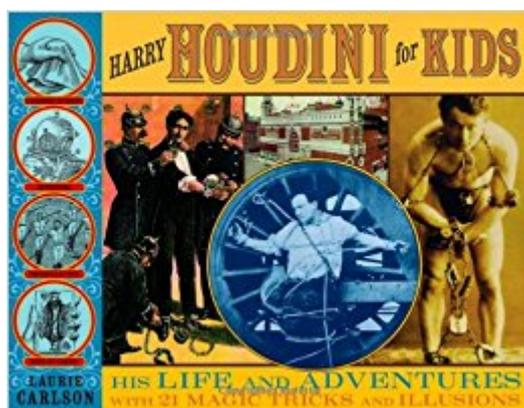


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# Harry Houdini For Kids: His Life And Adventures With 21 Magic Tricks And Illusions (For Kids Series)



## Synopsis

Illusionist, escape artist, movie star, aviator, and spy—Harry Houdini was all these and an international celebrity and the world's most famous magician. This fascinating biography looks at all the facets of Houdini's amazing life and includes 21 magic tricks and illusions for a hands-on learning experience. Children will be inspired by this Jewish immigrant who grew up in poverty and, through perseverance and hard work, went on to become one of the most popular and successful entertainers of all time. Houdini was an artist who created his acts carefully, practicing them for years in some cases. He performed such seemingly impossible stunts as escaping several sets of handcuffs and ropes after jumping off a bridge into a flowing river. Kids will learn how he devised his most legendary stunts and will also learn the science and logic behind many of Houdini's acts including his famous milk can escape. Kids can amaze their family and friends with these simple, entertaining, and fun tricks and illusions: • Stepping through an index card • Performing an odd number trick • Making a coin appear • Mind reading with a secret code • Making a magic box • Lifting a person with one hand • Making a talking board • And much more

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hybrid about one of the most famous magicians who ever lived. Even for those familiar with Houdini's fascinating story, Carlson's snappy writing gives it new life. Raised in poverty, the immigrant born Ehrich Weisz began as an \$18-a-week circus act but in 20 years would pull in \$1,800 a week as the world's premiere death-defying escape artist. According to Carlson, Houdini "aka Cardo the King of Cards or the King of Handcuffs" took advantage of the public's distrust of authority figures by mastering everything from straitjackets to underwater manacles, along the way acting as a movie-stunt pioneer, ghost buster, and U.S. spy. Nearly every page is enlivened with period photographs, boxed sections containing biographies and definitions, and, most important, 21 magic tricks that will have readers breaking out their deck of cards and practicing their sleight of hand. The text is light on criticism, but most readers won't care "this is one book that will magically vanish from shelves. Grades 4-8. --Daniel Kraus

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Worked perfect. Needed for my sons project. Quick shipping.

This is a great book with lots of shiny, colorful pages. Kids are drawn to Houdini like no other historical figure! I bought this to go in our magic prize package for the Summer Reading Program. We don't have it in the library collection (yet), but I've had some kids ask for it!

Son loved the book. Helped with his report and was very interesting.

I bought this book for my younger brother who is infatuated with magic tricks right now. While he's

still too young to appreciate the biographical information that comes with each individual trick, he worked through the majority of the tricks on his own (he's now eight). However, should this book intrigue you, please be aware that adult supervision will most definitely be needed as some of the tricks require chemicals/items that could hurt a child. The book comes filled with pages of Houdini performing the magic tricks that are given and even provides images of fliers/newspapers that were used to introduce the next stunt Houdini would try. Children will love this book for the tricks while adults will appreciate the history behind the tricks. I was definitely amazed with this book but would like to note that some tricks can be complex-so the age range listed above (9-12) is pretty exact as to which audience this book will entertain. It makes the perfect gift and easily entertains young magicians!

Wonderful book for any child interested in the history of Houdini!

Is excellent book for young teen

Perfect

This book was bought for 9 year old boy. He really understood book and enjoyed it. This book was as described

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