# Extending Magic Beyond Credibility by John Booth - eBook - DOWNLOAD

John Booth, in *Extending Magic Beyond Credibility*, his thirteenth (and possibly best) book on magic, looks back on his more than 70 years of experience with the conjuring arts and considers some of its most enduring mysteries, intriguing questions and fascinating personalities.

From legendary effects such as Robert-Houdin's Light & Heavy Chest and the Indian Rope Trick to the origins of dove magic, ventriloquism and automata, *Extending Magic Beyond Credibility* has the famous Booth blend of secrets, biography, philosophy and romantic history.

Whether you're a student of magic history or simply one fascinated with the art and its many facets, you'll find *Extending Magic Beyond Credibility* is more than just a book of magic history. It's a captivating read you'll find difficult to put down, written by a man who not only knows his subject...but who lived it as well.

272 pages, photo-illustrated.

Contents:

Foreword by Silvan of Rome

**Preface** 

### WAKE-UP MAGIC!

- 1. Magic that Jolts Audiences: Richiardi Jr.
- 2. Kevin James: Master of Shock Magic
- 3. Todd Robbins: The Sideshow World
- 4. Sylvester the Jester: The Self-Mayhem Principle

### HARRY HOUDINI AND MAX MALINI

- 5. Revelations about "Houdini's Hollywood Estate"
- 6. Malini and His Violin

# FOUR BRIEF PIECES TO PONDER OR ENJOY

- 7. Aloha: Final Tribute to Dai Vernon
- 8. Do Morality or Ideology Affect Art in Magic?

9. That FATAL Signet Ring: A Short, Short Story

10. Book Reviews: The Achilles Heel of Magazines

Reflection 1: Desiderata

Reflection 2

### BRILLIANT MAGIC WITH BEAUTIFUL BIRDS

11. Centuries of Development Unfolded

### A STAR AMONG STARS

- 12. Thurston: A Truly Great Magazine
- 13. Magic's Most Famous Waltz: The Zenda
- 14. Memorable Music for Master Magicians

# **AVERTING CATASTROPHE: MAGIC AND POLITICS**

15. The Legendary Robert-Houdin Light and Heavy Chest Examined

# FASCINATING OPPORTUNITIES IN VENTRILOQUISM

- 16. Ventriloquial Stunts: From Pactolus to Today
- 17. The Illusion of Voice Throwing
- 18. Dolls That Smoke: Bodiless Heads that Talk
- 19. New Era Ventriloguism: THe Hamills

## THE PUPPETRY BRANCH OF WIZARDRY

- 20. Puppetry Across the Spectrum
- 21. The Duck that Made John Salisse Famous
- 22. His Left Hand is His Fortune

### AUTOMATA

23. Machines that "Think" and Perform Like Humans and Birds

# THE GREAT INDIAN ROPE TRICK

- 24. Where, When and How the Reports Began
- 25. My Experiences in India and Tibet Searching for A Rope Miracle
- 26. Illusionists Who Have Attempted to do it
- 27. The Last Word: Myth or Reality?

# Bibliography and Recommended Reading

**About The Author**