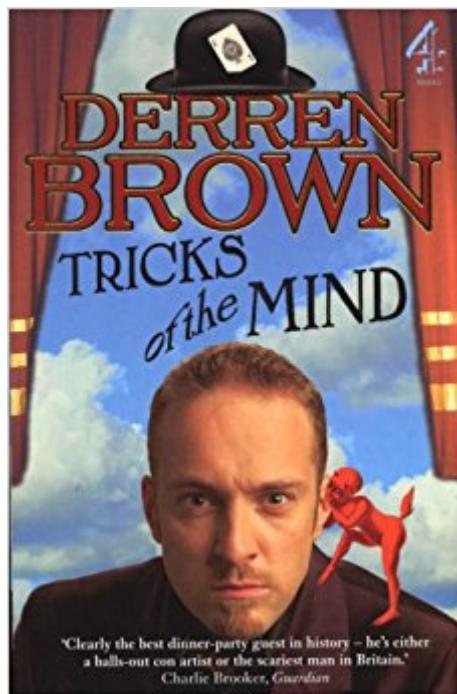


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One of the best magicians of our time. Its too bad he works mostly in the UK. If you ever listen to him speak or watch one of his shows you will realize he is a very intelligent person. I bought this book simply because I was intrigued by him and his style of magic. The book is such a fun and easy read. He writes the way he speaks which makes it that much more entertaining. I would recommend this book to anyone who is thinking of becoming an entertainer in this industry.

If you like to know more about how your mind works and how to benefit from it, read this book. Derren Brown is a famous illusionist/mind reader/hypnotist and knows what he's talking about. There are some great stories in this book filled with a good amount of humor. Also, there are some mind tricks you can pick up yourself from this book, I highly recommend them. Don't buy this book if you want a step by step instruction manual on how to hypnotize your wife or husband, because that's not the point of this book. Do buy it to expand your knowledge of how the mind works and gain some valuable information to use in your day-to-day life. And also, Google his name, watch some of his incredible videos, you'll love it!

I don't know why but apparently after reading this book I went to the computer and gave Derren a 5 star review. While I don't remember writing this review, I do however feel refreshed and rested. Seriously, I greatly enjoyed Brown's book and was very pleased with the small insights from his personal life that he revealed to us. While the book was able to give minor glimpses into the inner working of 'mind control' it did not go deep enough to get the neophyte into serious trouble. And I believe that is why it was a 'top of the wave' type of book. The actual trickery and techniques that Brown uses takes years of training and development and I also suspect a strong dose of natural talent for this sort of thing. Just as important, if he gave away his methods, he wouldn't have much of an act left. I am perfectly okay with both reasons. I didn't buy the book hoping to become the next Kreskin or Brown just as I didn't read Lonesome Dove to become a gunslinger. The book fully met its goal by exposing a little more of the fascinating, mysterious character of Derren Brown. I hope you find this review helpful. Michael L. Gooch

After having already been a fan of Derren, I suppose I'm biased but I absolutely adore this book. It's charming, clever, and absolutely uncondescending. No, that isn't a word. Regardless, I found it deeply enjoyable as well as intellectually stimulating (which are always best when found together). He's also very self-aware and manages to be quite funny most of the time. In fact, there are multiple lines I have with comments such as 'Derren.' and 'you are clearly quite sick' etc... But yes, anyway, it's a lovely book and if you like the sort of thing it's about, I'd feel safe in recommending it to you.

Derren is a fascinating entertainer. In his TV shows he uses suggestive techniques in way that really pique one's curiosity about how our minds work (e.g. Derren approaches a stranger on a street and within a minute that man unthinkingly hands over his wallet and keys to Derren. When the man sheepishly approaches him a minute later to get them back, Derren gives them back and then immediately gets him to unthinkingly hand them over again). To read the ramblings of such a person is to get a glimpse at his techniques of persuasion and to realize how susceptible we all are to being influenced by others (and by the advertising that we are constantly exposed to). I enjoyed his nerdy, self-deprecating stream-of-consciousness style of writing and dry sense of humour, if only because I could identify with it, and that made me feel more comfortable with myself. Thank-you for that, Darren. Darren's information about our minds seems to be grounded in science (or at least in agreement with it). Derren's description of hypnotic behaviour largely being voluntary compliance is interesting. I found similarities between Mr. Brown and "The Amazing Kreskin" from Canadian '70s TV - especially that they both claim there is no such thing as hypnosis and yet

appear to make extensive use of hypnotic techniques in their performances. Even though he is an entertainer not a scientist, I hope he will dare to reveal more of his extensive knowledge in a future book.

I just discovered Derren Brown over a month ago by accident and have been watching his shows online non-stop. He's whimsical, funny, smart, devious... and just outright entertaining. Love his performances and feel the same way about his books. His british accent continues to fill my ears as I read every word of the book. It's almost like you're having a private conversation with him as he's hinting a few of his secrets along with some life stories that he's encountered. You won't be a magician after reading this book, but you may be able to pick up a few memory tips. But most importantly, it will continue to open your eyes about illusions, tricks (of the mind), etc. that you can probably roll over into your everyday activities, giving you a different perspective of things. If you don't mind his whimsical personality (as this is reflected in the writing style of this book), this book can be fairly entertaining. Reading this has become my guilty pleasure.

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