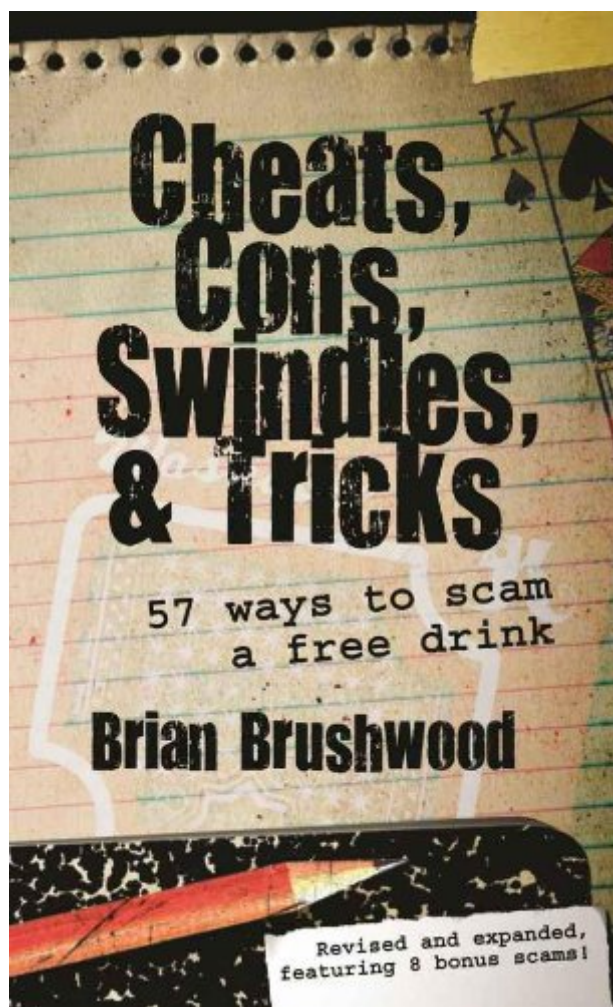


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# Cheats, Cons, Swindles, And Tricks: 57 Ways To Scam A Free Drink



## Synopsis

How'd you like to never pay for a drink again? How about having complete strangers pay for your meals? What if you always had a few tricks up your sleeve to break the ice at parties or get the girl's phone number?"Cheats, Cons, Swindles and Tricks" is full of 57 of the very best bar scams and tricks, picked up in Brian Brushwood's 12 years of worldwide travel. As seen on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno (twice!) as well as 2 dozen other TV programs, Brian's now the host of the popular online series "Scam School," (downloaded over 1 million times a month, and named by iTunes as a "top video podcast" of 2008 and 2009). ...And THIS is the book that started it all. With 57 killer tricks (and 8 bonus scams), any one of these tricks could win you the cost of a free drink or more... and yet your investment will be LESS THAN 2 CENTS PER TRICK! Short enough to digest in an evening, yet powerful enough to score you free drinks for the rest of your life... "Cheats, Cons, Swindles and Tricks" could be the single best investment of 99 cents you'll ever make.

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## Customer Reviews

I definitely fell into the trap of seeing so many 5-star reviews (at the time of this writing there are 57 5-star reviews and a single 3-star review), and was convinced that this book was going to be

fantastic. At \$1, it's not an outright scam, but I can't see myself using any of the "tricks" in this book to impress any of my friends. I think I was expecting some interesting close-up magic tricks that would be relatively easy to pull off using things you'd find at a bar, but those are largely absent from this book. Here are some of the "highlights": 1) Ask your friend which city is further West: Reno or Los Angeles? (SPOILER ALERT: It's not Los Angeles). That is actually one of the 57 "tricks". This is what I'm paying for? 2) Carefully peel an orange, trying to keep the peel intact. Wrap the peel around an apple. Peel your new "orange" in front of your friends... yup - that's it. I'm not sure that's going to win a lot of free drinks at the bar! 3) Tell your friends that you have a pencil that can write any color. Ask them a color they want your pencil to write. Let's say they pick "red" - take a sheet of paper and write "R-E-D" on the paper. Ha! Free drinks all around, amirite? As you can see - these "tricks" aren't exactly along the lines that I was expecting as a means of pulling clever tricks at a bar with friends. I don't think I'd be willing to even try these on my 5-year old nephew without fear of him groaning at his lame uncle. The only reason I bumped this up to 2-stars is that at \$0.99, I don't feel too terribly cheated by this book, but I definitely don't understand where all of these fantastic ratings came from!

Not only did this book contain nothing about conning, cheats, or manipulation of any sort..... it just flat out sucked. It was NOT funny. Stupid illusions and childish "tricks" (if that's what you want to call it) is all this book is about. I have no idea what the hell possessed the author to incorporate "free drinks" into this title. It's very misleading. Besides being incredibly irritated, after scanning through the book only to find out it was just a list of stupid tricks, I read this book anyway. It was a complete waste of a half hour. These "tricks" were ridiculous and just plain..... juvenile. Don't do these "tricks" in a bar because your bound to get your ass kicked.

First of all, what the hell. These tricks are for ten years olds to impress them (No wonder he works on shows with ten year olds). Secondly, why did I even waste my time reading it. Lastly, Its just not cool.

Maybe that's too harsh. I guess if someone's drunk enough they would fall for these tricks... but hey...what did you expect?

but, you have to have a good memory to remember all of them. I found by working thru a couple two or three times I was able to remember them better. Many are way cool and none of them would be offensive or dirty.

This kind of stuff is what causes fights in the bar. It's one thing to do a little magic to entertain and make a bet but these cons are absolutely juvenile. Don't bother with this book.

It's a great little book with bar tricks, coin tricks, etc. All the explanations are short, but they're well written and do explain the tricks in a way that is easy to fully understand. Out of the fifty tricks he teaches in the book I only found two that I wanted to learn myself. But for me that was great. For the price I'm extremely satisfied.

This book is a fairly quick read that has no filler - it just dives right in and teaches you the tricks. I read the whole thing in one sitting and it teaches you some neat things you can show your friends. Some are better than others but overall I think for the cheap price its worth the entertainment. Even if you win one bet the book has paid for itself!

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