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World's Best Card Tricks



Synopsis

These are 36 of the greatest impromptu card tricks ever invented. Longe shows you not only how each one works, but also how to put them over, with clear step-by-step instructions and illustrations. A special chapter in the back even explains how to bluff your way through a trick if it goes wrong. Great for kids from eight to eighty. 128 pages, 17 b/w illus., 5 3/8 x 8 1/4.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a magician member of the Magic Castle now, but in my early forays into card magic this book helped wean me away from trick Svengali and stripper decks, so that I could be handed a deck of cards from anyone and perform a nice trick. They're not all home runs. But I still get great responses from several of the tricks contained within here....and yes, I now own Card College, have read Royal Road to Card Magic several times, but those books should come after this one. This one will help you decide if you're serious about pursuing more card magic or not. A fabulous starter book, but make sure you practice!!

I have been doing card tricks for a while, and I have to say that anything of Bob Longe's is a waste of money. The tricks in this book are terrible. These are certainly NOT the "World's Best Card Tricks". I can't believe some of this [stuff] is even in here. I highly recommend the reader to learn card magic from great authors such as Jean Hugard, S.W. Erdnase, and Arthur H. Buckley. If you are a beginner, get the "Royal Road to Card Magic" By Hugard and Braue. It is of MUCH higher value and the tricks in this book will be 100x better than the stuff that's in Bob Longe's books. There is absolutely no way you can be the life of the party with these tricks, as the author claims.

I like this book of card tricks for the fact that it is user-friendly and practical-minded. After a brief introduction, Longe guides the reader through a series of card-manipulating exercises that have applications in hundreds of card tricks. He then lays out a series of card tricks, rated for their difficulty level, and complete with advice on what kind of audience might be best suited for any particular trick. The illustrations are simple and clear, and the tricks range from the basic to the extremely clever and inventive. There's nothing new under this sun, but a beginner will find this guide much better than average when seeking to learn the basic skills necessary to amaze their friends and strangers.

No doubt that this is the greatest book on card magic. No sleight of hand is required and all you require is a deck of 52 cards, preferably the Bicycle brand Bridge sized cards which are easy to handle. Therefore the tricks are easy to learn. I am not a professional magician, no way close to being even an amateur and yet I could amaze and dazzle my family members and friends. I am just a beginner to this world and now I am genuinely interested in magic in general and card magic in particular. Thanks, Bob for this great book. I am sure I will check out his other books as well.

If you never read "Royal Road To Card Magic", "Expert Card Technique" or "Expert At The Card Table", you'll find this book a good one. It has some good tricks, but it has some dumb ones too. I recommend this book for those who does not want to learn some sleight of hand before starting doing card tricks. As warns, this book is juvenile literature. Last word: if you buy this book and you like it, then buy "101 Amazing Card Tricks". It's written by Bob Longe too, and in my opinion, they should be sold together, for their similarity.

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