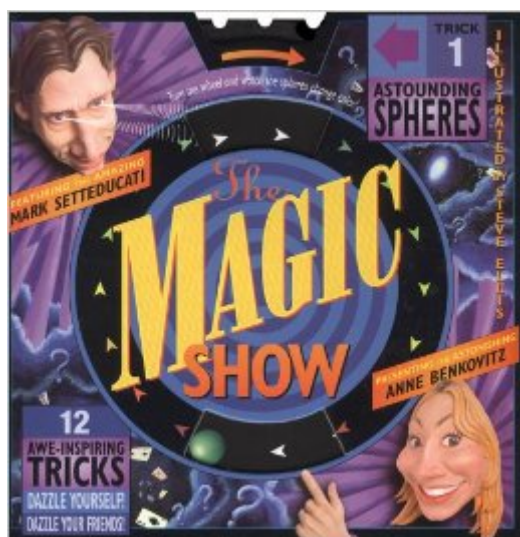


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# The Magic Show



## Synopsis

The first-ever self-performing book of illusion, *The Magic Show* is unlike any other book of magic ever published--it actually does the tricks and illusions. The reader is the audience, and the audience will be wonderstruck. How can a book read your mind? Or carry out a complicated sleight of hand that will leave you utterly astounded? Created by two magic inventors (one a practicing magician and the other a magic-trick designer), and featuring state-of-the-art paper engineering and printing, *The Magic Show* features 12 no-fail interactive tricks. Pick a card, any card, and the book will accurately guess it every time. Spin the wheel and watch brilliant spheres mysteriously change colors. There's the Devious Dominoes, the Six Sorcerers, the Artful Aces. Illustrated with four-color mixed media art, *The Magic Show* is as exhilarating as sitting front row at a real performance. But with one huge advantage--a convenient "reset" book that's tucked into the last page allows you, the reader, to reset each trick with or without learning the secrets of the illusions.

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## Customer Reviews

Let me start out by saying I am a professional magician that has been in the business for over twenty years. So I have seen my share of magic books good and bad. *The Magic Show* book is easily the best book I have seen for kids as well for adult in over 15 years. Actually I have never seen and magic book as well illustrated as this one..kudos to Steve Ellis. What I loved about the book is that each amazingly rendered page hypnotically leads to the next trick, like a magic story. Then after the last trick in the book fools you, you'll rush to show the book to your friends, so you can start from the beginning. Also what I love about the book is that its a great book for kids to bring

with them on a long trip in the car or waiting at the airport. I only wished I had a book like this when I started out as a magician. The tricks inside even fooled me (but please don't let other magicians know that). Sincerely C. Polaris

This is a first. This book is a prop that lets you do a magic show for yourself. You'd think that if you're doing the magic show it would be pretty tough to fool yourself. You'd be surprised. As you turn the beautiful pages of this graphic masterpiece of a book and follow the directions, you can't believe the miracles you're seeing. And then once you've performed the book for yourself you can use it on a completely different level to fool your friends. This is perfect for almost any age, anybody who likes magic, or really interesting pop-up-type art books. Simply terrific.

This is possibly the most innovative, unique, fun book I have ever seen. The book is a self performing magic show that will completely baffle and intrigue you. Guaranteed to cause a sleepless night trying to figure out these tricks. The layout, graphics and pop-up features add a marvelous dimension. I would highly recommend this book as a gift for either child or adult. You don't have to be a magic fan to enjoy it! Congratulations to authors Mark Setteducati and Anne Benkovitz for giving us something different to cheer about!

... Mark Setteducati and Anne Benkovitz have presented in the simple, yet interactive tricks that create a welcome distraction from the age of high-tech games, computers, and television. The book is presented like a magic show, prompting for audience (or reader) participation. It begins with the cover and does not necessarily end at the very last page, which contains additional props if you want to revisit one of the tricks for a skeptical audience or if you want to add a different spin on one other trick. There is a reset book (to reorganize everything for the next performance) that also consists of presentation suggestions for some of the tricks. "The Magic Show" uses both mathematical and optical illusions to amuse young and old. The tricks can stimulate thinking for the younger audience when they ponder "How did they do that?" If you are a parent or just an adult who is young at heart and appreciates magic, this is an enjoyable book to purchase for yourself or to give as a gift to a budding Houdini.

The Magic Show is a wonderful book that will amaze even those hip to magic. I still can't figure out exactly how the cover works! I bought two and I'm going to buy five more to give away as gifts. Everybody should have a copy laying around the house to entertain guests. A true breakthrough in

book design and production. Buy it!

This book does what no other magic book has done. You can actually fool yourself repeatedly, and of course fool others. With most magic books, as you learn a trick in order to perform it, you discover the secret "something" that makes it work; thus you are never able to fool yourself. With this book, you don't have to learn any secrets in order to see the magic. The book performs for you! After the show of 12 effects, you need to re-set most of the tricks. If you carefully follow the instructions, there are a few tricks that will still fool you! This is indeed a first. You'll be tempted to tear the book apart to figure out a couple of tricks. Resist the temptation or buy two books. Highly recommended for young and old alike!

Who doesn't love magic? And who doesn't love a good book? Author-Magician Mark Setteducati and Anne Benkowitz have combined to create this delightful treat. Mysterious, engaging and down-right fun, get ready to be entertained. Illustrator Steve Ellis brings the tricks alive with a colorful flair that adds to the enjoyment. Families who want more wholesome entertainment will find it here. These hands on tricks that unfold right before your eyes keep you guessing on what could possibly come next. And how did they do that? So curl up with the kids, and prepare to be astounded. I sure was!

Mark Setteducati and Anne Benkowitz have provided children of all ages with a wonder of the 21st century today! This magical book reads your mind, makes things change colors and actually makes a character disappear...how many other so-called magic books do that? An incredible achievement for the magical arts and publishing!

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