

The Progressive Book Test by Michael O'Brien (1984)

My absolute favorite mind reading tool is the Book Test. A Book Test is a special prop disguised as an ordinary book that allows you to read a spectator's mind. With so many of these on the market, how can you possibly know which version of this prop to choose? For me, It all comes down to three simple things:

- Is it easy to use?
- Do I need to memorize anything?
- Does it have multiple uses?

So let's talk about the **Progressive Book Test**!

Is it easy to use?

YES! I structured these books in such a way that the methods are very clear and intuitive. The mindreader will easily be able to divine any thought of words from the book with no fishing, guessing, needing to force a specific page, or asking a million questions. The book straight up tells you the word your spectator is thinking of! It is also easy enough for your spectator to navigate so they don't feel any pressure on stage!

Do I need to memorize anything?

NOPE! If you are like me and have a terrible memory, your biggest fear is trying to memorize a ton of different words, codes, or patterns while also trying to focus on your presentation. With the O'Brien Book Test there is absolutely ZERO to memorize. Like I said, the book will tell you exactly which words they are thinking of!

Does it have multiple uses?

YES! Reading minds can get very boring very quickly if it is too repetitive. That is why I made sure to include multiple routines and variations spread across multiple different popular book titles to keep things interesting for both you and your spectators! The routines can be performed individually or strung together in a coherent routine that progresses from one to the next, increasing the impossibility and excitement!

What about the books themselves?

Like I said, there are multiple different titles to choose from. The methods are exactly the same across all 8 titles so you don't need to stress out about

remembering which book includes which method. The books are divided into 2 different categories based on the size: Closeup and Standup.

The book titles are designed to feel very "off the shelf" featuring a variety of sizes, cover finishes, page colors, and styles. You can choose the individual titles you like, or bundle them together for a bit of a discount!

What are the "Closeup" titles?

The Closeup titles are designed to be smaller and easier for the strolling mentalist to carry in their pocket. The books measure 5" x 8." and feature text at the 12pt. font size.

The following titles are included in the "Closeup" series:

- The Gentlemen (Soft Cover)
- 1984 (Soft Cover)
- A Tale of Two Cities (Soft Cover)
- Lord of the Flies (Soft Cover)
- Animal Farm (Soft Cover)

What are the "Standup" titles?