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52 Series: Cool Tricks For Kids

by Lynn Gordon

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Synopsis

Grab that magic wand! This popular deck of easy-to-perform magic tricks and kid-friendly sleights of hand has been updated with new activities and illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

My adventurous cousin found this for my birthday and it is the cutest little box of cards. The whimsically illustrated cards will inspire you to take up some new interests, realize your fantasies, stretch your limits or rediscover your joie de vivre. The cards are dedicated to Lynn Gordon's sister Dale who lives her life to the fullest and with contagious vitality. Lynn encourages us to view the memories of childhood with a renewed interest. Visiting the circus as a grown-up will help you appreciate elements you were not aware of as a child. I had to giggle at the "Make a Wish" one, because as a child I was forever asking my mom for pennies to toss in fountains. I always believed my wishes really would come true. Later in life you realize you don’t always get what you want, but you always get what you need. Some of the cards in this pack include: Speaking in Public (not something I enjoy), Asking a Stranger Out (can’t, already married), Radical hair Make-Over (maybe), Writing the Great American Novel (working on that one), Milk a Cow (done that), Stay up All Night (Read a long book and that is very possible ;>) and Swim in the Ocean (Um, Sharks! Maybe not!). But then they have some really enjoyable ideas like: Sleeping out Under the Stars, Writing a Children’s Book, Taking a Spontaneous Trip (my husband laughed at the thought of me not packing for days), Leaving a really Big Tip for a waitress (make her day), Get a Massage (you need it), Send a Love letter (leave the card about the house for your husband to see...hint!) and
Volunteer for a Good Cause. Geared for Girlfriends, bright and colorful. You could also send single cards in letters to friends who you think might need to get out and do something fun. You can also start to make up your own list of fun things to do, like "Take a Picture with a Tiger." I checked that one off my list a few weeks ago. Well, it was just a tiger cub, but still. Thanx to my Cousin Julia for giving this cute set of cards to me. It is perfect for tossing in a gift bag, just as she did.

I gave this little deck of cards to my uptight, control freak brother-in-law for Christmas hoping that, at the very least, he wouldn't scoff at them. To my surprise, the cards drew him in with their variety of silly, useful, practical & thought-provoking suggestions. I felt that I had done a big favor for my sister, who was becoming bored with the fellow she loved. I think he sensed her irritation anyway, because he's taking her to Disneyworld this winter instead of to some stuffy bed & breakfast place in New England. Hopefully, the cards will remind him that the journey is more important than the destination. Bob Rixon

We used these as part of a kids birthday gift bag stuffer in keeping with the Magic Show theme. Each kid got 4 cards along with a plastic magic wand, funny glasses, some candy, etc. It worked great for this purpose. I don’t know if the kids ever used them (i.e., tried the tricks), but it worked for our use.

This book includes a large number of simple, easy tricks that can easily be performed by kids. Each trick starts with the materials needed, and then has a step by step explanation of how to perform the trick. The Table of Contents conveniently lists each of the tricks, with a link to take you there. I thought the illustrations were excellent; however, they don’t really show the steps that you perform--the illustrations are really more a lead-in to the trick, rather than supportive. To give you an idea of how brief each trick is, the "Soft Potato" trick lists 3 materials, then just 2 steps. Grand total of 4 sentences in the procedure. All in all, some fun ideas, but there’s not really much material here. Each trick just has a brief explanation--that’s it. On the other hand, I really liked the illustrations.

This book breaks the rules in the Kindle Paperwhite instruction manual. Swiping is needed to go from page to page (instead of tapping on the right side of the screen). Tapping brings up the index instead. They are also blank white pages every 3rd page... all of this adds to the broken quality of this Kindle version.
Got this for my daughter recently (age 8) and she loves it.. moms a little sick of "hey mom want to see me do another trick!?" but its well worth it, she gets so excited showing off all of her tricks, such a wonderful book for kids

We only live once, so it is best that we use it to the fullest, the book help my life better than before and added meaning to my life. her decks are fantastic and I really suggest that everylife should try one too.

When purchasing Cool Tricks for Kids, I probably didn't read the full write-up. I thought it was a book, but I'm sure my grandson will enjoy it.

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