Card Control by Arthur H Buckley - Book

This profusely illustrated book demonstrates, step-by-step, the astonishing card magic cultivated by one of the premier sleight-of-hand artists of the 20th century. It presents maneuvers that have left theater audiences amazed and that card-playing professionals have used to great advantage.

Card Control is not a book for beginners, but it will help those with basic card expertise reach new levels of performance in their art. Among the moves included are shifts, palms, glides, false shuffles, cuts, fans and steals. You'll learn how to do the false table riffle shuffle, how to deal from the bottom, how to know an opponent's hole card, how to "warm up a cold deck" and much more. In addition, the author presents 40 dazzling deceptions guaranteed to amaze your audience: Confusion, Birds of a Feather, The Ambitoous Card, A Brilliant Climax, Your Favorite Ace, A Quickie, The Obtrusive Queens and many more. Over 300 photographs show the practitioner's exact hand positions during each critical move.

Australian-born Arthur H. Buckley became well known in America for the magic he worked with cards on the major vaudeville ciruits of the 1920s. Schooled by the great sleight-of-hand artists he met in the entertainment business and by professional gamblers he met in his early years touring Australia, his absolute mastery of the most artful and demanding card-handling routines was legendary. In 1946, he wrote this practical guide revealing in detailed the secrets of his art. Any magician or card conjurer who aspires to the utmost proficiency in card manipulation will want to have this indispensable reference in his or her library.

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