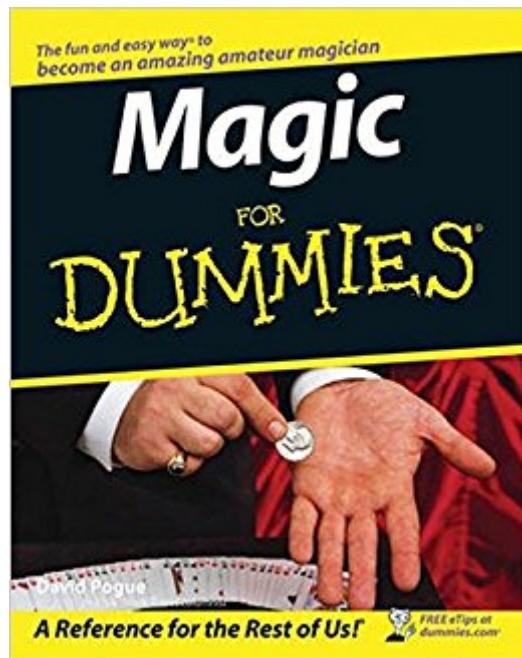


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# Magic For Dummies



## Synopsis

You don't need a white tiger, expensive props, or hours of preparation to do magic. With a little practice, some clever misdirection (which lays at the heart of all magic tricks), and showmanship, you can surprise family, friends, and coworkers using a few everyday items! If you're looking to saw a beautiful women in half or make buildings disappear, we're sorry, but this book isn't for you. But if you want to act out little miracles that you can perform on the spur of the moment with items that are usually within reach, then *Magic For Dummies* can show you how. *Magic For Dummies* features more than 90 easy-to-perform deceptions, illusions, and sleights of hand for any event or occasion. You'll discover how to perform entertaining card tricks, coin tricks, disappearing acts, as well as the always-popular mind reading trick. You'll even see how easy it is to make money disappear as well as melt a saltshaker! Chock-full of show-stopping tricks, *Magic For Dummies* will: Get you started with easy-to-learn magic tricks Let you turn a restaurant into a your stage with tricks that include utensils, mugs, and even food Show you how to use a deck of cards to perform endless magic tricks Make you the life of the party with tricks such as "Call This Number," "The Strength Test," and "The Phantom Photo." Get you out of tough situations by giving you ten things to say when things go wrong Filled with photos, patter, and presentation tips for every trick in the book, *Magic For Dummies* offers a great opportunity to become familiar with some of the coolest magic tricks ever performed. With the help of author David Pogue and the stunning tricks contributed by thirty-five of America's top professional magicians, you'll be leaving your friends, family, and coworkers spellbound at your mastery of the mystical arts.

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About David Pogue David Pogue is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and has performed magic at parties, special events, on TV, and even over the radio for 25 years. He created and taught the beginning magic programs at the New School for Social Research and the Learning Annex. He has been known to mesmerize audiences with his magic tricks while on tour promoting his many bestselling books, including Macs?? For Dummies??, 5th Edition, Opera For Dummies??, and Classical Music For Dummies??. Contributor Mark Levy, magic consultant, has levitated and read spectators' minds for nearly 30 years. His writings have appeared in some of magic's most revered literary sources, including Richard Kaufman's CardMagic, Apocalypse magazine, and Magic.

I purchased this book to share with a young man who is very intrigued with the art of magic. This book covers a wide range of topics from the psychology behind a presentation...to the delivery of actual sleights! It's excellent for someone new to magic or as a refresher course for those who want to brush up on the basics!

The vanishing saltshaker, rubberband jumping, bending spoons, ring off rope and the cut rope trick appear in many magic books including a few I new as a kid but also The Complete Idiot's Guide to Street Magic and Willson's classic course on magic. But, you can present things a different way. So, in a way, even seeing the same trick gone over 3 or more times in various texts, gives you, the

performer more ideas. I like this book because there are more photos than in the Street Magic book mentioned before because, you really need this to learn the magic. So, yeah, I am glad I got this. No problem with shipper.

Great book if you are starting out in magic or if you already are doing magic. The book is written with humor and has some very easy tricks as well as some that you may need to work at! I bought the book to add to my collection of magic books.

I bought this book after my child saw a magician and wanted to know more about magic tricks. This book covers a lot of tricks. It is very descriptive and includes pictures to help understand the tricks. It covers a wide variety of magic tricks.

Despite its unassuming name, this book contains some very strong magic. Most tricks require no or minimal sleights and just ordinary things you have around the house or office. I would think even fairly accomplished magicians would find something to like in this book and for beginners its pure gold.

Happy, Happy, Happy. The only thing that would have made it better was if the book was free.

I'm a professional magician and bought this book as a gag to use in my show, however the tricks contained within the pages are good solid tricks. I know because I've used a lot of the material within the pages in the past. Many of the ideas I still use today. For instance I learned how to shove a straw up my nose and pull it out my mouth from this book. These tricks will get reactions. Highly recommended.

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