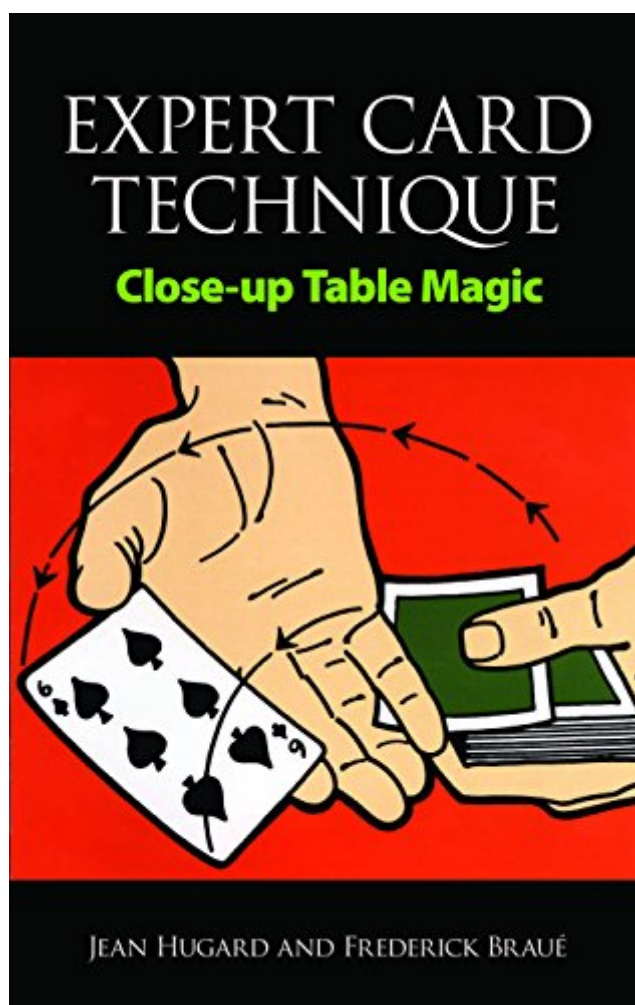


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# Expert Card Technique (Dover Magic Books)



## Synopsis

If you have ever tried to do a card trick and failed, you know what it is to be embarrassed. You may try to cover up by doing a more difficult trick and fail again. The way out of this dilemma, however, is not immediate, but it is reliable: a surer mastery of technique. This means the proper instruction book, and practice. In this definitive work on card technique, step-by-step instructions teach you the correct methods for the basic manipulations and the more advanced flourishes, and only then allow you to learn tricks. Offering the most foolproof methods available, Jean Hugard and Fredrick Braue explain such basic manipulations as the palm, the shuffle, the lift, the side slip, the pass, the glimpse, the jog, and the reverse. They detail various false deals, crimps, and changes and the more advanced execution needed for forces, fans, and the use of the prearranged deck. Also presented is a wide variety of tricks, including discoveries, self-working tricks, one-handed tricks, stranger cards, and such individually famous tricks as the four aces, the rising cards, and the Zingone spread. In addition, the authors include a complete compendium of shakedown sleights of hand to warn the card player and aid the entertainer and a performer's guide to misdirection and patter. Many of the methods explained were revealed here for the first time, while many previously known tricks are presented in improved versions. In every case the aim is simplicity of technique for the purpose of mystifying an audience, not technique for the sake of technique. An unsurpassed collection of methods and manipulations, this classic work will help any aspiring magician to achieve expert card technique.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are keenly interested in card magic there is every reason to buy this book. It's inexpensive, it's comprehensive, and a terrific resource. I can give it only four stars because I find it terribly hard to learn most of the sleights from the diagrams and descriptions. They're very hard to describe but, when this was written, there was no internet, no DVDs, no way of learning other than one on one or via the printed page. So there are far easier and clearer resources for learning the techniques in this book. Still, it's a classic volume and, particularly if accompanied by a good video reference for the various moves, well worth the money.

This is an excellent text, with extremely detailed instructions. I'm mostly a novice at this stuff, with a mostly academic interest, and not much yet especially dextrous with my hands, but even I found with dedicated reading, notwithstanding the tiny diagrams, the descriptions are so excellent that you can get this stuff working, and working well. As you may have heard: you don't read this book casually: you read in detail, work slowly, and dedicate yourself to practising. Doing so, you can hardly help but getting somewhere, and potentially somewhere pretty impressive. These are solid techniques, from what my limited experience can tell, some demanding, some less so, and all entirely fascinating. The reason I can't give it five stars: the epub edition I have contains a fair level of typos and wonky paragraphs I just have to assume come from the same problem; I'm guessing they're mis-scans during optical character recognition missed in subsequent correction; obviously I can't tell quite how it happened at my end. In a very few places, it's bad enough you have to add a step to that careful reading: a forensic step of working out what it must have said, supplemented in my case by grepping around the web, looking for people talking elsewhere about the sleights, toward said working out. Which is annoying. It's nice there even is an epub, obviously--I find it very convenient to read on my phone in moments of what would otherwise be downtime--but the errors do get in the way. That said, in fairness, there's only one or two such places it's such a significant problem. Usually, it's just more a stupid optical error, one character in a word you can work out from

context, and since it's pretty obvious what was meant, fine, good enough. Still, it'd be nice to see a little more caution in preparing an epub people do pay for.

My son appreciates that he's now learning tricks that aren't readily available on YouTube. Works for me.

gift for my son, he loves it. Wishes there were a few more pictures, but still a great book

Amazing book, just as expected, no flaws for a cheap price. Got it earlier than expected, and I've already learnt a few dozens of card tricks from this and Royal Road to Card Magic, although I got them only five days ago. If I could, I would rate this 6 stars!

Great book, tons of material, starts at the basics then works its way up. If you want to avoid certain types of tricks then go ahead, there's plenty more

Bought for my son.

Goes from 0 to 60 at a very pleasant rate. Not only technique's are presented but suggestions to expand on them and make them your own. This is a book filled with wisdom, not only information. It will take you to the next level at your own pace

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