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Mark Wilson's Complete Course In Magic



Synopsis

Three hundred magic tricks are divided into the sections "Effect," "Secret & Preparation," "Method," and "Comments & Suggestions"; and more than two thousand photographs demonstrate how to master sleight-of-hand.

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Customer Reviews

Mark Wilson is first and foremost a famous magician, who the New York Times has recognized as "probably the nation's leading authority on magic." He is also the hugely successful author of numerous kits and books devoted to instruction in the magical arts including the newly released Complete Course in Magic (Revised Ed.). Additionally, has made countless guest appearances throughout his career on every major TV talk show in the country. Mark Wilson resides in southern California. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Magic makes for an interesting and rewarding career. It also makes for a great hobby. Do you sincerely want to learn Magic? Then this is the book for you because it is a complete course in Magic, covering all of the classic forms and effects, and is also full of sage wisdom on how to become a first-rate, professional magician. The author, Mark Wilson, began his remarkable career as a teenager and, along with his wife Nani Darnell, became one of the greatest magicians to have ever performed. Perhaps the Wilson's single greatest contribution to the art was convincing television networks (in the 1950s!) that Magic could be televised and enjoyed at home. Ever see

Copperfield, Blaine, or Penn and Teller perform on television? Then be certain to thank Mark and Nani. In fact, Mark still teaches aspiring professionals, in person, at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. You couldn't ask for a better teacher. This book is well written, with easy to understand drawings and photographs. Early parts of most chapters cover easy to master or 'self-working' tricks to get you started and the latter parts of each chapter present more complex effects. There are even plans for full scale stage effects and sections related to presentation and professionalism to round out the course. Want testimonials from experts? There are literally dozens of highly respected, professional magicians who credit this book with inspiring and jump-starting their careers. Now you, too, can join them.

Definitely buy this one if you want to learn magic! There are many different kinds of tricks in it, each type categorized into it's own section/chapter. The different chapters cover stuff like card tricks, coin/money tricks, vanishes and re-appearances, handkerchief magic, sponge-ball magic, illusions, and much, much more...Don't go into magic as a beginner without this book, and I'm saying this from experience after having impressed my friends with a lot of the stuff I learned from it! Trust me, you will learn a lot of stuff very quickly from this one. And if you practice a lot of these, you could possibly pull off a party gig...

This is a great book on learning magic from one of the best magician around. I can remember seeing him and his family on t.v. and his book is easy to learn from.

The classic introduction to learning magic. My son loves it, he's 9, and he has a teacher that was a professional magician that says this is the book he also learned with!

I first got the Mark Wilson Course in Magic back in the mid-70s. I had gotten some of the basic magic kits and wanted to learn more about how to do more impressive illusions (tricks.) This book is THE bible on learning about magic. There are card tricks, rope tricks, coin tricks, silk tricks, silk and coin tricks and even how to build some of your own stage illusions. It shows you not only how to do various tricks but how to handle various items and it teaches you various principles of magic. It breaks down everything into effect (what it will look like,) secret (what makes it work) and presentation (a step-by-step guide on how to do it with illustrations.) When I started performing as a kid at backyard carnivals and talent shows, most of my routine came from this book. 35 years later it still has many of my better illusions. My first book is gone ("borrowed" by someone who didn't return

it) and I have bought several different copies, some given as gifts to new magic students. You want a book to learn about magic, this is the first book you will want to buy.

Absolutely an amazing book. I've been doing magic for almost 2 years and I have never found a book so full of true and original magic tricks as this. Would recommend to any magician no matter how much experience. It covers from the simplest of card and coin tricks all the way to expert stage magic. This is the best book for magicians out there.

Excellent book !! My 10 year old son loves it and has entertained the entire family with some really cool parlor tricks !

Grandson has really loved this gift

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