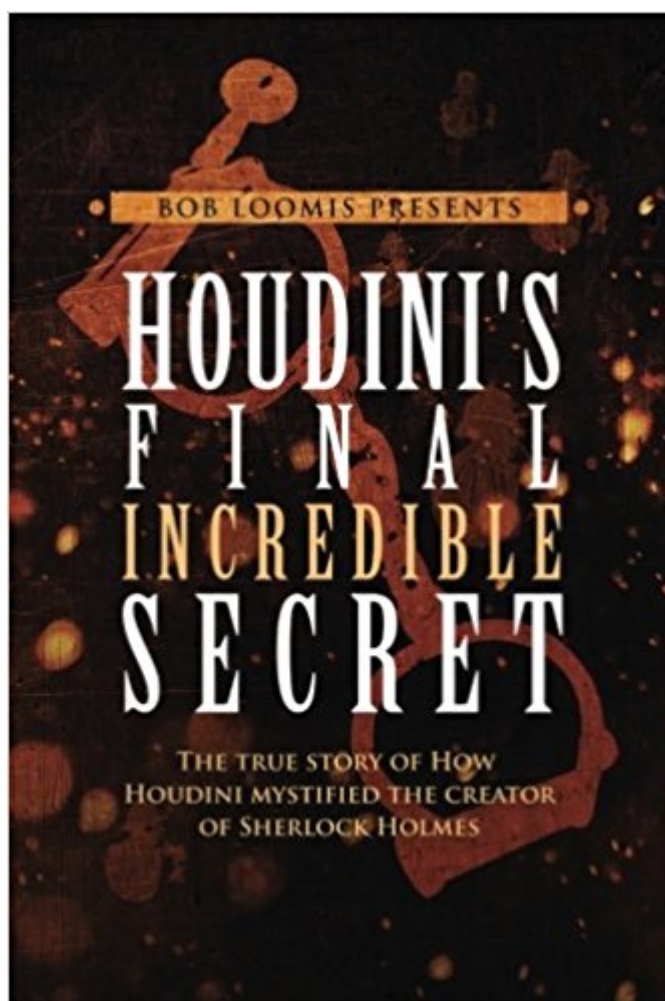


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Houdini's Final Incredible Secret: How Houdini Mystified Sherlock Holmes' Creator



Synopsis

After twenty years of painstaking research, Houdini's last great riddle has finally been solved. This unique book investigates the baffling intimate performance Houdini created for his friend Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The exploit made the creator of Sherlock Holmes insist that Harry had employed occult or supernatural powers to accomplish it. As bestselling author Richard Wiseman points out in this innovative book's introduction, it also describes the very fabric of magic itself, including the complex relationships between each generation of performers, the way in which tricks evolve over time, and ultimately, the surprising truth about the fundamental nature of mystery.

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"HOUDINI'S FINAL INCREDIBLE SECRET is the quintessential lesson in what persistent, dedicated, relentless research can achieve....Bob Loomis has done an amazing job that deserves accolades from the rooftops. Highly Recommended." - VANISH Magazine

"Houdini's Final Incredible Secret by Bob Loomis is a masterclass in the study of Houdini and magic history. It's really one of the most remarkable works ever produced on any single magician...It's a book that deserves a standing ovation." - WILDBOUTHOUDINI.COM (John Cox)

I have created a Facebook page for Houdini's Final Incredible Secret. It augments and amplifies parts of the book. After 20 years of research I had quite a bit I could not put into the book. The page will include pictures and relevant information on Houdini and his amazing life, BUT you

will have to read the book for the complete story. You can find it at facebook.com/HoudinisSecret

Yes another book has been written about Houdini, but this is not just another biography about Houdini. This book is a an organized log of twenty years of research Bob Loomis did to answer the riddle of how Houdini fooled Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with the famous Slate Trick! In this book we enter the mind of the author as he takes us through his painstaking process to research and come up with several theories of the "What, Why, Who and How" this baffling trick was conceived, created, practiced, performed and who was involved! Is this just a book about a Magic Trick with an explanation of how it was done? No not by a longshot! While the Author set out to solve how Houdini fooled Doyle on that day, he also found and documented a ton of historical material and references that will be appreciated by the Houdini enthusiast and Magician alike. His research presents new theories about Houdini the man himself. It opens us up to complex areas about Houdini's thought process, his method of creating and practicing his art, his ego, his temper, his need to perfect and execute without fail. The "Who" section of this books is full of gems. Bob writes about Houdini but also about Doyle, Ernst, Carrington and their roles. He tells us more about invisible men and women working behind the scenes such as Robert Gysel Houdini's "Dirty Tricks" man! Focusing on "Where" he builds a picture of Houdini's library at his Brownstone on 278 West 113th Street in Harlem New York where the illusion is performed. He attempts to determine the exact path Doyle took around the block and where he might have stopped to write his secret message! The Magician will learn the Secret (or at least the best theory of this day) of this famous illusion and be very entertained throughout every twist and turn of this book. The Magician will also appreciate the study of how the illusion was selected and the creative process to build it into a routine and perfect the performance. For the Houdini Historian, or "Houdini Nut" (Yes I admit I am one of those), you will find this book fascinating and littered with several Rabbit Holes to go down and several points to argue with your other Houdini fanatic friends!

This is the second best book on Houdini that I have ever read. (And I have read them all over the last fifty years.) Houdini was one of the most complex men to ever have lived. Literally impossible for one book to explain the enigma that is Houdini. The story is about a single afternoon in Houdini's life. It could be the afternoon of any professional, or amateur magician. Houdini did a trick in his

home for a couple friends. Not a big trick. Not a vanishing elephant. Not a daring escape. Not a stunt that would make worldwide headline and strengthen his status as a living legend. But this single trick, done only once for two people, took more research, preparation, and possibly manpower, than David Copperfield Vanishing The Statue of Liberty! What was the trick? Who were the spectators? Why did Houdini go to such extremes to fool them? Why is this one of the most important events in the life of Houdini? You will have to read Houdini's Final Incredible Secret to find out.

An incredibly detailed account of just one of Houdini's magic tricks. It is obvious that the author did extensive research on this trick and he uncovers a lot of previously unknown information about Houdini and his associates. A very interesting read.

An incredibly, addictive, high energy, adrenaline fueled read! If you love Houdini, Sherlock Holmes, magic and the process of creative/magical thinking with the rude jolt of the cold water of reason and the scientific process, you won't be able to put this book down.

This book reads like a detective story. The level of historic research and depth of analysis is incredibly impressive. The author has managed to find and analyse information about Houdini and Conan Doyle from sources like magic magazines and periodicals that would not normally be referenced outside the tight-knit magic fraternity. 'Houdini's Final Incredible Secret' doesn't expose the secrets of magicians, but it does draw back the curtain on the thought processes that sit behind designing a magic trick - in this case a highly ingenious magic trick. It takes the reader on a journey of painstaking research, hunting for clues and logical deductions that one might imagine Sherlock Holmes being proud of. It also offers an insight not just into Houdini's life and his friendship with Conan Doyle, but into his character and his thinking. A fascinating book!

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