

# MULTITUDE

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# Foreword

Unlike the usual gimmicked decks that enable you to present only one effect, the Multieffect deck allows you to perform various effects that are both impressive and entertaining. I have been using it successfully for many years and, with time, I have developed a complete repertoire based on this principle. Some of these effects have remained secret and have never been revealed to anyone; they are now gathered in this book.

I am not the inventor of the original principle. This deck has probably existed since the early 1920's. In "The Jinx,"<sup>1</sup> Ted Anneman wrote that he has known about this principle for about 15 years. In the same article, Val Evans explained several effects with this deck, but the descriptions were short and there were no illustrations, so many readers might not have been attracted to it.

Decades later, Juan Tamariz developed several ideas with this deck and wrote a book in Spanish on the subject. It was through watching a video of Tamariz that I first discovered this principle, and in 2006 I started to research this subject in more detail.

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<sup>1</sup> "The Jinx" n°28 Winter Extra (1936-1937)

By that time, I had already created my stack and had discovered one of the great benefits of this type of tool: one deck allowed me to perform a variety of effects, without the need for any individual preparation.

I kept that in mind when developing my approach to the Multieffect deck. You probably own one or several gaffed decks that you no longer use, simply because carrying one deck for one effect quickly becomes impractical. When exploring the Multieffect deck, I wanted to make sure that this single tool could be used to present various effects. I also wanted these effects to bring practical and noteworthy solutions; most of the tricks explained here are impossible to do with a regular deck. Furthermore, the methods explained here are still simple and direct.

I hope this book will encourage you to use this ingenious principle in your magic. The possibilities of the Multieffect deck are endless and I am sure you will develop many new effects.

A multitude of effects.