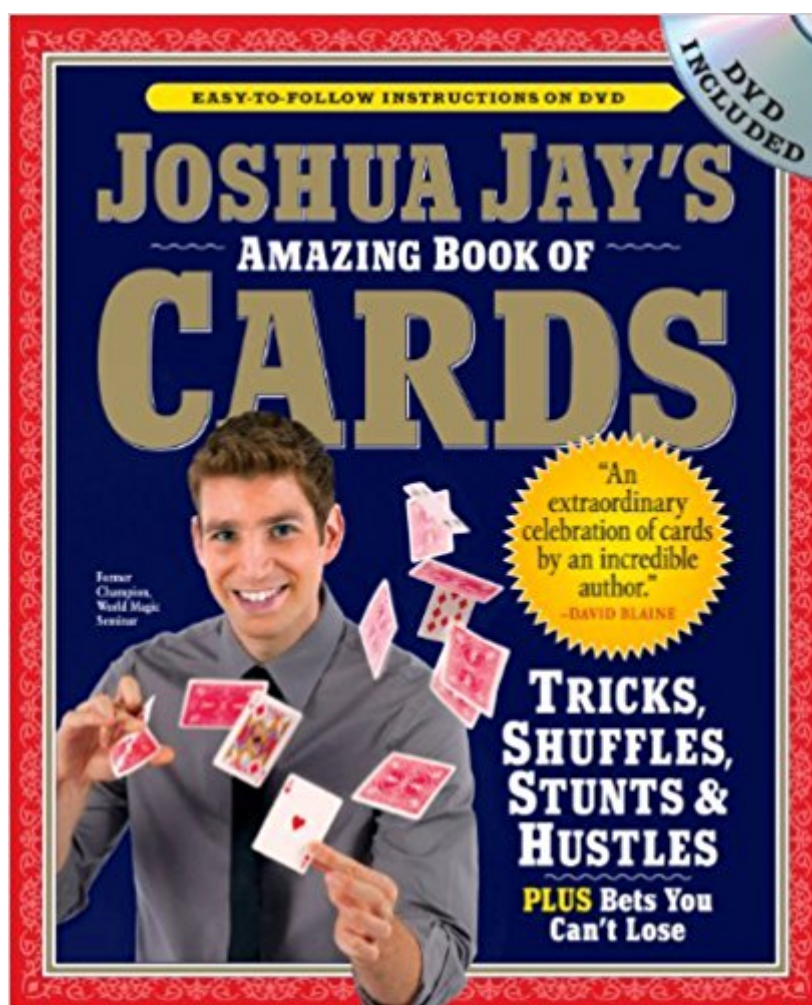


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Joshua Jay's Amazing Book Of Cards: Tricks, Shuffles, Stunts & Hustles Plus Bets You Can't Lose



Synopsis

Finally, here's how to do all those showy tricks and flourishes that card players are dying to know: how to send a deck cascading from one hand to the other. How to snap open two flawless fans. How to cut a deck with one hand. Choose four aces seemingly at random. Flick a card accurately across the room. The clearest, easiest-to-follow book of step-by-step directions, *The Amazing Book of Cards* will show anyone how to do 52 amazing things with a deck of cards. Written by Joshua Jay, the award-winning close-up magician and card-obsessed author of *Magic: The Complete Course*, *The Amazing Book of Cards* combines friendly, concise text and full-color photos with a full-length DVD that teaches the lessons and shows the subtleties of performance. Here are simple, killer tricks, like "Presto Prediction," which performs the impossible task of knowing someone's choice before she even makes it. Nine different shuffles, including the Faro Shuffle, the one most often used by pros, which helps you perfectly weave a split deck together in seconds. How to perform fans, flips, and flourishes, including Ribbon Spread & Flip and Catch-a-Deck. Tricks you can't lose—go ahead, take the bet to throw a card in a hat. How to memorize a deck in less than ten seconds, how to put a deck of cards into a glass bottle, build a card castle, and more. Filling out this labor of love is a whole world of card trivia, including the origins of Kings: King of Spades is modeled after King David, the King of Diamonds is Julius Caesar, Hearts is Charlemagne, and Clubs, Alexander the Great.

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Customer Reviews

Joshua Jay, "one of America's finest young magicians" (Genii, The Conjurers Magazine), has headlined at the prestigious Magic Castle in Hollywood, is a magic consultant for several multinational toy manufacturers, and has served as the monthly columnist for Magic magazine for 12 years. Recently, he consulted and developed a commercial spot for HBO, using sleight of hand to promote Game of Thrones and Boardwalk Empire. He was named the 2012 Magician of the Year by the Society of American Magicians. He lives in New York City.

I remember reading a sample of this book online to see if it truly was an "amazing" book of cards. I pulled out a deck of cards, started reading, and within minutes made up my mind to buy the book. Author and magician Joshua Jay has packed this book with some top-notch material that goes well beyond a collection of intriguing card tricks. In addition to a number of card tricks (something we all surely expect), the book includes instructions for card shuffles, stunts, and hustles. So far, I've actually enjoyed learning the shuffles more than the tricks themselves. I'm not learning just how to perform card tricks--I'm learning how to handle cards with precision and grace. I've also enjoyed the book's full-color images and companion DVD. Besides the book's gorgeous layout, the DVD brings the tricks to life--and facilitates learning--by showing not only how to execute the tricks but also how to perform the tricks. In case you haven't heard, there's a big difference between being able to do a trick and perform a trick. Performance is half the trick, if not more. Notably, Joshua Jay's "Amazing Book of Cards" is an introductory book. While the book does contain some tricks or techniques that might be considered advanced, this book only scratches the surface of what's possible. If you're serious about card magic, you'll soon want to pick up some more books to expand your knowledge. Overall, I'm highly pleased with this book and look forward to many happy hours perfecting the perfect Faro shuffle, which is the most precise shuffle in the world. There's even a one-handed Faro shuffle variation that apparently fewer than 100 people worldwide can perform. Maybe someday I can be one of them.

My daughter has used this book and DVD to learn many card tricks and she is getting very good! A great gift for any aspiring young magicians!

My son loves this book, though some of the tricks are hard for him to do.

A bit complicated to follow according to my 13 year old grandson

Great book that is easy to use. My only complaint is why couldn't it have come with a deck of cards?!?

Lotsa fun & background, with a few really good tricks.

Good book on basics. More card shark stuff than card tricks.

My 10 year old nephew loves card tricks and this book had become his new obsession. Lots of fun and easy tricks for kids and adults alike!

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