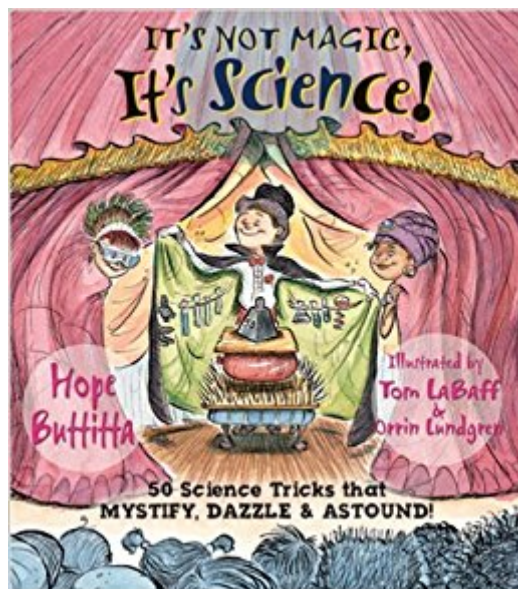




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# It's Not Magic, It's Science!: 50 Science Tricks That Mystify, Dazzle & Astound



## Synopsis

Every child who performs these 50 fabulous feats will feel like a magician—but the magic here is really science at play. Every trick in the book has a sound, easy-to-understand scientific explanation that will stimulate kids' understanding of basic concepts. Even as they're having fun, children will wow the crowd by poking a skewer through a balloon without making it pop, or balancing a penny on a coat hanger. Nothing's cooler than watching a real egg get sucked into a glass bottle, picking up ice without even touching it, or whipping up fizzy and colorful solutions that any mad scientist would prize. Wild optical illusions will boggle the mind and astound the eye.

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Grade 4-6—Using magic as her theme, Buttitta introduces students to scientific concepts such as air pressure, optical illusions, balance, Bernoulli effect, capillary action, density, temperature, and laws of motions. Each trick is one or two pages in length and includes a materials list of basic household items, numbered steps of easy-to-follow instructions, and an explanation of the scientific principles that make the magic work. Whimsical color illustrations add humor and elucidate some of the steps. Explanations of scientific principles and the history surrounding some of the discoveries that are used as a basis for these experiments are included. This book provides an effective way to entice students to learn about science. Peter Eldin's *Science Magic* (Millbrook,

2002) offers fewer experiments, but has the same science-as-magic premise. --Ann Joslin, formerly at Erie County Public Library, PA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

While I think this book might be nice for people who are just interested in science or want quick, short, and easy activities to do, this book didn't cut it for me. I'm an elementary science teacher and was hoping that I could find some lessons in here. Mostly, I use these demonstrations as quick little "attention-getters" for my class. They're okay, although there are some that require materials I don't have (and am not going to buy) and/or the logistics in an elementary classroom just don't work out.

This book was a great way to encourage reading. Not only did the kids read but were very excited to give up TV in order to try the experiments.

Useful!

I did several experiments with my granddaughters. We easily found the required objects around the house and understood the directions. They especially liked the experiment where the egg is sucked into the glass bottle. They also liked the experiment where one person places a hand in cold water and the other in almost hot then they both put their hand into warm water and tell if it feels hot or cold. We divided into groups and presented a "Magic" show. My granddaughters are 5, 6, 7, but I think even younger kids could enjoy doing the experiments. I checked the book out of the library but now want copies for the kids so they can do all the experiments.

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