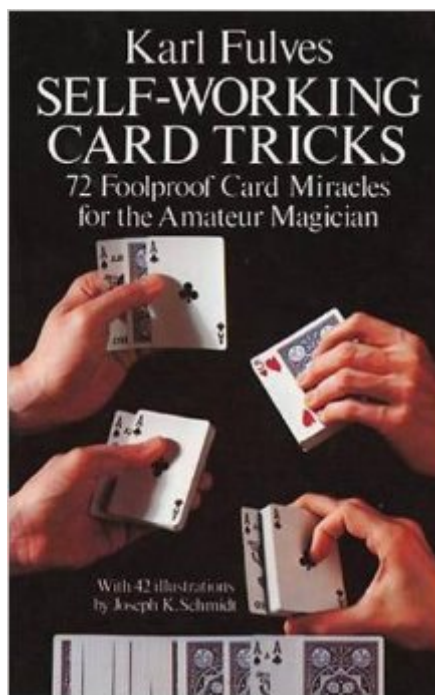


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# Self-Working Card Tricks (Dover Magic Books)



## Synopsis

What is a self-working card trick? A trick that does not depend upon legerdemain or special abilities on the part of the magician, but a trick that works automatically because of the mathematics inherent in the card deck itself. Long practice and supernormal dexterity are not needed to perform these tricks, yet they are often among the most entertaining and most spectacular of all card tricks. Some of these sure-fire tricks are simple, a good place to begin. Others were specially adapted from professional routines and are here presented for the first time for amateurs. Almost all of these tricks can be worked informally, with a borrowed deck of cards. Some also adapt to stage presentation. Individual tricks in this book have sold for more than the price of the entire book. Amateurs can use them to get a start in magic and to feel, at once, the rewards of giving a professional performance. Advanced and professional magicians will find tricks to add to their acts or informal routines. Author Karl Fulves is one of the best-known writers and editors in the field of magic.

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## Customer Reviews

I have finally found a card trick book that actually presented entertaining illusions without hours of practice trying to master multiple sleight of hand techniques. In fact, I picked up a half-dozen card tricks in about a half hour. Three ingredients would have made this book a ten: 1) More ideas on

presentation and patter. 2) Better illustrations. 3) Some of the explanations could have been a bit clearer. All an a good book for amateur magicians of all ages looking to add quality card feats to their bag of tricks.

If you're looking for negative comments, read the first paragraph. If you're looking for positive comments, read the second. If you're looking for an all around opinion, read the whole thing. This book is for the VERY amateur magician. I used to consider myself a VERY amateur magician until I bought this book. Very few of these tricks are very good, and almost all of the descriptions and illustrations could be described as nothing less than clouded and unclear. While a limited number of "self-working" tricks are acceptable in a magician's repetoire, ALL of them being "self-working" is, at the very least, unprofessional. In my opinion, it sort of subtracts from the actual "magic." If, conversely, you're looking for a book with which to just have a little fun, this is the book for you. Again, while I must reiterate that some of the explanations and illustrations are unclear, it seems to be written for someone who has never tried any magic before, and would be good for just getting used to pulling a few stunts here and there. So if you're just trying card magic for the very first time, you might want to give this one a shot, but there are some others which might prove to be more beneficial in the long run.

The "main" trick in this book (the one "advertised" on the cover) is absolutely mind-boggling. The first time I saw this routine it was done to me by a "resident magician" in this magic store I was shopping at. I thought I had to get some kind of elaborate card deck. This book is all the magician said I needed. Any books by this author is great. I also recommend his rope book.

**THIS IS THE MAGIC CARD TRICK BOOK TO GET!!!** I have had this book for a couple weeks now, and I LOVE the tricks! All the tricks are easy to do, you just have to follow the directions in the trick you are doing and it works out great! There are tons of different types of tricks, including a few tricks to do on two people at one time which I love. If you are a beginner this is **DEFIANTLY** the book I recommend for you. On the other hand, if you are looking to build up your skill with sly cuts, shuffles, ect. This is not the book for you. But, If you want to learn fun, easy, card tricks this is the book to get!!! I have been doing the card tricks I have gotten out of this book along with tricks from "THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MAGIC ( which is a great book, has great instructions, photos and coin, rope, card, string magic ) and the tricks are great. I do tricks to my whole family, my cousins, my aunt, my friends, everybody and everybody loves them and are amazed!! **THIS IS DEFIANTLY THE BOOK**

TO GET!!! 10 OUT OF 10!!

I just want card tricks. I want to impress a grandma or a child or maybe even a dimwitted friend. Unfortunately, not all of these tricks are for the true amateur. Buy this book if you want to invest some time into the practice of card trickery. Buy this book if you want to figure out your skill level. Do not buy this book if you want a few quick tricks to thrill the throng.

If you see a book written by Karl Fulves on magic that has the words Self-Working in the title then buy it. There is a wealth of knowledge in each of these books. -Diamond Jim Tyler

All the tricks unveiled in this book are not my style or interest, but some surely were. I like tricks that are not really tricks at all, but rather mathematical equations, and this book has several. It's worth the price.

Having both performed and taught card magic, this book is a must! For the beginner, this is a no nonsense teaching aid that any serious student will use. Later, as the magician learns advanced techniques, one can revisit these effects and make them seem impossible. This is the 1st book that I recommend to all serious budding card magicians. If you only learn a couple of tricks, this inexpensive book will be well worth its cost. Highly recommended!J.

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