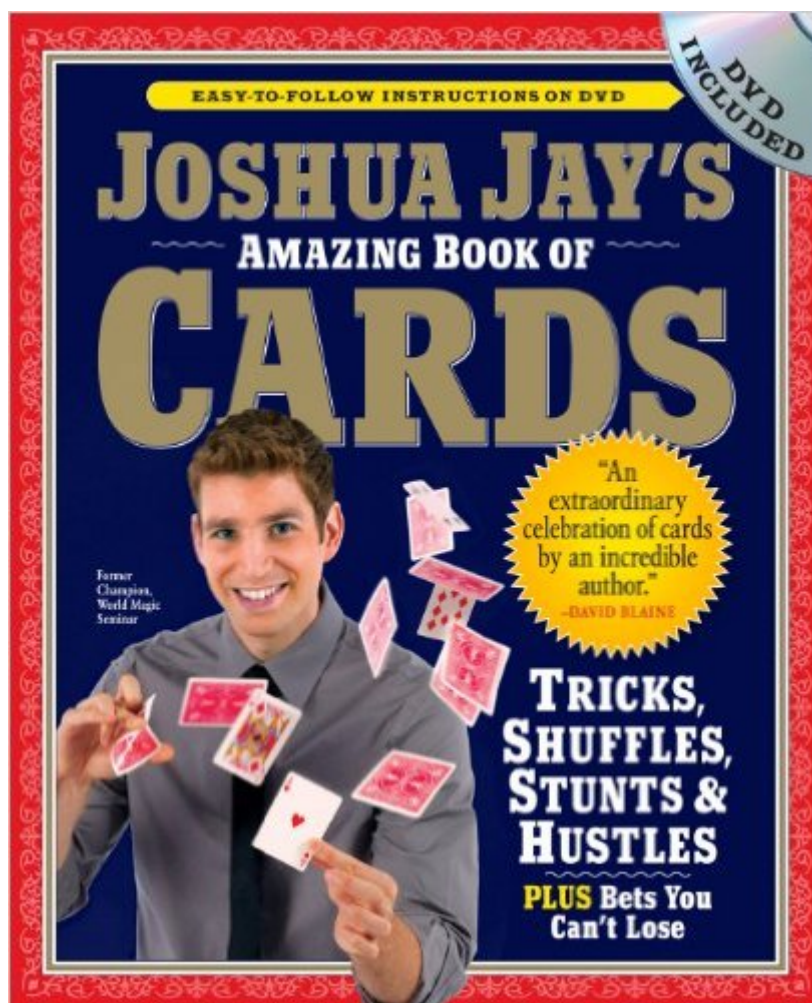


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Joshua Jay's Amazing Book Of Cards: Tricks, Shuffles, Stunts & Hustles Plus Bets You Can't Lose



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

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.

I thought it was pretty good! The book can help you gain a solid understanding in card magic and give you some sweet ways to impress some friends. Joshua is a great magician and it's certainly clear through his teachings. For a book I enjoyed it a lot. I've been doing card magic for a while so I've acquired a few DVD's and books. Royal Road to Card Magic (Dover) is still probably one of the best books out there but the pattern given is largely outdated. The DVD was "OK" in my opinion and thought Crash Course in Sleight of Hand Card Tricks - Magic Tricks for Beginners - Volume 1 by Ellusionist.com was a little better on explaining the sleights visually. All in all though grab the book it's got some cool routines.

We got this book for my nephew and he is enjoying it to no end. At first he didn't pay the book much attention, even if he was the one who had us order it, you know how kids are! But then he realized how easy the tricks were to learn and how the DVD is so helpful, and he started learning a trick or two every day! Now he knows tons and they are all amazing and I can't figure out for the life of me, how he does them. Magic is a great hobby for kids and it helps them develop and raise their

self-esteem and social skills more than other activities do, like sitting in front of a TV playing video games all day. (I love video games, but they do tend to cut off the person playing them from the other surrounding members of the family, specially with lil kids, who become so entranced by them). So I'd suggest to all parents, to get this and other magic trick books (if your kid is interested of course, don't just push it on them!) because you'll all have fun when they start getting better and better, pulling tricks like it was nothing.

Joshua Jay's Amazing Book of Cards pairs a 106-minute DVD featuring tutorials and demonstrations for nearly thirty tricks with a book giving step-by-step photo instruction for doing nearly fifty fetes with a deck of cards. Any studying amateur magic tricks will find this an amazing display of tricks and stunts, suitable for entertaining.

My 10 year old loved this book for Christmas. His grandfather also had fun doing card tricks from this book at Christmas. We plan to take it with us on vacation next year.

I bought this as a gift for my 16 year old nephew. I am confident that he will enjoy it. In looking it over I believe he will be able to add to his stable of magic tricks. It is a great looking book and is as described. It was sent in a very timely manner and was packaged appropriately.

I ordered this for my 10 year old step son, and while it is a GREAT card trick book, it was a little too advanced for him. I would highly recommend this book for someone a little older or more experienced in card tricks. Great quality and the DVD was a great addition

This is more a book about cards. There are very few tricks, and even the section on shuffles is sparse on actually teaching various shuffles. I'd say this book was aiming to appeal to non-magicians. No idea if it succeeded, but I would think magicians would be the vast majority of the audience for a book like this. And it does not do much for magicians. While it contained some interesting history and facts, it did not contain much of anything I would use.

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