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#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • Two ascroosed magicians engage in a deadly game of cunning in the spellbinding novel that captured the world’s imagination. • "Part love story, part fable defies both genres and expectations." —The Boston Globe The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an uncle, a discovery of ancient history, and a game in which only one can be left standing. Despite the high stakes, Celia and Marco seem to be involved in the game. But when the spells they have been trained from are shown to them both, this is a game in which one can only be left standing. Despite the high stakes, Celia and Marco seem to be involved in the game. But when the spells they have been trained from are shown to them both, this is a game in which one can only be left standing. The door to magic is closed, but it’s not locked. And now Joshua, one of the world’s most accomplished magicians, not only opens that door but brings us inside to reveal the artistry and obscurity, the eccentricity, and long-whispered-about traditions of a subject shrouded in mystery.

And he goes one step further: Joshua joy brings us right into the mind of a magician—how they develop their other worldly skills, conjure up illusions, and leave the rest of us slack jawed with delight time after time. Along the way, Joy reveals another kind of secret, one all readers will find meaningful even if they never hope to perform sleight of hand. What does it take to follow your heart and achieve excellence? In 25 short, completely readable essays, Joy describes how he does it, whether it’s through the making of illusions, the psychology behind them, or the techniques of performance that allow the impossible to occur, including David Copperfield, Penn & Teller, and David Blaine. The essays demystify the craft, revealing the broad range of what can be accomplished by those who practice the black arts, or those who commit themselves to the craft.

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There are no clear demarcation lines between magic, astrology, necromancy, medicine, and even sciences in the pre-modern world. Under the umbrella term “magic,” the contributors to this volume examine a wide range of texts, both literary and religious, both medical and philosophical, in which the topic is discussed from many different perspectives. The fundamental concerns addressed by these texts include the question of what magic might have had on the mental structures of that time. While some papers examine the specific applications of magic in literary texts, others apply the practical application of magic in medical contexts. In addition, this volume includes studies that deal with the rise of the witch craze in the late fifteenth century and then also investigate whether the Weberian notion of disenchantment pertaining to the modern world can be maintained. Magic is, oddly but significantly, still around us and entertains its influence. Fishing for magic in the medieval world thus helps us to shed light on human culture at large.

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The Palgrave Handbook of Magical Realism in the Twenty-First Century examines the presence of magical realism in literature from around the globe. Featuring twenty-seven essays written by leading scholars, this anthology argues that literary expressions of magical realism proliferate globally in the twenty-first century as a result of political causes, the rise of migration, the ascendancy of the internet, and the new world of political, artistic, and social interactions that cannot be contained within national borders. As a result, magical realism, once limited by geographical and cultural boundaries, has exploded exponentially, connecting communities and nations throughout the world.

April 1943: four boys sleighing in Hagley Woods, Worcestershire make a gruesome discovery. Inside an enormous elm tree, the body of a woman is found, her mouth stuffed with a length of cloth. As the case goes cold, mysterious graffiti starts going up across the Midlands: ‘Who put Bella in the Wych Elm?’ To Ross Spooner, a police officer working undercover for a spiritualist magazine, Two Worlds, the messages hold a sinister meaning. He’s been on the track of a German spy ring who have left a trail of black magic and mayhem across England, and this latest murder bears all the hallmarks of an ancient ritual. At the same time, Spooner is investigating the case of Helen Duncan, a medium whose messages from the spirit world contain highly classified information. As the establishments lines ranges against Duncan, Spooner must face demons from his own past, uncover the spies hiding beneath the fabric of wartime society - and confront those who suspect he is a Black Magician.

Furthermore, Black Magicians In America offers advice on how to expand a child’s world through books and reading, introducing three thousand teacher-recommended book titles, craft ideas, projects, and reading club tips.

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EDIT: Updates for 2017? Added more spells, illustrations, and a glossary. This book of Shadows contains a spell of how to use the craft of Magic in an interesting way. It includes a list of runes, how they can be used in spell casting and even crafting your own spells. The book contains spells from several different sources, mostly from witches I have met in my travels and covens I have been associated with. I've tweaked a few of these spells to fit my needs from time to time and you can do the same as the words aren't what give the spells power, your energy is what is really important, so feel free to do the same and change what you want to suit your own needs.

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Apart from a handful of exotic— and almost completely unreliable—tales surrounding his life, Richard Potter is almost unknown today. Two hundred years ago, however, he was the most popular entertainer in America—the first showman, in fact, to win truly nationwide fame. Working as a master of ceremonies, Potter mastered the trade to such a degree that a popular performer was and made an invaluable contribution to establishing popular entertainment as a major part of American life. His story is all the more remarkable in that Richard Potter was also a black man. He was an era when few African Americans were famous, when success for a black man was an anomaly. The son of a slave, Potter was fortunate to have opportunities at all. At home in Boston, he was widely recognized as black, but elsewhere in America audiences entertained themselves with romantic spectacles, fairy-tales, and domestic dramas, all designed to please a race which has always been hidden and unknown. Now, for the first time, John A. Hadughan tells the remarkable story of an astoundingly compelling—and ultimately heartbreaking—story of Potter’s life, a tale of professional success and celebrity balanced by racial inferiority in an increasingly hostile world. It is a story of rare relations, too, and of remarkable, highly influential black gentlemanners and respectability as well. As a performer, Potter was one of the most outstanding and charming men of his time, as a black man, no less than a white man, could exemplify the best qualities of humanity. The apparently trivial "popular entertainment" status of which he has profoundly touched the arts, black Christianity, and American society overall.

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From black sorcerers’ client-based practices in the Antebellum South to the postmodern revival of hoodoo and its tandem voodoo and conjuring practices in the mid-twentieth century, From Black Sorcerers to Hoodoo: A History of African-American Magic explores the full scope of African-American magic from the eighteenth century to the present day. In this revised and updated edition, historian Lynn A. Dalton offers a new preface and concludes the story of African-American magic with additional essays on the popularizations of hoodoo and conjuring practices in the postmodern period. This new edition includes new essays by leading scholars on the history of African-American magic.

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In this previously untold story of African American self-education, Heather Andrea Williams moves across time to examine African Americans' relationship to literacy during slavery, during the Civil War, and in the first decades of freedom. Self-Taught traces the historical antecedents to freedpeople's intense desire to become literate and demonstrates how the visions of enslaved African Americans emerged into plans and action once slavery ended. Enslaved people, Williams contends, placed great value in the practical power of literacy, whether it was to enable them to read the Bible for themselves or to keep informed of the abolition movement and later the progress of the Civil War. Some slaves devised creative and subversive means to acquire literacy, and when slavery ended, they became the first teachers of other freedpeople. Soon overwhelmed by the demands for education, they called on northern missionaries to come to their aid. Williams argues that by teaching, building schools, supporting teachers, resisting violence, and claiming education as a civil right, African Americans transformed the face of education in the South to the great benefit of both black and white southerners.

In this powerful follow-up to her Essence bestseller Forbidden Fruit, Betty DeRamus explores the ingenious ways slaves wrested freedom for themselves and their loved ones. In Forbidden Fruit DeRamus told the real-life love stories of enslaved African Americans whose relationships with each other and whites flourished in spite of the horrendous circumstances of the antebellum period. With the same lyrical style and attention to detail, Freedom By Any Means explains how African Americans resorted to using extraordinary methods to maintain their seemingly impossible personal relationships during this time of terror. Besides the tactics of running away together or raising money to buy their freedom, loved ones filed successful lawsuits, became military spies or counter spies, and used rumors of voodoo to create bluffs and tricks. Beting and surprising, Betty DeRamus captures the tenuous lives of the humans in inhumane situations who were able to salvage their families and marriages and achieve freedom together in spite of tremendous odds. Freedom By Any Means also features the return of many of the beloved figures from her previous book Forbidden Fruit, including Lucy Nichols, A and Margaret Wood, and Sylvia and Louis Stark. This inspiring account steeped in rich historical research attests to the resolve of the human spirit and is a welcome addition to the library of American historical texts on this period.

That Old Black Magic is New York Times bestselling author Mary Jane Clark's savory and suspenseful confection filled with murder, mystery, history and voodoo, in which Piper Donovan must unmask a devious killer striking in New Orleans's legendary French Quarter. Aspiring actress and wedding-cake decorator Piper Donovan has barely arrived in New Orleans to perfect her pastry skills at the renowned French Quarter bakery, Boulangerie Bertrand, when a ghastly murder rocks the magical city. Intrigued by the case, Piper can't help but look for the "Hoodoo Killer" among the faces around her. Could it be the handsome guide eager to give her special private tours? Or the incredible jazz musician who plays on historic Royal Street? What about the ratings-starved radio talk-show host? Or even the amiable owner of the local Grist Grist Bar? Though Piper has a full plate decorating cakes for upcoming wedding celebrations, she's also landed an exciting but unnerving role in a movie being shot in the Big Easy. When the murderer strikes again, leaving macabre clues, she thinks she can unmask the killer. But Piper will have to conjure up some old black magic of her own if she hopes to live long enough to reveal the truth.

When Stick, Popp and Mane explore the old house called the Castle, they find a lot of animals. There is also an evil wizard. Can the girls stop him, before he uses the animals for his black magic? This is the first book in a series on 12 about The Enchanted Castle. The Enchanted Castle is a series about three girls, who find an enchanted castle, where the most incredible things can happen. Every time the girls Stick, Popp and Mane visit it, they end up in a new exciting world. Peter Gotthardt was born in Denmark close to Copenhagen in 1946. As a child he loved to read, and spent much of his time reading his way through his local library's collections of history and adventure books. Gotthardt has written more than 60 books for children of which many are set within the realm of the Elves.

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