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The Magic Book: The Complete Beginners Guide To Anytime, Anywhere Close-Up Magic



Synopsis

"The Magic Book" reveals the secrets of magicians – the simple techniques that will enable anyone to perform seemingly complicated magic tricks with relative ease. Clearly written and heavily illustrated – there are over 200 illustrations in all – this book guides you through the basic principles of magic using only common household items: a deck of cards, coins, rubber bands, and even a potato. The author then provides simple step-by-step instructions for hundreds of amazing tricks which he has perfected after forty years of painful trial and error. HERE ARE SOME OF THE SECRETS YOU WILL LEARN: CONTROLLING THE ORDER OF CARDS THROUGHOUT ANY NUMBER OF SHUFFLES PUSHING A STRAW THROUGH A POTATO MAKING KNOTS EVAPORATE MAKING COINS PASS THROUGH A HANDKERCHIEF PREDICTING NUMBERS THAT ANY SPECTATOR WILL GIVE YOU ADDING ANY 5-DIGIT NUMBERS INSTANTLY FINDING ANY CARD IN A DECK, SHUFFLING THE DECK AND FINDING THE CARD AGAIN ... AND MUCH, MUCH MORE! To help new magicians develop their techniques, Harry Lorayne provides a special "afterthought" section at the end of each magic trick where he discusses possible problems that most beginners have with the trick he has just explained. In addition to the practical instruction, Lorayne provides the philosophy of magic as it has never been taught before.

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I love it because it Harry describes the techniques that worked best for him. It's geared toward beginners, so the methods he chooses to teach are simple enough for total beginners (like me) to

learn to do well. The card tricks are all done with a normal deck, no modifications needed and no trick decks. You'll learn to control card position to make the tricks work, as well as how to perform the tricks and what to say to direct the audience's attention where you want it - or from where you don't want it. I did, very occasionally, find it difficult to follow along with what he described. There are plenty of diagrams and detailed descriptions, but it was still occasionally hard to really grasp the procedure. But then I just searched YouTube for the name of the sleight he was describing and, after watching someone do it, things clicked much faster.

A notch or two above beginner's books. Lorayne writes in his easy to understand style, just like in his card magic books that are primarily published for the magic profession. This edition is at a great price as original copies are selling for \$80+! Contains effects with cards, coins, mind reading, magic squares (WOW!), and other items that you could find in your pockets. If you like his style and are interested in more advanced work try Deck-sterity, Personal Secrets, and others. Truly a gifted teacher of magic!

A lot of technical talk without too much magic. I feel I can do better by watching YouTube.

Outstanding book!

One of the best "beginners" book on Magic, a classic read!

Great book. I read it years ago, and I got a copy for my teen-aged nephew. He loves it.

A much needed addition to any magic collection.

A great book for the beginning magician, and even an intermediate can gain from this book. No doubt that it's geared towards beginners though. Note: A few tricks are outdated, (published ~1970) which allows for the unique opportunity of modification.

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