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Scarne On Card Tricks (Dover Magic Books)



Synopsis

This marvelous treasury of card magic presents the exact details of 155 professional card tricks – none of them requiring sleight-of-hand dexterity – assembled by the world's number-one card wizard, John Scarne. An authority on gambling and card tricks, Scarne won renown for teaching professional gamblers how to sharpen their skills and avoid being fleeced. For this collection of mystifying and effective maneuvers, he assembled an exciting series of original effects and classic card tricks, reworked to eliminate the need for sleight-of-hand. Simple instructions and clear diagrams illustrate Houdini's "Card on the Ceiling," Blackstone's "Card Trick Without Cards," Carlyle's "Piano Card Trick," Milton Berle's "Quickie Card Deal," and dozens more. Also included are Scarne's "Drunken Poker Deal," "Knockout Card Trick," and others from his repertoire – tricks that have fooled some of the world's leading magicians. Scarne presents all tricks with advice on accompanying patter, offering helpful suggestions about the kinds of words and gestures that give performances a professional gloss. Anyone can learn these tricks, and this single volume contains everything a would-be master of card magic needs to know.

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This book brings back good memories as it was my first card trick book when I was a child in the 80's. The tricks are simple and effective and require no slight of hand. They can be performed with just a normal deck of cards. The pictures in the book look a little dated, but this doesn't take away

from any of the tricks. One of the more complicated tricks is still one that I perform to stunned friends after more than 30 years.

There's some pretty good tricks in this book, especially if you like to prearrange decks.

This is the original 'bible' for card tricks, published initially in 1950, so the language is rather archaic. Once I got past that, there's some great stuff in here.

This was my first book on card magic. I bought it many many years ago. It has amazing but very easy to do tricks. I was delighted to see it available for the Kindle.

This is one of the cornerstone books for anyone looking to learn or improve their cardistry or magic skills. It is that rare type of book that retains its relevance over time and has been handed down from previous generations to the present and I'm certain this will continue for many years to come-so much of it is timeless. I was very happy to find that there is a Kindle version and that for the most part, it is well done. This is a simply amazing book in scope and quality.

Got this for my brother (in his 20s), who likes doing card tricks. Within about half an hour, he had learned some tricks that I had no idea how he did.

Husband just loves them!

Brother in law really enjoyed these detailed card tricks. Great author on this subject!

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