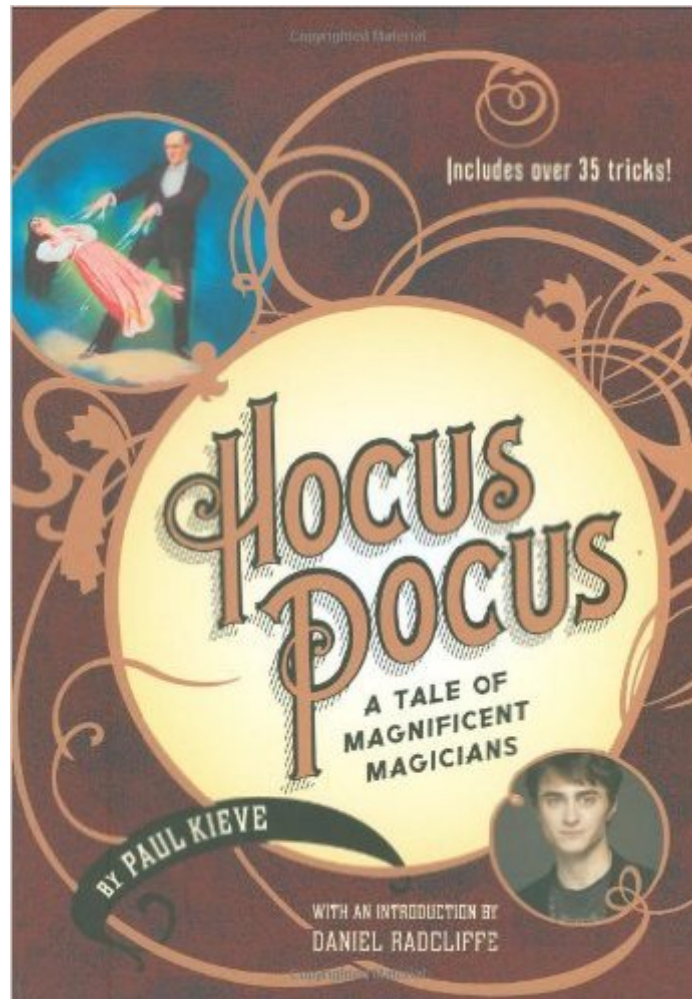


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Paul Kieve has given those interested in the performance and history of magic a fascinating read. The book, although written for a pre-teen audience, is packed with intimate factual information about the great magicians from magic's golden age, 1890 - 1930. Alexander, Chung Ling Soo, Lafayette, Talma, Ionia, and, of course, Houdini, leap from the pages to tell their stories and reveal a few performing secrets. Those just beginning their journey into the world of magic will learn enough basic magic tricks to create their own show with house-hold items. Those steeped in the knowledge of magic history will delight in the vintage magic posters that come alive to reveal the glory of each

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This book makes a great gift for a youngster who is interested in magic. The story is great and introduces the reader to magic history (which is rich and exciting) and the tricks are well-chosen and taught. I don't know how Scholastic manages to publish such a quality book at this price point, but I do know that the young girl I gave a copy to was thrilled with this book.

My daughter got this from the library last summer and loved it so much that I bought it for her for Christmas, she was so happy when she opened it. It really is very interesting and has a great story line while teaching some history too

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