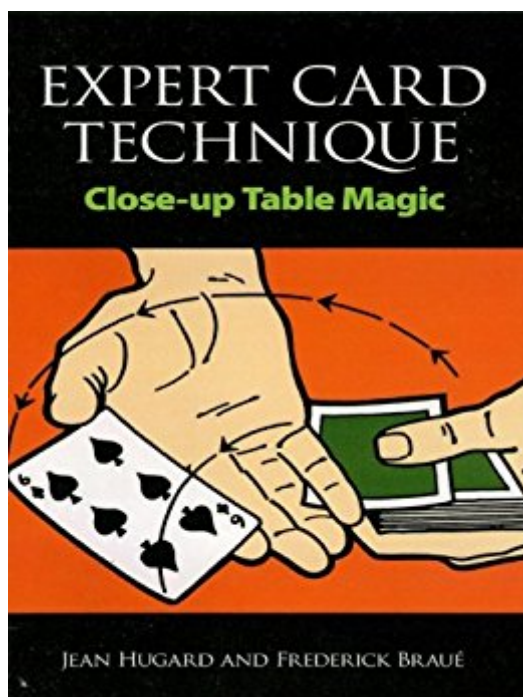


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# Expert Card Technique (Dover Magic Books)



## Synopsis

If you have ever tried to do a card trick and failed, you know what it is to be embarrassed. You may try to cover up by doing a more difficult trick and fail again. The way out of this dilemma, however, is not immediate, but it is reliable: a surer mastery of technique. This means the proper instruction book, and practice. In this definitive work on card technique, step-by-step instructions teach you the correct methods for the basic manipulations and the more advanced flourishes, and only then allow you to learn tricks. Offering the most foolproof methods available, Jean Hugard and Fredrick Braue explain such basic manipulations as the palm, the shuffle, the lift, the side slip, the pass, the glimpse, the jog, and the reverse. They detail various false deals, crimps, and changes and the more advanced execution needed for forces, fans, and the use of the prearranged deck. Also presented is a wide variety of tricks, including discoveries, self-working tricks, one-handed tricks, stranger cards, and such individually famous tricks as the four aces, the rising cards, and the Zingone spread. In addition, the authors include a complete compendium of shakedown sleights to warn the card player and aid the entertainer and a performer's guide to misdirection and patter. Many of the methods explained were revealed here for the first time, while many previously known tricks are presented in improved versions. In every case the aim is simplicity of technique for the purpose of mystifying an audience, not technique for the sake of technique. An unsurpassed collection of methods and manipulations, this classic work will help any aspiring magician to achieve expert card technique.

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## Customer Reviews

In each serious field of human endeavor there is one preeminent book--Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, McCormick on Evidence, Fowler's The King's English, etc. For card magic, this is the book. I bought my copy almost 20 years ago, and I still refer to it all the time. No, I'll never be able to do everything in this book--a 100% perfect second deal will forever elude me. But the wealth of material here is staggering. You get a chapter devoted to each sleight, such as false shuffles, palms, lifts, and passes. You also get chapters with amazing routines using the sleights. If you conscientiously study this book, there is very little in card magic that you will be unable to do. That said, the book has sparse diagrams and a writing style from almost 60 years ago, which means you really have to concentrate when reading it. I was disappointed to see that the beautifully bound Dover edition is out-of-print. If you see a copy, grab it. Don't hesitate; the world of advanced card magic awaits you.

This book is comprehensive in scope-it covers about all of the basic techniques the card worker needs to know. It goes far beyond this, however. All techniques taught are described in \*excruciating\* detail so as to leave nothing to the imagination. It also includes ongoing words of advice on and entire chapters devoted to the \_real\_ secrets of magic: misdirection and presentation. As if all this were not MORE than sufficient to recommend the book, it's written in a very witty, eloquent, and entertaining style that makes it a joy to simply read. But wait! There's more! Please find enclosed numerous card effects worthy of the most discriminating audiences at less than the cost of your favorite magic dealer's Trick O' the Day. With regard to my own experience I've read this book near to tatters and have annotated nearly every other page-I got my money's worth and so will you.

You need SOME experience, but you do not need to be an expert as you may think by the title. I recomend buy "Royal Road to Card Magic" and this book together. "Royal Road to Card Magic" gives you some basics and this book will fine tune your skills. It gives you a great variety of slieghts. Take the palm for example, there are 14 versions of it. I can't say enough about this book. If you are

even considering card magic, BUY THIS BOOK!

I'm a beginner at sleight of hand and this book had been referred to be many times by magicians more advanced than I. I decided to purchase it one day and was amazed at how complete it was. It covered everything from flourishes, palming, false shuffles and cuts, glimpses, reverses, crimping, jogging, even had entire chapters on the Faro Shuffle, Mentalism, and another on Presentation and Misdirection. This book is still referred to as the 'bible' on card magic by my teacher. And I find myself flipping through it's pages constantly, always learning something new. And with 318 Illustrations, it was easy to follow. The book covers beginner to advanced moves. So it'll stand against the test of time. And for the price... Well worth it's contents.

Jean Hugard and Frederic Braues book on this wonderful art which I am a practitioner of is a valuable purchase to any magician, but it would probably prove frustrating to beginners. The methods of card handling in this book are taught with wordy and complicated explanations, the illustrations are small and sometimes hard to follow but if effort is applied, it is an amazing book. However, I have noticed that many of the effects in this book are dated and have been modified and improved for easier handling, but it still remains one of magics best books on the subject

Having studied card magic for some time now I can't recommend Expert Card Technique enough. It is without doubt the ultimate manual for card technicians. I've had to search very hard to find books that contain sleights that aren't listed in this book and nine times out of ten they don't have the quality of Expert Card Technique's binding and printing. Although the notes on presentation and performance are a little out dated, you'd be mad to not include this book in yourr collection if you are serious about learning card magic.

Though there are numerous tricks and books out there deaing with almost every imaginable subject, the roots, like those in this book, will always live on..Nothing can compair to the captive audience that surrounds you while doing some of the most artistic and acrobatic gestures with a mere deck of cards. Own it, read it, study it, and practice it. I had the fortune to find a hardbound third edition in an old bookstore, which was not soon after I had already bought the paperback. Boy was this a find. The third edition has had two new chapters added, which were written by Dai Vernon and Dr. Daley. The paperback is based on an older edition of the book and does not include these two chapters, but it is still worth having on your shelf.

I consider this book the next step after reading the great Royal Road to Card Magic. I did not like some tricks, but, the really important part of the book is, as it is stated in the title, is the technique showed. Recommended.

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