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The Amazing Harry Houdini Sep 19 2021 Harry Houdini escaped from prison cells, swallowed needles, and made elephants disappear. How did he do such amazing tricks? Some people believed he was actually a wizard with secret powers. But Houdini knew his only “secret powers” were hard work and imagination. This is the story of the poor boy who grew up to be the most famous magician in the world. He was fearless and determined to amaze his audiences, and there seemed to be no limit to the risks that The Great Houdini would take.

Harry Houdini: A Harry Houdini Biography Sep 07 2020 HARRY HOUDINI: A Harry Houdini Biography Even today, almost a hundred years after his death, Harry Houdini is known all the world over as a great magician and escapologist. However there was much more to the man. He was also a master publicist, an innovator and inventor. Born into a Jewish family in late 19th century Hungary Harry Houdini, or Ehrich Weisz to use his birth name, emigrated as a young child, with his family, to the United States of America. There they hoped to find a better life. However, like many immigrant families the Weisz family found only poverty and hardship. However through hard work and determination Harry Houdini was able to carve out a better place for himself and his family. With the help of his dear wife Bess Houdini became arguably the worlds most famous magician.

The Life and Afterlife of Harry Houdini Feb 05 2023 Joe Posnanski enters the colorful world of Harry Houdini and his legions of devoted fans to explore the illusionist's impact on global culture—and why his legacy endures to this day. Nearly a century after Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1926, he feels as modern and alive as ever. The name Houdini still leaps to mind whenever we witness a daring escape. The baby who frees herself from her crib? Houdini. The dog who vanishes and reappears in the neighbor's garden? Houdini. Every generation produces new disciples of the magician, from household names in magic like David Copperfield and David Blaine to countless other followers whose lives have been transformed by the power of Houdini. In rural Pennsylvania, a thirteen-year-old girl finds the courage to leave a violent home after learning that Houdini ran away to join the circus; she eventually becomes the first female magician to saw a man in half on television. In Australia, an eight-year-old boy with a learning impediment feels worthless until he sees an old poster of Houdini advertising “Nothing on earth can hold Houdini prisoner,” and begins his path to becoming that nation's most popular magician. In California, an actor and Vietnam War veteran finds purpose in his life by uncovering the secrets of his hero. But the unique phenomenon of Houdini was always more than his death-defying stunts or his ability to escape handcuffs and straitjackets. It is also about the power of imagination and self-invention. His incredible transformation from Ehrich Weiss, humble Hungarian immigrant and rabbi's son, into the self-named Harry Houdini has won him a slice of immortality. No one has withstood the test of time quite like Houdini. Fueled by Posnanski's personal obsession with the magician—and magic itself—*The Life and Afterlife of Harry Houdini* is a poignant odyssey of discovery, blending biography, memoir, and first-person reporting to trace Houdini's metamorphosis into an iconic figure who has inspired millions.

The Amazing Harry Houdini Feb 10 2021 "Some people believed he was actually a wizard with secret powers. But Houdini knew his only "secret powers" were hard work and imagination. This is the story of the poor boy who grew up to be the most famous magician in the world. He was fearless and determined to

amaze his audiences, and there seemed to be no limit to the risks that The Great Houdini would take."--P. [4] of cover.

Houdini, His Life and Art Jun 16 2021 Houdini's motion picture career, crusade against mediumistic fraud, personal relationships, and character idiosyncracies are described as well as his many spectacular escape stunts

Harry Houdini Oct 09 2020 A brief biography of Ehrich Weiss, who gained renown as Harry Houdini, master magician and escape artist.

The Life and Many Deaths of Harry Houdini Jan 04 2023

Harry Houdini (The First Names Series) Mar 06 2023 Discover the man behind the magic and see how Houdini pulled off his most daring escapes Before Harry Houdini (1874–1926) became the greatest magician in the world, he was just little Ehrich Weisz, a Hungarian-born immigrant who moved to America with his family and performed stage tricks for a little extra cash. He started off with card tricks and then eventually began performing the escape acts that would make him famous. Known for his daring and death-defying illusions, he would do some of the greatest tricks ever: escaping from a milk can, being buried alive, and being locked inside a crate and thrown into a river. He conquered each of these seemingly impossible feats and showed the world the power of a little magic. Fun, fast-paced, and highly illustrated, Harry Houdini tells the story of the curious boy who became the world's greatest magician and reveals how Houdini did some of his most stunning escapes. It includes a timeline, glossary, and index.

Harry Houdini, Master of Magic Apr 07 2023 This biography recounts the life of Harry Houdini from his boyhood through his years as an escape artist and master showman.

Spellbinder Dec 03 2022 An engaging biography about the famous magicians and escape artist Harry Houdini's personal life and public exploits. Born Ehrich Weiss, Houdini started performing at an early age and followed his ambitions as they led him around the world, performing amazing stunts and illusions that

baffled the crowds. The book recounts many of his most famous tricks. Grades 5-9.

A Magician Among the Spirits .by Mar 14 2021 Harry Houdini (born Erik Weisz, later Ehrich Weiss or Harry Weiss; March 24, 1874 - October 31, 1926) was an American illusionist and stunt performer, noted for his sensational escape acts. He first attracted notice in vaudeville in the US and then as "Harry Handcuff Houdini" on a tour of Europe, where he challenged police forces to keep him locked up. Soon he extended his repertoire to include chains, ropes slung from skyscrapers, straitjackets under water, and having to escape from and hold his breath inside a sealed milk can. In 1904, thousands watched as he tried to escape from special handcuffs commissioned by London's Daily Mirror, keeping them in suspense for an hour. Another stunt saw him buried alive and only just able to claw himself to the surface, emerging in a state of near-breakdown. While many suspected that these escapes were faked, Houdini presented himself as the scourge of fake spiritualists. As President of the Society of American Magicians, he was keen to uphold professional standards and expose fraudulent artists. He was also quick to sue anyone who imitated his escape stunts. Houdini made several movies, but quit acting when it failed to bring in money. He was also a keen aviator, and aimed to become the first man to fly a plane in Australia.

Miracle Mongers and Their Methods Jun 04 2020 Magicians debunking charlatans and revealing secrets of the trade: it's not something that Penn and Teller or James "The Amazing" Randi invented. The legendary Harry Houdini was doing the same thing a century ago, to popular acclaim. In this 1920 book, the master showman-and surprisingly entertaining writer-uncovers the mysteries behind such extraordinary feats as fire-eating, sword-swallowing, snake-charmers, and strong men. More a simple expose of stage trickery, though, this is a brisk history of such oddities throughout history and around the world, from the Middle Ages to the 20th century, from the culture of the Native Americans to that of Japan. This is a fascinating work of the strange and seemingly inexplicable made plain and understandable. Hungarian-American magician and professional skeptic EHRICH WEISS (1874-1926)-aka Harry Houdini, "Handcuff King and Jail Breaker"-

also wrote *Magical Rope Ties and Escapes* (1920) and *A Magician Among the Spirits* (1924).

Harry Houdini: Illusionist & Stunt Performer Feb 22 2022 The name Harry Houdini is a household one and synonymous with magic and the art of disappearing. Yet, few know the real story of this entertainer and illusionist. This title will teach readers more about Erik Weisz and how he came to be known as the great Houdini. Complete with a timeline and wonderful historical photographs.

The Right Way to Do Wrong Apr 26 2022 With this remarkable book, the legendary magician conducts a master class in crime by revealing the trade secrets of crooks. Harry Houdini is known not only as an illusionist and escaper of handcuffs and jail cells, but also as a debunker of phony spiritualists and other charlatans. His interest in exposing fakery led Houdini to interview both police and criminals around the world. The result is this captivating volume, intended to help readers avoid being victimized by pickpockets, con artists, and other thieves. Written with verve and humor, these lively chapters recount the techniques of burglars, sneak thieves, shoplifters, and pickpockets as well as those of faith healers, fortune tellers, art forgers, card sharks, and counterfeiters. The instructive and amusing book concludes with an autobiographical essay, in which Houdini discusses the early days of his career and the experiences that contributed to his renown as the Handcuff King and Prison Breaker.

Who Was Harry Houdini? Apr 02 2020

Houdini May 04 2020 Presents the life and career of Harry Houdini, whose dramatic style and amazing physical abilities made him one of the most famous magicians and contortionists of all time. Reprint.

Harry Houdini for Kids Nov 02 2022 &&LDIV&&R&&LDIV&&R&&LP style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"&&RIllusionist, escape artist, movie star, aviator, and spy—Harry Houdini was all these and an international celebrity and the world’s most famous magician. This fascinating biography looks at all the facets of Houdini’s amazing life and includes 21 magic tricks and illusions for a hands-on learning experience. Children will be inspired by this Jewish immigrant who grew up in poverty and, through

perseverance and hard work, went on to become one of the most popular and successful entertainers of all time. Houdini was an artist who created his acts carefully, practicing them for years in some cases. He performed such seemingly impossible stunts as escaping several sets of handcuffs and ropes after jumping off a bridge into a flowing river. Kids will learn how he devised his most legendary stunts and will also learn the science and logic behind many of Houdini's acts including his famous milk can escape. Kids can amaze their family and friends with these simple, entertaining, and fun tricks and illusions:

- Stepping through an index card
- Performing an odd number trick
- Making a coin appear
- Mind reading with a secret code
- Making a magic box
- Lifting a person with one hand
- Making a talking board
- And much more

Harry Houdini for Kids Oct 21 2021 Reviews the complex life of this magician, escape artist, actor, aviator, and possible spy for the U.S., and provides instructions for numerous magic tricks, including sticking a needle into a balloon and making a coin vanish.

Houdini May 16 2021 This biography of famed magician and illusionist Harry Houdini explores how he carried out his amazing feats and exposes the secrets behind many of Houdini's tricks. The author cites Houdini's brilliance, physical dexterity, and wild imagination as factors that made him a true master of illusion. Photos.

Harry Houdini May 28 2022 Simple text describes how Harry Houdini, born Ehrich Weiss, worked hard to become a great magician.

The Secrets of Houdini Aug 31 2022 Classic study exposing closely-kept professional secrets and revealing, in general terms, the whole art of stage magic. 98 illustrations.

Houdini and Conan Doyle Dec 31 2019 THE CURIOUS NARRATIVE DESCRIBING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE LEADING EXPONENT OF SPIRITUALISM AND HIS FOREMOST OPPONENT

HARRY HOUDINI spent the last years of his life in a crusade against fake spirit mediums. He wanted to believe in spiritualism, but he could not. Conan Doyle devoted to the cause of spiritualism all the money and fame he got out of Sherlock Holmes; he cared more about spiritualism than about anything else in the world. These men had diametrically opposite views on the subject which meant most to them; yet they were friends and mutual admirers, and they kept up for many months the correspondence on which this book is based. They wrote mostly about the subject nearest their hearts. Doyle arranged settings with mediums for Houdini; Houdini took Doyle to banquets of the Society of American Magicians; Doyle thought Houdini did his tricks by supernatural power; the magicians were puzzled by the movies of prehistoric monsters in Doyle's *Lost World*. Finally, Lady Doyle, Sir Arthur's wife, got a "message" in "automatic writing" from Houdini's mother. It was only when Houdini found himself unable to believe in the reality of this message (though he had no doubt of Lady Doyle's sincerity) that a break did come. Shortly after, Houdini died; Doyle followed soon. Perhaps they have become intimate again; who knows? This story of their friendship is told by Bernard M. L. Ernst, Houdini's attorney and close friend, past president of the Society of American Magicians, and Hereward Carrington, well-known as a leading psychic investigator, author of *The Story of Psychic Science*, and friend of both Doyle and Houdini.

Harry Houdini Dec 11 2020 Describes the career and accomplishments of the magician and escape artist who changed the field of stage magic and investigated the claims of spiritualism.

Harry Houdini Jun 28 2022 A biography of Harry Houdini concentrating on his earlier years and the training that made him a master magician and escape artist.

Who Was Harry Houdini? May 08 2023 Every kid has heard of Harry Houdini, the famous magician who could escape from handcuffs, jail cells, and locked trunks. But do they know that the ever-ambitious and adventurous Houdini was also a famous movie star and the first pilot to fly a plane in Australia? This well-told biography is full of the details of Houdini's life that kids will really want to know about and illustrated

throughout with beautiful black-and-white line drawings. Illustrated by John O'Brien.

The Houdini Box Mar 02 2020 A chance encounter with Harry Houdini leaves a small boy in possession of a mysterious box--one that might hold the secrets to the greatest magic tricks ever performed.

A Picture Book of Harry Houdini Nov 09 2020 Harry Houdini astounded audiences around the globe with his death-defying acts and illusions. With his wife, Bess, often by his side, he freed himself from ropes, handcuffs, straitjackets, and prison cells. Once he even made a ten-thousand-pound elephant vanish into thin air! Yet Harry's life was not always so glamorous. When he was a boy, he shined shoes and did odd jobs to help make ends meet. But a career in magic was always in the cards for Harry. Readers will be mesmerized by this captivating biography of one of the most celebrated escape artists and magicians in history. For almost thirty years, David Adler's Picture Book Biography series has profiled famous people who changed the world. Colorful, kid-friendly illustrations combine with Adler's "expert mixtures of facts and personality" (Booklist) to introduce young readers to history through compelling biographies of presidents, heroes, inventors, explorers, and adventurers. These books are ideal for first and second graders interested in history or who need reliable sources for school book reports.

Who Was Harry Houdini? Nov 21 2021 Do you love magic? Do you want to perform your own magical act? Harry Houdini is one of the most well-known illusionists and stunt performers of all time. He would perform dangerous acts in front of audiences who would pay to see his bravery and amazing magical skills. Houdini was particularly good at escape acts. He would trap himself in very risky and difficult conditions like being locked up, restrained, contained, hung upside down, put into tanks of water and even thrown overboard from a ship - situations that would seem impossible to escape from. And Harry would always manage to free himself and leave his audiences shocked and in awe. But who was Harry Houdini, the man who was so confident in his abilities he was willing to bet his life on it? In "Who was Harry Houdini?" you will find out about the man behind the curtain. You will discover about his early life, his family and his wife. You will

also of course learn about his show stopping escape acts that had enchanted the world. Have a copy of this book and discover the life of the great Harry Houdini!

The Great Houdini Jul 18 2021 Harry Houdini was a great escape artist, but perhaps his greatest trick was becoming the famous magician that we have come to know. As a child, Houdini worked hard--and even quit school--to help support his family. But his dream always was to become a great magician and performer. He practiced day and night, thinking up new tricks and more and more dangerous stunts. His intense ambition paid off, and soon Harry Houdini became known worldwide! This kid-appealing Step 3 traces Houdini's life from his poor beginnings to his eventual success as the most famous mystical magician and escape artist of all time.

What Is the Story of Doctor Who? Jul 06 2020 Who HQ brings you the stories behind the most beloved characters of our time. This What Is the Story of? title is out of this universe! Learn the history of the Time Lord, the TARDIS, and the epic battles they've faced across time and space. When Doctor Who began airing on the BBC in 1963, British audiences were introduced to the rogue Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey. Now, viewers from all over the world are glued to their screens for the mysterious Doctor's intergalactic adventures. But how did this time traveler become such a beloved character? Author Gabriel P. Cooper provides readers with the inside scoop on the Doctor's unique time machine, loyal companions, and diabolical foes. This book, just like the show, is sure to intrigue a new generation of fans.

Houdini on Magic Mar 26 2022 Written by the master magician himself, this fascinating work reveals the secrets behind how Houdini escaped numerous death-defying stunts and exposed a variety of fake spiritualists. He also gives instructions for 44 eye-catching stage tricks, as well as other fascinating material. 155 illustrations.

The Unmasking of Robert-Houdin Aug 19 2021

Harry Houdini Jan 30 2020 Each book in this middle-grade series is illustrated with photographs and

illustrations while sidebars, a timeline, and entertaining cartoons further illuminate each subject's personality. Harry Houdini Jan 12 2021 Magician and escape artist, Harry Houdini was born as Ehrich Weisz in Budapest, Hungary on March 24, 1874. After his father took him to see Dr. Lynn, a traveling magician, Houdini's interest in performing soon consumed him. After happening upon a book entitled *The Memoirs of Robert-Houdin, Ambassador, Author, and Conjuror, Written by Himself.*, Houdini added an i to his name and assumed the name that would go down in history. Houdini was soon escaping from numerous devices, including leg irons, coffins, straitjackets, and prison cells. Unlike other magicians, Houdini began to make his escapes in full view of the audience, increasing the drama. Harry Houdini died from peritonitis on October 31 1926. File contains bibliographic and biographical notes, theatre programs, leaflets, correspondence and press cuttings.

Harry Houdini Jul 30 2022 A biography of Harry Houdini, who became famous as America's most famous escape artist and magician.

Escape King Apr 14 2021 A simple biography of the famous magician describing his major tricks.

Harry Houdini Oct 01 2022 Brief biography of the famous escape artist and magician.

The Secret Life of Houdini Jan 24 2022 Handcuff King. Escape Artist. International Superstar. Since his death eighty-eight years ago, Harry Houdini's life has been chronicled in books, in film, and on television. Now, in this groundbreaking biography, renowned magic expert William Kalush and bestselling writer Larry Sloman team up to find the man behind the myth. Drawing from millions of pages of research, they describe in vivid detail the passions that drove Houdini to perform ever-more-dangerous feats, his secret life as a spy, and a pernicious plot to subvert his legacy. *The Secret Life of Houdini* traces the arc of the master magician's life from desperate poverty to worldwide fame—his legacy later threatened by a group of fanatical Spiritualists led by esteemed British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Initiating the reader along the way into the arcane world of professional magic, Kalush and Sloman decode a life based on deception, providing an

intimate and riveting portrayal of Houdini, the man and the legend.

A Magician Among the Spirits Aug 07 2020 Harry Houdini's expose of the fraudulent spiritualist, spirit photography, spirit slate writing, ectoplasm, clairvoyance, and other quakery and cons perpetrated on desperate believers. Specific spiritualists covered in the book include Dr. Slade, the Davenport Brothers, Anne O'Delia Diss Debar, the Fox Sisters, Daniel Dunglas Home, Eusapia Palladino, and other con artists of their ilk. The whole nation was excited by Houdini's campaign against fakers. He traveled across the country, offering money for spirit activities he would be unable to duplicate by his use of skilled illusions. It was a heyday not only for Houdini, but for the spiritualists themselves -- and there was an equally famous protagonist who thought the spirits could indeed be contacted, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. A photo at the start of the book records a meeting between Houdini and Doyle, who is given his own chapter in the book. There's also a full section on Daniel Dunglas Home, the English engineer of spectacular paranormal effects. Houdini saves his sharpest arguments for spiritualists who were giving their (usually paying) clients a vision of the hereafter, and shares the methods used to practice "fake" and sensational spiritualism. Houdini was nothing if not unrelenting. As a taste of things to come, he ends his introduction with the words: "Up to the present time everything that I have investigated has been the result of deluded brains," though Houdini attests to his own open mind on the topic of the afterlife and recounts his personal attempts to communicate with the dead.

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