

Encyclopedia of Card Tricks

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Jean, editor, Crimmins, John J., Jr., associate editor Hugard : Encyclopedia of Card Tricks before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of Card Tricks:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Buy for content, NOT for the binding. Poorly bound book. By Yumi Koizumi 4-stars not for content! This appears to have chapters left out of an initial printing, which I of course like. The 4 stars is not for content, but for the printing/binding method. This is a horribly cheap way to bind: a layer of glue for the pages 'on edge'. Normally, the pages are grouped into what are oddly called "signatures", and each piece of paper is 4 'pages', or 'sides', just folded in 1/2 (think newspaper 'pages'). These packets are glued (or sewn in nicer books) and then attached to the 'backing', or 'backing material' so all the signatures line up. A cheaper alternative is to simply print individual sheets with adjacent pages on them, and simply glue to the edges to the binding-this is what was done here. You may not care NOW, but you will care later. Why? Because each individual page will eventually disconnect from it's binding as it ages, or is used. For example, if you open up to a page and press on the binding material to force the page open, if you press hard, or often, enough, that page will pop out. I'm not talking about the paper tearing or anything like that; I'm talking about the sheet (with 2 pages printed on it) popping out intact. The only decent temporary fix is to tape it in, but now you've added twice the normal stress to the page(s) you taped it to. It will, with regular use, become a big mess. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Audra A classic that every card magician should have in their library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A comprehensive overview By Customer More dense than the beginner's books out there, but highly detailed and comprehensive. An

excellent overview of the arsenal of sleights every magician should master.