

3 BABEL

Vincent Hedan



Reviewed by 'Magic Babe' Ning

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Years in the making, Babel is packed full with features allowing you to present miraculous book test effects. Each of the special books in Babel has been carefully designed with one simple goal: to create super direct, super strong mentalism.

You don't touch anything, you don't even look, and yet you can read the spectator's mind and reveal his thoughts in an impossible way.

Multiple divinations, prediction, memory feats: all of these, and more, are described in the detailed manual, along with Vincent Hedan's tips and ideas to perform these impressive effects.

Comes complete with 50 page instruction manual and 3 special books.

MY THOUGHTS:

The book test, a traditional favorite staple in Mentalism, is one of the routines we perform regularly as a duo. J C & I utilize a favorite combination of clever books such as Larry Becker's "Flashback", Terry Roger's "Master Key", etc.

Now, Vincent Hedan's latest Mentalism release will likely be our updated modern day replacement. "Babel" is a set of three cleverly crafted high-quality softcover books made to look like actual paperback novels. The amount of thought, time, effort and genius that this creative French mentalist has put into "Babel" is staggering.

Vincent has most aspects of the book test methods from "Flashback" and "Master Key" smartly incorporated into "Babel". What I personally appreciated very much, is that Vincent has actually improved the choice of words, made their placement a lot more discreet throughout the books and created multiple ways for the performer to determine the word mentally selected. The improvements are significant and so much more sophisticated. Well done Vincent! I really enjoyed his lovely Japanese-themed Mentalism piece "Haiku" which came out some years ago, but "Babel" is a Mentalism monster on super steroids!

Here's a delicious little secret for you: Now, there are in fact, many more book test methods deviously incorporated into the books provided in Babel. Vincent's original system (brilliant would be an understatement here) allows you to determine more detailed information regarding the page that a spectator has chosen, including divining the number of paragraphs, how many lines in a paragraph, knowing the chapter number in the book that the page is in and a lot more. Are you still breathing?

This of course, allows for more creative feats of "mind reading" or a super impressive memory demonstration, as you like it. In essence: when you master all the various possibilities of "Babel", you can do a Rainman ;) Your audience will completely believe you're a very special genius.

"Babel" comes with a detailed instructional booklet that explains the highly gimmicked nature of the books provided, as well as, different routines and ways to reveal words and various information in the book. You don't have to use all of it at once; pick and choose what fits you. It's like enjoying a fantastic buffet!

Highly recommended if you are looking for a multi-method-all inclusive modern day book test. However, as with any powerful tool of this nature, it is still a Mentalism tool you have to dutifully learn to completely understand the intensely intricate systems and then develop a solid presentation and believable routine that works for your very own performing character.

This is what makes the stark difference between a mere trick with a book VS a brilliant performance of mind-boggling Mentalism. "Babel" gets a full star rating and IMHO, is completely worth the investment especially if you're a passionate student of the art of Mentalism.

COST: \$300 US

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