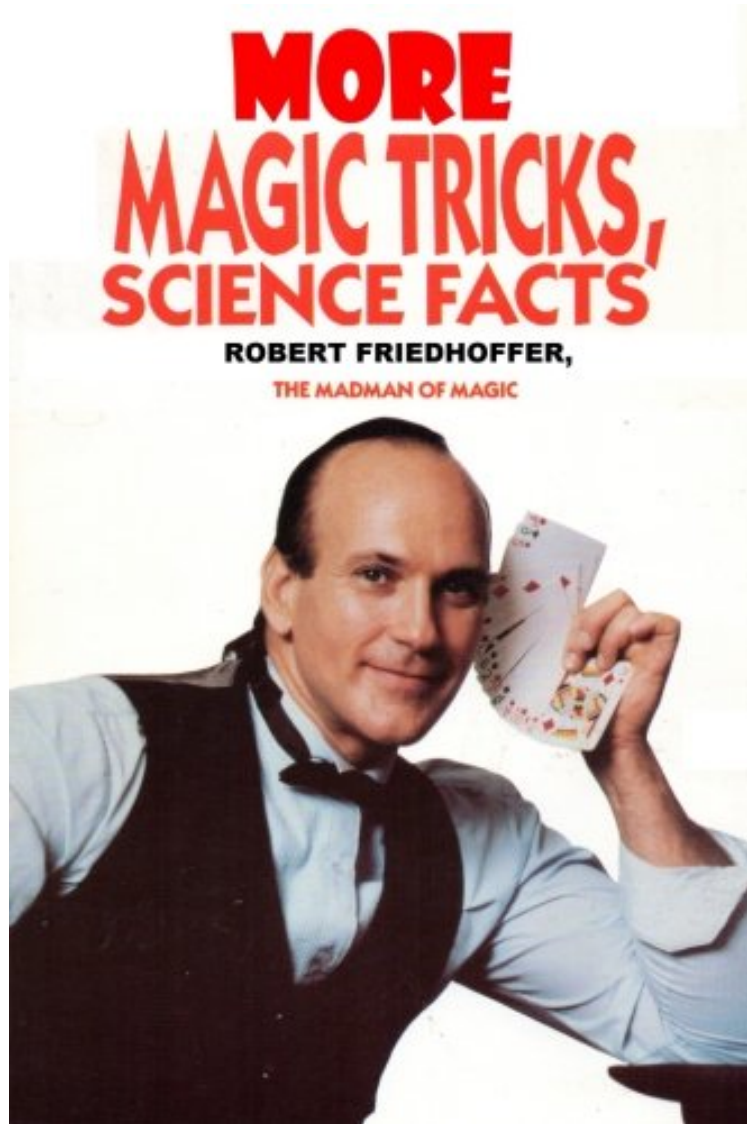


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A NOTE TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS This book attempts to help children become interested in the study of the sciences while teaching them rudimentary principles. It does this by stripping away some of the mysteries associated with science and technology. Scientific and mathematical principles are presented as magic or puzzles have an allure

that appeals to many children, even those with marginal scientific interests. This book was written to show children that science and math can be fun, exciting, as well as useful. It will: make the pursuit of science a game that children will want to play be a useful tool to children, allowing them to learn to express themselves in public through the performance of magic tricks help them develop a knowledge of the psychology of working with people by the very nature of the performance, help them learn to think on their feet

From School Library JournalGrade 4-8-- A companion to Magic Tricks, Science Facts (Watts, 1990), this title presents tricks that are entertaining, easy to master, and firmly based on scientific principles. Each of the 20 inclusions is well organized, with 5 clearly explained sections: effect, routine, props, method, and the scientific explanation behind the magic. A few tricks require elaborate or uncommon props (liquid nitrogen in one case), but most materials are easy to find. Two tricks that require adult supervision are clearly noted. As with Sheridan's Nothing's Impossible (1982) and Cobb and Darling's Bet You Can't (1980, both Lothrop), this combination of science and magic is hard to resist. The scientific explanations behind each trick are often fascinating and always lucidly written, although the "Vanishing Line" explanation contains a math error. Clear diagrams are included when necessary, and are more useful than the slightly fuzzy black-and-white photos. A winner for magicians, science students, and booktalkers. --Steven Engelfried, Pleasanton Library, CA
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