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**Confidences d'un  
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Robert-Houdin** DigiCat

“Noyes makes history accessible and irresistible . . . Excellent.”\* A century ago, the curious idea that spirits not only survive death but can be contacted on the “other

side” was widespread. Psychic mediums led countless séances, claiming to connect the grieving with their lost relations through everything from frenzied

trance writing to sticky expulsions of ectoplasm. The craze caught Harry Houdini's attention. Well-known by then as most renowned magician and escape artist, he began to investigate these spiritual phenomena. Are ghosts real? Can we communicate with them? Catch them in photographs? Or are all mediums "flim-flammers," employing tricks and illusions like Houdini himself? Peopled with odd and fascinating characters, Houdini's gripping quest will excite

readers' universal wonderment with life, death, and the possibility of the Beyond. \*School Library Journal, starred review of *Ten Days a Madwoman*  
**Scenes of Projection**  
 Univ of California Press  
 "A history of "secular," or non-supernatural, or entertainment magic as an important but neglected constituent of modern culture" (Nicholas Daly). *Magic, Simon* During suggests, has helped shape modern culture. Devoted to this deceptively simple

proposition, *During's* superlative work, written over the course of a decade, gets at the aesthetic questions at the very heart of the study of culture. How can the most ordinary arts—and by "magic," *During* means not the supernatural, but the special effects and conjurings of magic shows—affect people? *Modern Enchantments* takes us deeply into the history and workings of modern secular magic, from the legerdemain of Isaac Fawkes in 1720, to the return of real magic in

nineteenth-century spiritualism, to the role of magic in the emergence of the cinema. Through the course of this history, During shows how magic performances have drawn together heterogeneous audiences, contributed to the molding of cultural hierarchies, and extended cultural technologies and media at key moments, sometimes introducing spectators into rationality and helping to disseminate skepticism and publicize scientific innovation. In a more revealing argument still,

Modern Enchantments shows that magic entertainments have increased the sway of fictions in our culture and helped define modern society's image of itself. Praise for Modern Enchantment "During documents the extent to which magic and magical thinking have pervaded, and continue to pervade, secular life . . . the author examines 19th- and 20th-century theatrical magic and "commercial conjuring" with great sensitivity to the social and cultural

context in the Western world. Equally fascinating is the analysis of magic and early film." —R. Sugarman, Choice "A richly informed, warmly argued addition to the growing number of books in which writers worry at the pervasive blurring of distinctions between act and appearance, organic consciousness and artificial intelligence, imagination and empirical experience, illusion and thought, reality TV and real life, dreams and money." —Marina Warner, Financial Times "During

moves confidently across three centuries of magic (and covers aspects of a few more besides). The sheer wealth of historical detail he provides is impressive, but no less impressive is the subtlety of his argumentation, and the suggestiveness of his claims . . . This extremely significant piece of work will appeal to literary critics, historians, and not least, devotees of magic.” —Nicholas Daly, author of *Modernism, Romance, and the Fin de Siècle: Popular Fiction and British Culture, 1880-1914*

**Confidences et Révélation: Comment on devient sorcier**

University of Chicago Press

This vintage text comprises a complete treatise on the principle of sleight-of-hand tricks using a variety of objects including cards, coins, billiard balls, thimbles, and much more. This step-by-step guide will appeal to both amateur magicians and those with more experience looking to expand their repertoire - constituting a great addition to collections of

related literature.

Complete with simple, clear illustrations and a wealth of handy tips and useful information, no magician's library would be complete without a copy of this text. We are republishing this book now in an affordable, modern edition, complete with a specially commissioned new introduction.

**Confidences D'un Prestidigitateur** U of Minnesota Press

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and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work is in the "public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of

the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

**Confidences d'un prestidigitateur** Legare Street Press

Theorizing vision and power at the intersections of the histories of psychoanalysis, media, scientific method, and colonization, *Scenes of Projection* poaches the prized instruments at the heart of the so-called scientific revolution: the projecting telescope, camera obscura, magic

lantern, solar microscope, and prism. From the beginnings of what is retrospectively enshrined as the origins of the Enlightenment and in the wake of colonization, the scene of projection has functioned as a contraption for creating a fantasy subject of discarnate vision for the exercise of "reason." Jill H. Casid demonstrates across a range of sites that the scene of projection is neither a static diagram of power nor a fixed architecture but rather a pedagogical

setup that operates as an influencing machine of persistent training. Thinking with queer and feminist art projects that take up old devices for casting an image to reorient this apparatus of power that produces its subject, *Scenes of Projection* offers a set of theses on the possibilities for felt embodiment out of the damaged and difficult pasts that haunt our present. [Confidences de Robert-Houdin](#) Harvard University Press  
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cette édition spéciale de «Confidences et Révélations: Comment on devient sorcier», de Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin. Pour notre maison d'édition, chaque trace écrite appartient au patrimoine de l'humanité. Tous les livres DigiCat ont été soigneusement reproduits, puis réédités dans un nouveau format moderne. Les ouvrages vous sont proposés sous forme imprimée et sous forme électronique. DigiCat espère que vous accorderez à cette oeuvre la reconnaissance et

l'enthousiasme qu'elle mérite en tant que classique de la littérature mondiale. *The Publishers' Trade List Annual* Princeton University Press  
*In Magic's Reason*, Graham M. Jones tells the entwined stories of anthropology and entertainment magic. The two pursuits are not as separate as they may seem at first. As Jones shows, they not only matured around the same time, but they also shared mutually reinforcing stances toward modernity

and rationality. It is no historical accident, for example, that colonial ethnographers drew analogies between Western magicians and native ritual performers, who, in their view, hoodwinked gullible people into believing their sleight of hand was divine. Using French magicians' engagements with North African ritual performers as a case study, Jones shows how magic became enshrined in anthropological reasoning. Acknowledging the residue of magic's

colonial origins doesn't require us to dispense with it. Rather, through this radical reassessment of classic anthropological ideas, *Magic's Reason* develops a new perspective on the promise and peril of cross-cultural comparison.

### **The Secrets of Stage Conjuring**

Penguin  
How to Do Things with Fictions considers how fictional works, ranging from Chaucer to Beckett, subject readers to a series of exercises meant to fortify their mental capacities.

### Modern Enchantments

Univ of California Press  
Pull back the curtain on the real history of magic – and discover why magic really matters. If you read a standard history of magic, you learn that it begins in ancient Egypt, with the resurrection of a goose in front of the Pharaoh. You discover how magicians were tortured and killed during the age of witchcraft. You are told how conjuring tricks were used to quell rebellious colonial natives. The history of magic is full of such stories, which turn

out not to be true. Behind the smoke and mirrors, however, lies the real story of magic. It is a history of people from humble roots, who made and lost fortunes, and who deceived kings and queens. In order to survive, they concealed many secrets, yet they revealed some and they stole others. They engaged in deception, exposure, and betrayal, in a quest to make the impossible happen. They managed to survive in a world in which a series of technological wonders

appeared, which previous generations would have considered magical. Even today, when we now take the most sophisticated technology for granted, we can still be astonished by tricks that were performed hundreds of years ago. The *Secret History of Magic* reveals how this was done. It is about why magic matters in a world that no longer seems to have a place for it, but which desperately needs a sense of wonder. *Confidences D'Un Prestidigitateur* DigiCat  
This book looks inside the

secretive subculture of modern magicians. Entering the flourishing Paris magic scene as an apprentice, the author gives a firsthand account of how magicians learn to perform their deceptions. He follows the day-to-day lives of some of France's most renowned performers, revealing not only how secrets are created and shared, but also how they are stolen and destroyed. **Magic's Reason** Legare Street Press  
Conjuring Science explores the history of



magic shows and scientific entertainment. It follows the frictions and connections of magic and science as they occurred in the world of popular entertainment in France from the mid-eighteenth to the early twentieth century. It situates conjurers within the broader culture of science and argues that stage magic formed an important popular conduit for science and scientific enthusiasm during this period. From the scientific recreations of the fairs to the grand illusions of the

theatre stage and the development of early cinema, conjurers used and were inspired by scientific and technological innovations to create illusions, provoke a sense of wonder, and often even instruct their audience. In their hands, science took on many meanings and served different purposes: it was a set of pleasant facts and recreational demonstrations upon which to draw; it was the knowledge presented in various scientific lectures accompanied by optical

projections at magic shows; it was the techniques necessary to create illusions and effects on stage and later on at the cinema; and it was a way to separate conjuring from the deceit of mediums, mystical showmen and quacks in order to gain a better standing within an increasingly scientifically-minded society.

**Confidences d'un prestidigitateur**

Northwestern University Press

In David Barber's third collection of poetry, the

past makes its presence felt from first to last. Drawing on a wealth of eclectic sources and crafted in an array of nonce forms, these poems range across vast stretches of cultural and natural history in pursuit of the forsaken, long-gone, and unsung. Here is the stuff of lost time unearthed from all over: ballyhoo and murder ballad, the lacrimarium and the xylotheque, the Game of Robbers and the Indian Rope Trick, the obsolete o'ò, the old-school word hoard,

sunshowers and beaters and breaker boys. Here, to mark the twilight of print and type, are gleanings and borrowings from a mixed bag of throwback bound volumes: *The Magic Moving Picture Book*, *Mandeville's Travels*, *The Golden Bough*, *Franklin Arithmetic*, *The Millennial Laws of the Shakers*, *A Conjuror's Confessions*. Here too are guiding spirits whose like will not pass this way again: *Cab Calloway at the Cotton Club*; *Henry Walter Bates in darkest Amazon*;

*George Catlin among the Choctaw*; *Little Nemo in Slumberland*; *Yogi Berra in all his oracular glory*. Reveling in vernacular lingo of every vintage even while brooding on dark ages without end, *Secret History* chronicles a world of long shadows and distant echoes that bears more than a passing resemblance to our own. [Confidences d'un prestidigitateur](#) Penguin Réimpression inchangée de l'édition originale de 1859. La maison d'édition Anatiposi publie des livres

historiques en réimpression. En raison de leur âge, ces livres peuvent présenter des pages manquantes ou une qualité moindre. Notre objectif est de préserver ces livres et de les rendre accessibles au public afin qu'ils ne se perdent pas. *Confidences D'un Prestidigitateur Par Robert-Houdin* Oxford University Press "The Secrets of Stage Conjuring" is one of the rarest of Robert-Houdin's books on magic. It is the sequel to "Secrets of Conjuring and Magic"

(1868). Confidences d'un prestidigitateur Read Books Ltd French composer Maurice Ravel was described by critics as a magician, conjurer, and illusionist. Scholars have been aware of this historical curiosity, but none so far have explained why Ravel attracted such critiques or what they might tell us about how to interpret his music. *Magician of Sound* examines Ravel's music through the lens of illusory experience, considering how timbre,

orchestral effects, figure/ground relationships, and impressions of motion and stasis might be experienced as if they were conjuring tricks. Applying concepts from music theory, psychology, philosophy, and the history of magic, Jessie Fillerup develops an approach to musical illusion that newly illuminates Ravel's fascination with machines and creates compelling links between his music and other forms of aesthetic illusion, from

painting and poetry to fiction and phantasmagoria. Fillerup analyzes scenes of enchantment and illusory effects in Ravel's most popular works, including Boléro, La Valse, Daphnis et Chloé, and Rapsodie espagnole, relating his methods and musical effects to the practice of theatrical conjurers. Drawing on a rich well of primary sources, *Magician of Sound* provides a new interdisciplinary framework for interpreting this enigmatic composer, linking magic and music.

*The Shipley Collection of Scientific Papers* Nabu Press  
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hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature. *The Athenaeum* Springer  
 In a lively exploration of Jacques Offenbach's final masterpiece, Heather Hadlock shows how *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* summed up not only the composer's career but also a century of Romantic culture. A strange fusion of irony and profundity, frivolity and nightmare, the opera unfolds as a series of dreamlike episodes,

peopled by such archetypes as the Poet, the Beautiful Dying Girl, the Automaton, the Courtesan, and the Mesmerist. Hadlock shows how these episodes comprise a collective unconscious. Her analyses touch on topics ranging from the self-reflexive style of the protagonist and the music, to parallels between nineteenth-century discourses of theater and medical science, to fascination with the hysterical female subject. *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* is also

examined as both a continuation and a retraction of tendencies in Offenbach's earlier operettas and opéra-comiques. Hadlock investigates the political climate of the 1870s that influenced the composer's vision and the reception of his last work. Drawing upon insights from feminist, literary, and cultural theory, she considers how the opera's music and libretto took shape within a complex literary and theatrical tradition. Finally, Hadlock ponders the enigmas

posed by the score of this unfinished opera, which has been completed many times and by many different hands since its composer's death shortly before the premiere in 1881. In this book, the "mad loves" that drive *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*--a poet's love, a daughter's love, erotic love, and fatal attraction to music--become figures for the fascination exercised by opera itself.

*Secret History* BoD -  
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sciences occultes. Une lecture indispensable pour tout passionné d'illusionnisme et de magie. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work is in the "public domain" in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work.

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