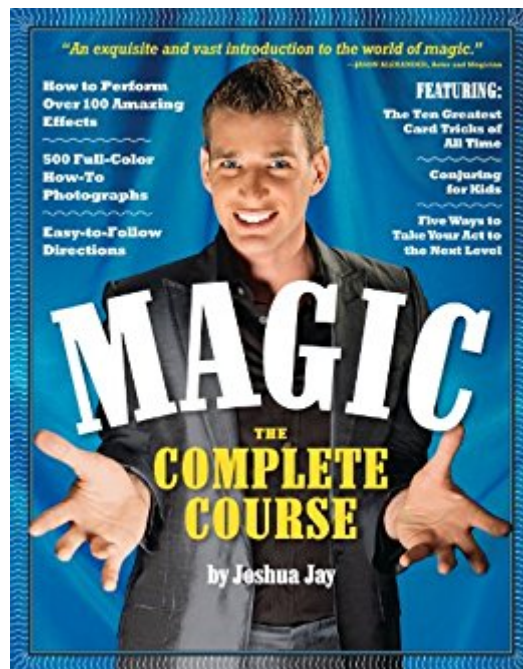


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## Synopsis

Magic is everywhere, from the big spectacle celebrity of David Copperfield and Siegfried and Roy to the quirky Penn and Teller to the spooky David Blaine and Criss Angel to the endless material on YouTube. But until now, learning it has never been easy—that's all about to change with *Magic*, a book that does for close-up magic what *How to Grill* does for barbecue. Written by charismatic young magician Joshua Jay, *Magic* combines expertise, photographs, and step-by-step directions showing how to perform 100 tricks. Joshua Jay took home the top prize at the World Magic Seminar (the Olympics of magic) when he was just 16 years old. Ten years later, he continues to perform magic, write about magic, eat, sleep, and breathe magic. Here, he brings all his passion and knowledge to teaching magic. Each trick is broken down into the Effect, the Secret, the Set-up, and, most important, the Performance, with lessons on what to say, how to direct the audience's attention, where to keep your hands, and so on. (In other words, how to be smart about the things your audience is surprisingly clueless about.) Here are the Ten Greatest Card Tricks; tricks to dazzle a dinner date; tricks to perform for the boss (poke a hole through his shirt, then magically mend it); tricks especially for kids; and even tricks for an audience in another state—with "Australian Self-Help," you can find a participant's chosen card over the phone. It's the Aha! book for a subject whose time has come.

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THE BOOK I have read many magic books but many books show WHAT is being done but not necessarily HOW to perform it. Joshua Jay is a masterful artist, performer and teacher. His talents are well beyond his years. This book covers tricks in various settings and with different props to include mealtime magic, magic out of ordinary things, magic with money, magic for kids, magic by kids, card tricks, magic in the office, magic for large audiences and even magic using the internet. The book is well organized into major sections. Each trick is organized in a clear, concise and easy to follow format. A list of necessary materials, difficulty level of the trick, the effect of the trick, the secret of the trick and how to perform the trick step by step is outlined. Each section is well illustrated with high quality photography, easy to follow sequences and concise captions. One of my favorite sections of the book is a series of magic tricks that you can perform yourself and the estimated time of performance. Throughout the book, there are inserts that cover interesting historical facts related to magic and legendary magicians. The book is entertaining, informative and a great resource on the subject. It is well organized that people of any age can perform many of these tricks. THE VIDEO An instructional 480p DVD includes a menu for watching magic, learning magic (27 tricks), extras that includes tricks with traditional magic props, and a special 5 minute clip on how to carry out your performance, "Talk Magic". The video is high quality, professionally produced and is worth the price of the book alone. The menus are easy to navigate, and you can watch all or just selected lessons. Watching the videos shows his work in action.

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