

Coney Island Fakir - eBook - DOWNLOAD

Piles of junk accumulated at Flosso's. Showcases were crammed with antique magic equipment. Stacks of magic literature teetered on the countertops. Al Flosso lived a life of disarray. So assembling this life story proved a challenging task. In writing *The Coney Island Fakir*, magic writer Gary Brown examined books, newspapers, photographs, magazines, programs, catalogs, and video and audio tapes from public and private collections, piecing together details from this chaotic record. Through interviews and correspondence, magicians, performers and collectors on four continents added their anecdotes, insights and observations about Flosso. Their recollections breathed life into *The Coney Island Fakir*.

The result is a vibrant portrait and animated mosaic. The book traces Flosso's fascinating career, from his days as a street-corner shill, carnival pitchman and sideshow magician to his work on Broadway, film and television. Lavishly illustrated with dozens of photos, *The Coney Island Fakir* provides a vivid portrait of this unique performer.

As an added bonus, this volume contains a reprint of *Our Mysteries*. Produced by Flosso in the 1940s, *Our Mysteries* features 23 classic tricks by Flosso, Al Baker, Ted Annemann and other top performers.

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