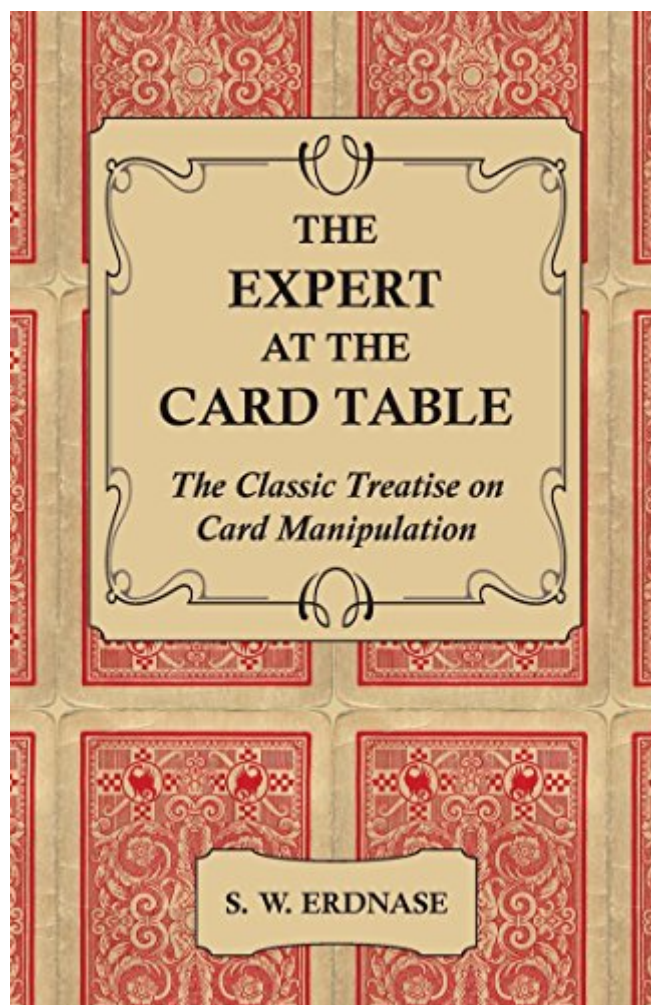


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The Expert At The Card Table - The Classic Treatise On Card Manipulation



Synopsis

This early work on *The Expert at the Card Table* is a must have for any card playing enthusiast. To all lovers of card games it should prove interesting, and as a basis of card entertainment it is practically inexhaustible, with much of the information still useful and practical today. Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork.

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Customer Reviews

Ok, Ok, so the author is amazingly mysterious and I find that this makes me give a 5 star rating. First of all, this book is considered the bible of card work because of its historical significance. It seemed to be the first major public known book that contained wholesome magic material (second half of the book, *LEGERDEMAIN*), whilst also carrying a good blend of card cheating techniques using sleight of hand--the first half of the book. So, the second half focuses on magic / card conjuring practice and theory / card tricks... some of these moves quite extraordinary... but nonetheless still amazingly wonderful when mastered. I wouldn't recommend this book as a beginning for card magic (although

it wouldn't be a bad choice if you have strong determination), but nonetheless this book is a must have. It will increase your knowledge on the subject (other authors reference his text) and may also interest you to practice some of these moves. S.W. Erdnase's style is incredibly mysterious: For a master card cheat, he has a master of vocabulary (This will also stun you) (I believe he self-edited the book). There are many theories as to the author's true identity, and I don't buy into the most popular one, that being the Milton Franklin Andrews theory. (Too much conflicting evidence)(Look at the name S.W. Erdnase, then spell it backwards. Interesting huh!)...Also, there are 5 mistakes in this Dover Edition. These are common knowledge among the greatest card men in the world, and I share them here with you now. These correspond to the Dover edition (Green cover).(Corrections in CAPS)1. Page 22(To Retain Complete Stock, 6th line)...Now suddenly draw out the middle packet with the right THIRD finger and thumb, and release2.

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