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Camera Clues Taylor & Francis

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 ext, 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).

101 Magic Tricks Harvard University Press

What does it mean to describe cinematic effects as "movie magic," to compare filmmakers to magicians, or to say that the cinema is all a "trick"? The heyday of stage illusionism was over a century ago, so why do such performances still serve as a key reference point for understanding filmmaking, especially now that

so much of the cinema rests on the use of computers? To answer these questions, Colin Williamson situates film within a long tradition of magical practices that combine art and science, involve deception and discovery, and evoke two forms of wonder—both awe at the illusion displayed and curiosity about how it was performed. He thus considers how, even as they mystify audiences, cinematic illusions also inspire them to learn more about the technologies and techniques behind moving images. Tracing the overlaps between the worlds of magic and filmmaking, *Hidden in Plain Sight* examines how professional illusionists and their tricks have been represented onscreen, while also considering stage magicians who have stepped behind the camera, from Georges Méliès to Ricky Jay. Williamson offers an insightful, wide-ranging investigation of how the cinema has functioned as a "device of wonder" for more than a century, while also exploring how several key filmmakers, from Orson Welles to Christopher Nolan and Martin Scorsese, employ the rhetoric of magic. Examining pre-cinematic visual culture, animation, nonfiction film, and the digital trickery of today's CGI spectacles, *Hidden in Plain Sight* provides an eye-opening look at the powerful ways that magic has shaped our modes of perception and our experiences of the cinema.

Secular Magic and the Moving Image Workman Publishing

The present work occupies a unique field in the extensive literature of magic. Little attention had been given at the time to the exposé of stage illusions, which are of great interest as they are so largely based on ingenious applications of scientific principles. There is always a great charm about the stage, and the methods of producing the effects which give realism to the drama. Optics, mechanics, sound, and electricity have all been

pressed into service by the prestidigitateur. In the present work great attention has been paid to elaborate tricks of this nature, and in many cases the exposés have been obtained from the prestidigitateurs themselves. Many of the best illusions of Robert-Houdin, Dr. Lynn, Professor Pepper, Bautier de Kolta, Heller, Herrmann, Maskelyne and Cooke, and Kellar are clearly explained. The introduction by Henry Evans, contains a brief but remarkably complete history of magic art from the earliest times to the late 19th century, with special attention being given to amusing incidents in the careers of celebrated necromancers. Reprint of the 1897 edition; the work has been converted and retouched for maximum quality, however some imperfections are to be expected.

The Magiculum Quarto Publishing Group USA

What can magic tell us about ourselves and our daily lives? If you subtly change the subject during an uncomfortable conversation, did you know you're using attentional 'misdirection', a core technique of magic? And if you've ever bought an expensive item you'd sworn never to buy, you were probably unaware that the salesperson was, like an accomplished magician, a master at creating the 'illusion of choice'. Leading neuroscientists Stephen Macknik and Susana Martinez-Conde meet with magicians from all over the world to explain how the magician's art sheds light on consciousness, memory, attention, and belief. As the founders of the new discipline of NeuroMagic, they combine cutting-edge scientific research with startling insights into the tricks of the magic trade. By understanding how magic manipulates the processes in our brains, we can better understand how we work - in fields from law and education to marketing, health and psychology - for good and for ill.

Techniques of Illusion Courier Corporation

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Special Effects Da Capo Press

Now in paperback comes Steinmeyer's astonishing chronicle of half a century of illusionary innovation, backstage chicanery, and keen competition within the world of magicians.

The Maker Magician's Handbook Bloomsbury Publishing USA

The convergence of film and television and the tension between the unmediated 'reality' of the moving image and the enchantment and illusion offered by magic suggests new ways of thinking about the interstices between film and television.

The Palgrave Handbook of Steam Age Gothic Courier Corporation

The camera supposedly never lies, yet film's ability to frame, cut and reconstruct all that passed before its lens made cinema the pre-eminent medium of visual illusion and revelation from the early twentieth century onwards. This volume examines film's creative history of special effects and trickery, encompassing everything from George Méliès' first trick films to the modern CGI era. Evaluating movements towards the use of computer-generated 'synthespians' in films such as *Final Fantasy: the Spirits Within* (2001), this title suggests that cinematic effects should be understood not as attempts to perfectly mimic real life, but as constructions of substitute realities, situating them in the cultural lineage of the stage performers and illusionists and of the nineteenth century. With analyses of films such as *Destination Moon* (1950), *Spider-Man* (2002) and the *King Kong* films (1933 and 2006), this new volume provides an insight into cinema's capacity to perform illusions.

Magic For Dummies Springer Nature

Get ready to learn one of the most powerful illusion techniques in existence. This is a crash course in all things Black Art. You will learn everything from methods to lighting and the science behind it in great detail. This is 110 pages of amazing. Once you have

learned the techniques and strategies, you get 10 illusion creations to put it all to work. What's more, the book includes the Audience Member Vanish, a closely guarded illusion with any audience member (no stooges!). Chris Stolz is one of the top magic consultants working today. He has used the knowledge and techniques in this book to astound audiences all over the world and now, you can too. *HIDING IN THE SHADOWS* is your Black Art playbook. It's excellent! Finally a book that addresses the subject of black art in illusion design in a practical, no nonsense way. This book belongs on every magician's bookshelf! "Chris Stolz has written an important treatise on the subject of black art illusions and methodology that should be studied by magicians & illusionists of all levels." JC SUM IllusionBooks.com Review What's Inside Methods & Concepts: In this section, I take you through a series of effective Black Art methods, from masking, to shadows on a prop, to tunnels and more. I also take you through dealing with common challenges like blue curtains and wood finish floors! Lighting Theory: Here, I take you through some of the basics of stage lighting along with many of the lighting concepts we use to hide black on stage. I cover everything from pupil constriction to volumetric beams of light used to hide your B.A. Interview With A Lighting Designer: We get some valuable insights from a Lighting Design who has done everything from corporate to Broadway. Lighting Setups: This section contains a series of simple lighting setups you can use to light any of the methods and illusions covered in the book. These are effective setups that I still use today and will give you a great base on which to build your lighting design. Illusions: There are 9 illusions in the book. Most of the illusions are workers that you can take from venue to venue along with a couple big crazy concepts for those looking to add a little more adventure to your lives! Which ones you build and perform is of course up to you, but I promise you that each illusion will educate you and inspire new ideas!

Hiding In The Shadows Cambridge University Press

"Jim Steinmeyer highlights some of the groundbreaking professional material developed by Alan Wakeling, including mind-reading, billiard ball tricks, and many large-scale illusions that the magicians, designers, and producers of today continue to integrate into their acts"-- Back cover.

Chain of Fools DigiCat

Finally back in print, the complete Blackstone story and the

history of magic from the 1920s to today. This much in-demand classic gift book contains over 250 photos & drawings exploring the complete Blackstone story and a vivid and varied appreciation of the history, science, and art of illusion and magic from ancient Egypt to vaudeville to Broadway, Las Vegas, and television. It contains 20 classic magic routines in detailed execution. Traces the history of magic, describes the acts of prominent magicians, and demonstrates some basic cup, card, and coin tricks.

Houdini's Escapes and Magic University Press of Kentucky

Learn 101 simple magic tricks to astonish and amaze! Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. Step right up and try not one, not two, not three, but 101 Magic Tricks! Astonish and amaze everyone you know with easy-to-master tricks and illusions. Learn classic sleight of hand techniques that are simple enough for any apprentice to grasp. Conquer magical ruses that require no special equipment, and are explained with simple step-by-step instructions. Bryan Miles will guide you through astonishing feats such as: - The Foundations of Magic including: The Hand, The Deck of Cards, Mechanic's Grip and Biddle Grip, Classic Two-Handed Spread, Cutting the Cards - Magic at School or College - Birthday Magic - Restaurant Magic - Office Magic - Magic at the Bar - Street Magic - Holiday Magic - Anytime Magic - Magic for the Stage ...And More!

The Magic of Alan Wakeling Ishi Press

Chain of Fools traces the art of slapstick comedy from its pre-cinema origins in the ancient pantomime through its silent movie heyday in the teens and twenties, then on to talkies, television, and the internet. Author Trav S.D. mixes a wicked wit, a scholar's curiosity, and a keen critical appreciation for laugh-makers through the ages, from classical clowns like Joseph Grimaldi to comedy kings like Mack Sennett, Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton...to more recent figures, from Red Skelton, Sid Caesar and Ernie Kovacs to Adam Sandler, Jim Carrey and Steve Carell...all the way down to the teenagers on YouTube whose backyard antics bring us full circle to slapstick's beginnings. This valentine to the great clowns contains enough insights and surprises to open the eyes of even life-long comedy fans.

Harry Houdini for Kids BearManor Media

The secrets of the greatest magician of them all are revealed in this new one-volume edition of two classic long-out-of-print works, *Houdini's Escapes* and *Houdini's Magic*. Prepared by Walter

Gibson after Houdini's death in 1926, from the magicians private notebook and memoranda, and with the assistance of his widow, Beatrice, and his friend and attorney, Bernard M. L. Ernst, then President of the Society of American Magicians, these books provide the most complete description available of Houdini's feats and how he performed them. In effect, these are the books that Houdini himself would have written, if only he had lived long enough. Here are the details of the spectacular illusions: Walking Through a Brick Wall, The Spanish Maiden Escape, The Milk Can Challenge, and many more such marvelous feats. Special topics covered in the first volume include rope ties and chain releases, underwater escapes, and box, trunk, barrel and coffin escapes. In learning about his escapes, the reader will also learn about Houdini himself. As Melbourne Christopher, America's foremost illusionist, writes: "It will soon become apparent to the reader that though Houdini was daring, he never took an uncalculated risk. He would not accept a challenge unless he was sure he could meet it. He was physically fit, an athlete and a strong swimmer. Yet his assistants were poised to rescue him if he didn't surface on schedule from an underwater box. A dozen less careful performers would have been drowned or seriously injured because they attempted this feat without sufficient knowledge or without taking necessary precautions. The second volume on Houdini's magic includes sections on impromptu tricks for close up performance; card tricks; slate tricks; message-reading and second-sight tricks; platform tricks; stage illusions and special effects (including a mid-air vanish and decapitation act); tricks that Houdini used to duplicate the effects of fraudulent mediums in his anti-spiritualistic campaigns and finally the notes Houdini made on the magic of the great Harry Kellar. All magicians, professional as well as amateur, will welcome the republication of these two classic books. WALTER GIBSON, after completing Houdini's Escapes and Houdini's Magic, turned to fiction writing, creating the famed mystery character of Lamont Cranston, also known as The Shadow. Under the pen name of Maxwell Grant, he wrote novel-length stories for The Shadow Magazine for more

than fifteen years. These novels were adapted for The Shadow radio program and today they are being reprinted in paperback and hard-cover editions. Under his own name, Mr. Gibson has written The Master Magicians and many other books in the fields of magic, games and the occult.

The Blackstone Book of Magic & Illusion MIT Press

Standard work on classic stage illusions — fire eaters, sword swallows, jugglers, etc. Also ancient magic, automata, chronophotography, much more. Over 400 illustrations.

Bibliography.

Magic Frontiers Media SA

This collection of essays has been written by magicians who really care about magic. Having discovered magic at a young age, they have allowed it to mature alongside their intellectual and practical formation. They contemplate different dimensions of magic and how they relate to it. Their stories and reflections reveal remarkable similarities in the themes that they address: Magic as power. Magic as escape. Magic as protection. Magic as play. Magic as medium. Magic as unknowable. Magic as symbol. Magic as language. Magic as incomplete. The book will touch anyone who has imagined a magical world and who has a sense of wonder, either as a child or as an adult. Broad in its approach, specific in its intent, 'The Magiculum' offers much to contemplate.

Modern Enchantments Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

In 1896, Maxim Gorky declared cinema "the Kingdom of Shadows." In its silent, ashen-grey world, he saw a land of spectral, and ever since then cinema has had a special relationship with the haunted and the ghostly. Cinematic Ghosts is the first collection devoted to this subject, including fourteen new essays, dedicated to exploring the many permutations of the movies' phantoms. Cinematic Ghosts contains essays revisiting some classic ghost films within the genres of horror (The Haunting, 1963), romance (Portrait of Jennie, 1948), comedy (Beetlejuice, 1988) and the art film (Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives, 2010), as well as essays dealing with a

number of films from around the world, from Sweden to China. Cinematic Ghosts traces the archetype of the cinematic ghost from the silent era until today, offering analyses from a range of historical, aesthetic and theoretical dimensions.

Experiencing the Impossible Bloomsbury Publishing USA
Ninety-seven mystifying tricks done with ordinary objects that can be borrowed from the audience. Make coins appear or disappear; matchsticks jump into the air; classic cups and balls; more. 185 illustrations.

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: The Journey John Wiley & Sons

An original investigation into conjuring tricks and stage magic on the medieval stage.

The Encyclopedia of Stage Illusions Profile Books

Have you always wondered how to be an illusionist? Do you wish to perform on a large stage for thousands of people? Maybe you are a working magician specializing in close up or stage magic and are looking to put together a bigger show for a special event? "How to be an Illusionist" is a first-of-its kind introductory reference guide on performing a modern illusion show in today's entertainment & pop culture market. In this comprehensive guide, you will learn step by step how to put an illusion show together, regardless of whether you perform illusions for fun, as a hobby, part-time or professionally. You will receive a goldmine of information that will empower you with practical knowledge to take on the world of grand illusions; including a primer on over 100 well-known illusions performed today with credits. The reference guide consists of 10 modules of information that is worth thousands of dollars' to the performing illusionist and has taken years of experience to learn and develop. It features over 80 full-colour photographs of a dozen international illusionists in performance including David DaVinci (USA), David & Abi Haines (USA), Kyle Knight & Mistie (USA), Miguel Gavilan (Spain), Hector Ruiz (Spain), Remy Savary (France), Adeline Ng (Singapore), Daniel Ka (Spain), Sam Powers (Australia), Jason Bishop (USA), Jay Mattioli (USA) and Sean Alexander (U.K.)."