conjurers Magazine), has headlined at the prestigious Magic Castle in Hollywood, is a

magic consultant for several multinational toy manufacturers, and has served as the monthly columnist for Magic magazine for 12 years. Recently, he consulted and developed a commercial spot for HBO, using sleight of hand to promote Game of Thrones and Boardwalk Empire. He was named the 2012 Magician of the Year by the Society of American Magicians. He lives in New York City.

This book actually contains REAL magic tricks, such as ones you might see on stage. It is very well written, and they also discuss topics such as stage fright and how to overcome it (which can be applied of course to other situations, not just for performing magic).

I bought this for my niece who likes magic and she loved this book. It had awesome illustrations and it is such a great size. Such a nice book and hours of fun for kids. I like that this was everyday magic. Nothing super complicated needed to do these tricks. My niece is 9.

Grandson is 7 and loves this book. He has tried several of the tricks with good success and enjoys practicing new ones to show us when we visit. He has made his younger brother his "assistant", providing fun for both.

I bought this book for my 8 year old daughter for Christmas. She and her 10 year old sister are very into doing Magic. She LOVES this book. There are great tricks and they are laid out in very easy to follow directions. They have put on a couple of Magic shows and pulled off some really fantastic tricks. I highly recommend this book.

My granddaughter is fascinated with this book. Though most of the illusions are still a bit too difficult for her (at 5 years), she is looking forward to trying them before long.

This is so wonderful! My 9 year old is having a blast amazing his siblings! Would recommend for any child 8 and up!

I've been in magic for over 40 years and this is the best primer I've seen. I got it for my grandson and I fully recommend it for beginners of all ages.

This IS a full back of magic tricks. You do need a partner for many of the tricks. I purchased it for my

grandson (8) and I think it was a bit too sophisticated for him. His older brother (13) was more than happy to help and use his younger brother as his partner.

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