

## Illusions, Escape & Stage



### "Almost" Impromptu Vanishing Car

*Ron Jaxon*

Imagine being able to make your friends car vanish into thin air. You can also make their car appear or change with these methods using no large props what so ever. In fact chances are you already have everything you need to perform this trick so it'll most likely cost you nothing.

I want to be completely honest about the limitations and strengths...

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### Aerial Arrival

*Chris Stolz*

Two female assistants pick up a foulard from the stage floor. The foulard is stretched out tightly and after a few moments, something begins to form beneath it. The audience can see above, below and to the sides of the foulard at all times. The object appears to be the shape of a man pushing upward from beneath the foulard. Slowly, it begins to float...

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### Air Dream Illusion

*Timo Dante*

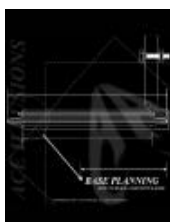
New and good illusions are hard to find nowadays. In this manuscript magic consultant and illusion designer Timo Dante publishes an illusion from his own collection.

As a magician you always want to look good and appear as such on stage. Air Dream is an appearance-illusion that even fools magicians: Just a thin platform with a frame attached to...

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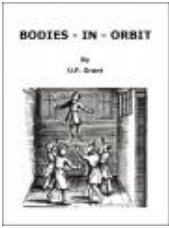
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*Ulysses Frederick Grant*

Self-levitations have been recently popularized by street performers like David Blaine and others. U.F. Grant as usual was way ahead. Here you will find a lovely self-levitation as well as four other easy to build levitation apparatus.

If you are into levitations you should also check out Modern Levitations by U.F. Grant.

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*Kyle Peron*

Tips on performing and presenting the chair suspension illusion

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**Chair Up There**  
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The lights come up on a two foot high table with stairs. The performer climbs the stairs, places a chair on top of the table, and holds up a white curtain just big enough to hide the chair from view. The audience can see below the table, above the chair, to the sides, and through the spaces within the stairs. Within seconds the performer whips the cover...

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**Chair Up There 2**  
*Chris Stolz*

Chair Up There was originally created and performed in 2001 using the method outlined in this document. When Chris decided to release the effect to the magical public, he released it with an entirely different method (see Chair Up There). This alternate method was chosen because it was very simple to construct and could easily be built in just...

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## Floating Light Bulb

*Ulysses Frederick Grant*

Although the original title of this manuscript is "Close-Up Floating Light Bulb", this is not a close-up effect but a stage effect. The method would not allow you to perform this in an intimate close-up setting.

With the aid of a hoop you let a light bulb float, rise and descend.

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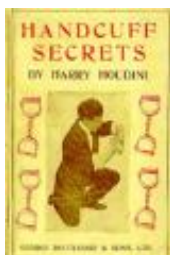
*Ulysses Frederick Grant*

Chuck Smith writes: "Twenty-four illusions as mysterious to audiences today as when they were performed years ago. Most are so easy to construct and execute that a teenager could do them. I know because I, as a student in highschool, built and entertained with several of them. A couple of three fold screens and a large sheet gives you the material for..."

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Houdini shines in this book. Handcuffs are his passion. He knows every little detail about them and every nuance in their mechanism. Houdini was not a particular good magician, but as an escape artist he is still unsurpassed. Thus, if you would like to know more about handcuffs and their inner workings, this book is for you.

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James Randi

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This booklet covers a good selection of Houdini-style escape illusions. Among others you will learn how to escape from a safe or vault or trunk. It teaches several rope ties, how to pick locks and how to escape from handcuffs. This is a worthwhile addition to your escapology library.

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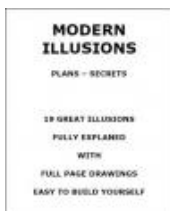
*Harry Houdini*

This is one of the best books by Houdini, because here he writes about something he really knows a lot about. With many of his escapes he had to be very familiar with the knots he was tied up. This book has many good illustrations and several photos where Houdini himself demonstrates certain ties. It is a great collector item as well as source of information....

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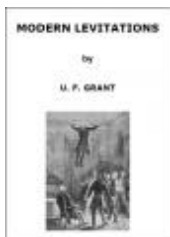
Although published anonymously, this was very likely written by U. F. Grant. 19 easy to build illusions.

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## Modern Levitations

*Ulysses Frederick Grant*

Five easy to build and practical levitations by the creative master of thrift, U.F. Grant. One could even be called an impromptu levitation because most supplies are available in a typical household. Every levitation is illustrated.

Another interesting ebook if you are trying to build a levitation apparatus is Bodies in Orbit by U.F. Grant.

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*Matt Garner & David Garner*

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*Alan Alan*

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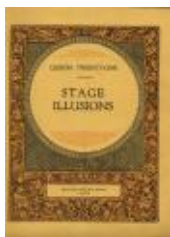


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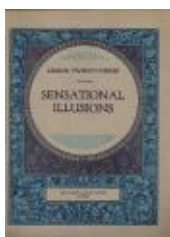
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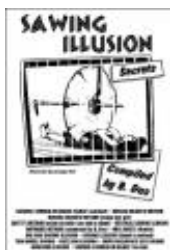
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*David Seebach*

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## The Arabian Tent

*Jim Kleefeld*

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*Will Ayling*

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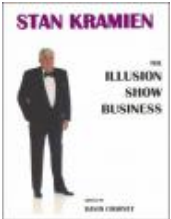
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*Lewis Ganson*

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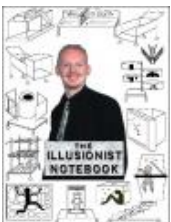
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*Stan Kramien*

Stan Kramien has toured one of the countries largest and most successful Illusion Shows for many years. Magicapades, Magicazam, the Mad World of Magic, and now Shazam! After playing thousands of dates he has written a primer of success in the Illusion Show Business.

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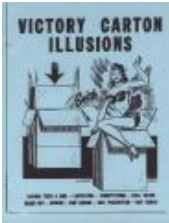
**Tricks and Illusions**

*Will Goldston*

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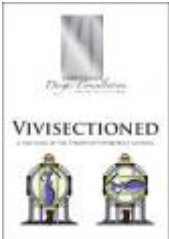
**Victory Carton Illusions**  
*Ulysses Frederick Grant*

Few people consider paper, cardboard and carton high-tech products, but they are. Go visit any paper factory and you will find out that some of the largest and most complex manufacturing machines in operation today are paper machines.

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Lewis Ganson

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