

What a great success it was—Practical Magic's first appearance in America! I was so impressed with Cheryl & Jeremy LePoidevin when I met them at Blackpool England in 2004, that I told Mark Daniel about them with the words: "The kind of stuff we used to buy from Supreme in England is still alive! Get these people over to the USA!" He listened, and everyone who saw them loved them and their colorful kidshow magic at Kidabra!



Just check out where we took them in Atlanta: to the Varsity (world's largest drive-in restaurant), the World of Coca-Cola Museum, Stone Mountain (our big chunk of granite), Longhorn's Steakhouse, and Lynne's kitchen! Hey, they even had GRITS for breakfast—and asked for seconds! We even found a jar of Marmite for Jeremy in our local Publix grocery store. It had expired in May, but he ate it anyway! (Alan Watson, take note!)

You'll find three NEW KIDSHOW EFFECTS on page five of this newsletter, all from England! But first—

Color Explosion Silks!

NEW from David Ginn Magic—a new exclusive silk pattern you'll get nowhere else!

After a year of research and now a financial investment, the GinnMagic Color Explosion Silks are now a reality!



BEAUTIFUL! PURE SILK from China!

Made in VIBRANT, BRIGHT COLORS!

In stock now in two sizes and types:

1. Color Explosion 18" Silk: This one boasts a red background, with sunburst spikes of green coming out of a yellow circle, then 4 concentric circles of yellow, red, light blue and dark blue. An outstanding silk for vanishing one and reproducing it (a duplicate) somewhere else, as in my Snake Can routine (which will now include two of these). Reg. price \$10.

New AL price: \$5.00

2. Color Explosion 36" Blendo: For the blendo we have made the same design in 36" square size with a bright green background, red spikes, red-yellow-dark blue concentric circles on an orange circle flanked by a black circle background and the R-Y-B concentric circles repeated in the four corners. This 36" pure silk comes packaged with FIVE 9" silks (red, yellow, orange, green & blue). Start with them tied together end to end, wave the string of silks around, bunch them up, and change to the 36" Explosion Silk. Instructions included. Reg price: \$30. **New AL price: \$25.00**



New AL prices end
Dec. 31, 2005. Order now!



Three Frog Monte

Close-up fun for children and adults! Show these three rubber “squeaky frogs” on a table top. Pick them up one by one and squeeze them. One squeaks like a dog toy; the other two do not squeak. Mix them up, back and forth, like 3 card monte. Who can pick the frog that squeaks? That one? No, it doesn't squeak! But this one does! Try it again and again—they're always WRONG and you have the right one.

So put one aside. We'll do it with just two. Show one squeaks. Mix up the two with your tricky-est moves. Have a spectator pick one. Wrong! The other? Wrong! The squeaky frog is the one you put aside! Easy to do, 3 gimmicked frogs and instructions.

Reg price: \$20. **AL special price: \$15.00**

Appearing Rose

A visual miracle! Show an 18" or 24" silk both sides, drape over your hand, then pull it away and reveal a 16" single stem ROSE that looks like the real thing! See Hannah smelling one—it looks real! This is one you'll play with and find many ways to use. Why? Because, simply, it folds up!

Remember the old Walsh Appearing Table? Same principle. The rose stem is secretly made of small brass tubing with a black elastic running through it. You fold it up in 3" sections, plus the head, and literally hide it in your hand! Show a silk empty, then let the rose fall open behind the silk just before you produce the rose. Dozens in stock now!

Reg. price \$20. **AL special price: \$15.00**



Fact: I sold dozens of 3 Frog Monte and Appearing Rose at my FCM booth this summer!



Circus Wagon Bunny Box

Take a look at my performance with that little girl on the Kidshow How-2 video, and you'll see why I love using this live rabbit production box. Show it empty (even let a child feel inside it) and at your command a BUNNY APPEARS. You can pop a balloon to change it to a rabbit, but I DO NOT—because it scares pre-schoolers!

Instead, I invite a 4-5 year old up to help me beam an alien down from Starship Enterprise in outer space. I have the child wave a magic wand, and when she isn't looking, I flip the gizmo and make Mr. Bunny appear, but I don't see him and neither does she. Who does? AUDIENCE KIDS, who go wild trying to tell us there's a live rabbit inside!

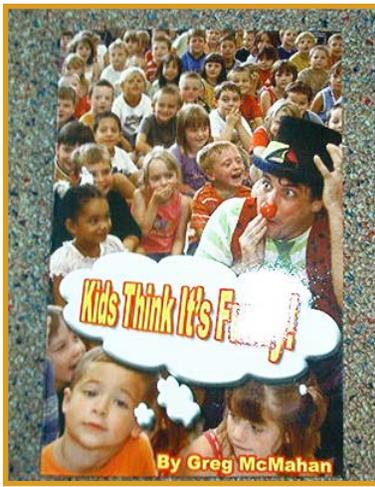
Finally the little girl sees him, laughs, points, shouts and tries to tell ME, but I ignore her and look every which way except in the cage! When I get the message at last, I act scared! Then I bring out the bunny, let her pet him, and she goes away the HERO!

This is exactly the same CIRCUS WAGON BUNNY BOX I've used for six years in pre-school and library shows. It holds a medium to large live rabbit comfortably; it's well made and nicely decorated. In stock now! I plan to again use mine in over 50 pre-school circus shows this year so you KNOW IT'S GOOD!

Regular price: \$225. **My fall special AL (Autumn's Leaflet) PRICE: \$175.00 postpaid in USA.**

Extra postage required outside USA due to size and weight.

PS: if you don't have Kidshow How-2, I'll toss one in FREE with the Circus Wagon IF you ask for it!



Kids Think It's Funny!

Is it clowning or comedy kidshow magic? Who cares when Greg McMahan is making fun for children. Revising and updating his out-of-print books, plus adding new material, magician/clown GREG (The Wizard of Odd) teaches you routines he has developed over a 30 year period doing literally 1000s of live shows at birthday parties, picnics, schools, libraries.

Chapters include Repetition, Beginner Clown, Good Website, Odd Sight, Looking Good on Stage, Clean Up Your Act (organization), Setting Up, Warm-up, Thumbtip/Wand, Popaway Wand ideas, Running Gags, Monkey Bar, Professor's Nightmare, Spag Chef Genie Magician, Shoelace Magic, Sponge Balls, Juggling is Catching, Top Hat Juggling, Rubber Chicken from Cannon, Nothing Grinder, One Hundred Balloons an Hour, and Rocky Raccoon—15 pages of routines!

Want to put more FUN in your performance! Try Greg's new book and you will!
Hey, *Kids Think It's FUNNY!* 106 pages. **Only—\$15.00**

Kid Control by JULIAN FRANKLIN

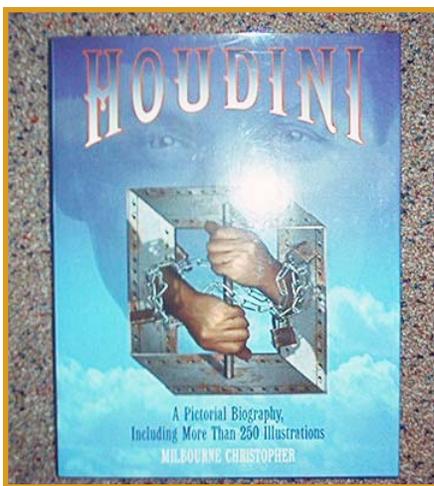
Behavior Management for Children's Entertainers

Julian Franklin gave a very powerful lecture at Kidabra this summer, all about dealing with children both on stage and in your audiences. As a former behavior management specialist in Texas public schools, he knows what he's talking about! And that knowledge can help make YOU a better kidshow entertainer!

In his new textbook *Kid Control*, Julian spells out why children misbehave, 8 methods of redirecting that behavior, how to decrease negative behaviors and thus increase positive behavior, plus how to deal with difficult children, shy children, and even handling power struggles.

Believe me, if you read this 215 page book and put Julian's knowledge and experience to practice, you'll leap far ahead as a kidshow entertainer. I was very impressed with the book and the lecture, both packed with professional guidance.

KID CONTROL—\$25.00 (and worth it!)



HOUDINI: A Pictorial Biography

BY MILBOURNE CHRISTOPHER

HOUDINI—the most recognized name in magical history. And here is the beautiful 8.5 x 11 hardback (218 big pages with full color dust jacket) Milbourne Christopher pictorial biography reprinted from 1976. Over 250 photos and line drawings plus Christopher's text paint an exciting, yet true picture of Houdini's life and escapes. This is a coffee table style book you'll enjoy reading and perusing again and again.

Learn more about the world's most famous escape artist, magician, and daredevil, written and compiled by a renowned magician himself and collector scholar of magic and Houdini, Milbourne Christopher. Includes some rare and unpublished Houdini photos, with insight into the man of mystery. Excellent!

Regular price: \$20. **AL special price till Dec. 31: just \$17.00**

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Super Comedy Props from Ginnville!

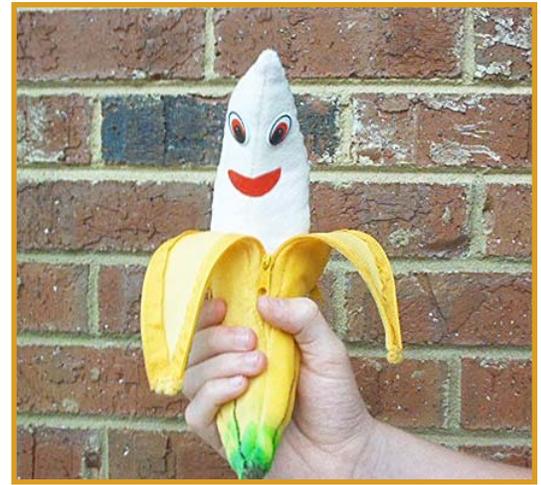
Giant Zipper Banana

WOW! Take a look! In a nutshell, here is the best ZIPPER BANANA ever made! Magician, clown or MC decides to take a break, pulls a banana from his pocket, UNZIPS it, peels back the yellow skin, takes a bite, then zips the banana back up and pockets it. Repeat this as a running gag.

Now you can have this OVERSIZE model, which automatically makes kids laugh. But there's more: this zipper banana contains an imitation banana inside, which has a FACE on it! You can use the fake banana just to keep the shape of the zipper jacket OR make it talk if you're a vent! Or let the banana whisper in your ear and tell the kids what it says: "You're name is Chiquita? You've got a PEEL? You know Senator Dole?" Stuff like that.

Or use a real banana inside with the usual routine. Instructions have more gags you'll love using.

Giant Zipper Banana: just \$10.00



Growing Clown Glove

An oldie but goodie! Dressed in formal clothes with white gloves, or even in your clown outfit, you remove one white glove. When you start to remove the other, it comes off your hand and out your sleeve, 6 inches, 12 inches, 18 inches, two feet, three, four, changing colors to yellow and pink, five feet, red and white stripes, until the GLOVE IS Six Feet Long! Get all tangled up in it if you like, or produce a dove from this crazy GROWING GLOVE! I produce one of the Jr. Chickens that I've had rolled up and hidden inside of the ungimmicked glove. Believe me, this one is always good for a laugh. I have personally used it again and again!

Growing Clown Glove—just \$15.00

Spider Surprise Box!

Show this red plastic box. Push a silk or streamer into your fist. Toss it towards the box...it's gone! Have the person slide open the top of the box to find the silk and—WHAM! A big black SPIDER pops out right onto her hand! Yes, you can have the silk inside, but the joke is the spider!

This ingenious box is designed to make the spider appear just as your victim finishes OPENING the sliding lid...and the spider always lands right on top of the person's hand! It's so startling that I now make it a point to put MY HAND under the box and grip it, just as the person opens it...because of the chance of dropping the box.

Cleverly made...use it as a magic trick or just a joke! In fact, you can see me perform it in my Magic in Black and White library show video. **B & W Video \$15 special • Spider Box \$15.00 • Both \$25!**



What's the best way to order? ginnorders@comcast.net

New Kidshow Effects from Practical Magic in England!



Red Herring (THE PENGUIN TRICK)

Here is a wonderful, colorful, well made trick children will love because it's about animals and has a nice story. Show a half dozen 4 x 6 inch plastic printed pictures of one fish and five penguins. They all want to eat the fish, but there's only one fish!

Shuffle through the pictures, hiding the fish among the penguins, asking audience members to try to find the fish. But each time someone picks, it's a penguin. One by one you eliminate the penguins, and the fish is gone. Then the fish appears by magic in an unexpected SURPRISE place for a good laugh!

Not big enough for stage, but fine for birthday party audiences, daycares, or even table hopping. No Elmsley count required. Easy!

Red Herring UK price: \$40. **AL fall special price: \$25.00**

Golden Welding

In the Practical Magic lecture at Kidabra, Jeremy talked of highs and lows in your show. They cannot all be highs. This trick fills in a quiet spot, with a nice story and strong magic effect.

Show a chain and drop it into a leather holder. Have someone hold this. Next you place a medallion into a small box for another person to hold. Moments later in the story, you open the box to reveal the medallion GONE! When the person holding the leather pouch takes out the chain, the medallion is hanging on it!

This effect is strong for children or adults, and you'll enchant the kids or adults if you use Jeremy's story. Comes complete with chain, medallion, leather pouch, vanishing box, and instructions.



Golden Welding UK price: \$45. **AL fall special price: \$30.00**



Fishy Business

This wonderful trick for children both teaches and entertains. Fine for school programs, birthday parties, or pre-schools, Fishy Business employs the lovable NEMO fish of the Disney movie and a valuable stranger danger message.

Using a change bag, you tell the story of clown fish Nemo a 12" silk and the shark (18" silk)...Nemo going into the shark's cave... "No, No Nemo!" you have the children shouting, but he wouldn't listen to his mother. Finally Olly the Octopus (18" silk) comes to the rescue, beats up the shark (18" sad shark with bandages), and Nemo comes out learning his lesson. The final is a beautiful 36"

silk underwater scene with Nemo so children see that all is well.

Believe me, not only will young children enjoy this story, but the adults will applaud you for the important safety message!

Fishy Business comes with the five printed silks above, patter and instructions. Use your own change bag or switch devise.

Official UK price: \$75. **AL fall special price: \$55.00**



Enchanted Necklace (Beads of Prussia)

Years ago I performed Beads of Prussia in over 500 shows and in 100s of lectures. It's a great trick, packs small, plays big, always impresses the audience. But John Fedko retired, stopped making them, and they vanished from the magic market. A cheap imitator came along (very bad) and I wouldn't touch the product.

Now Beads of P is back in a good version with plastic beads, a plexiglass tube, and a precision made gimmick. You get a dozen beads (4 red, 4 yellow, 4 green), which you show separate, then drop one by one into the tube. Toss or pour them out—they're now strung together as a NECKLACE! You can see me doing this with six children on my Magic of Hawaii video, or read another routine in School Show Presentation. Solid kidshow magic!

Old price was \$45-65. **New AL price: \$35.00**

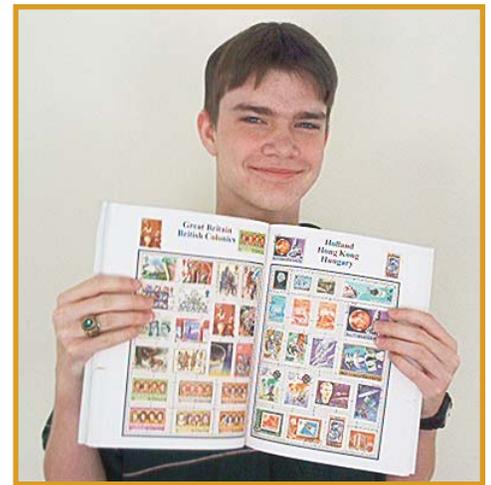
Famous Stamp Album Trick

The Stamp Album has been off the market for years! Now it's back in a super NEW VERSION with several surprises.

Start by showing an 8.5 x 11 inch notebook full of blank pages. Suddenly the cover of the book changes to a beautiful full color Stamp Album. Flip through the Stamp Album to show printed places for putting in the stamps.

Show a plastic packet of colorful REAL postage stamps and pour these into the Stamp Album. On the final flip through the album, you show that stamps have magically appeared pasted in full color into place on EVERY PAGE as Ben shows in the photo!

Easy to perform, complete with 3-way album, over 100 stamps, special notebook cover.



Reg price \$15. **AL fall special: \$9.00**



Best 13-foot Streamer!

ABSOLUTELY NEW! Imagine a thumbtip streamer in the four basic primary colors— red, yellow, blue, green—but it's not 2" wide x 36" long. Instead, it is six inches wide by THIRTEEN FEET LONG! That's what Rebecca is holding in the photo— simply the Best 13-foot SILK STREAMER I've ever seen! Use it for productions out of a tube or box or square circle. I've used a 13-ft streamer to end my Rocco D'Lites routine for years, and I'm switching to this one!

Put four silks (R,Y,B,G) in a change bag or other switching devise. Transform them into this beautiful 13-ft streamer. Following my routine in Professional Magic for Children, you could even use this streamer for Duke's Dye-Version.

Words cannot describe how great this streamer looks. Red, yellow, blue, green, repeated logically over and over the entire 13 foot length. Yes, it's the best I've ever seen!

Regular price: \$20.00 **AL fall special price: \$15.00.**

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Chain of Sin

BARRY MITCHELL of creativity fame is at it again with an excellent gospel magic effect. Two loops of colorful plastic chain are hooked together and then over your arm, one hanging down. The bottom one represents MAN and his sin outside the hand of God. The top red chain represents Jesus within the will of God. A little pull and the chains switch places representing how Jesus took our place on the cross.

This is a nicely made trick with solid scripture references, and it's easy to perform. Excellent for church shows or Sunday school classes because children remember the message with the magic.

Chain of Sin: only \$15

12 Gospel Tricks with DEL WILSON—DVDs

I have know Del Wilson as a Christian friend for some 25 years, and I've sold literally hundreds of his "12 Gospel Tricks" books. Now Del has put two dozen of the best of his books on two DVDs, complete with both performance and studio explanation. Here they are:

12 Gospel Tricks DVD Volume One: Key to Heaven, God Knows You, Rich Young Ruler (3 versions), Two Edged Sword, Good Cheer, Paul & Silas, Whole Heart, Redeemed, and Heavenly Treasures.

12 Gospel DVD Volume Two: R.U.E.?, the Truth, Wages & the Gift, Grounded on the Word, a Life Balanced on Love, Heavenly Fruit Market, Wages of Sin, Our Sins & His Cross, Go Forth, Sheep & Goats, Jump for Joy, and Armor of God.

Virtually all the tricks require props you have at home or can get at a local store such as Wal-Mart. Easy effects, with a strong gospel message.



Each DVD is \$25 or take both for just \$39.00



Make It Magic CDs: Amazing Music for Kidshows

ARTHUR STEAD has entertained children as Willmore the Wizard, but he is also a musician and composer to such stars as Cyndi Lauper, Michael Bolton, Cher, Aerosmith, Starship, Van Halen, and Shania Twain. This year he toured Australia & New Zealand playing keyboards for Peter Frampton. After lecturing at Kidabra, Arthur released two CDs of royalty-free music that we can use in our children's shows ANYWHERE without copyright problems! Here they are:

Volume One: AbraKIDabra, Inspector Kazoo, Hourglass Serenade, Eye on the Ball, Hocus Pocus, Wizard's Wand, Kitty Cat Song, Sorcerer's Samba, Presto Chango, Miss Direction, Mango Magic, Rockin' Rabbit, Clown Cavalcade, the Legend, Invisible Imp, Twister's Tango, Soda Pop Genie, Kitty Cat Remix, each with different beats, tempos, some vocal, some without. Enough for you to use in a variety of situations and kinds of shows. Each one includes the timing!

Volume Two: 18 brand-new royalty-free compositions especially for entertainers, plenty of up beat and quirky tracks, a game show take off, even mysterious tracks for illusionists and no vocals! All tracks tested for live audiences and generate incredible audience responses! Kids and adults swing and sway to the music. 18 in all: Top Secret, Little Bunny, Wannabe Wizard, Silk Dance, Cool Conjuror, Rocket Balloon Ride, Take Bow, Jester Jive, Illusionique.

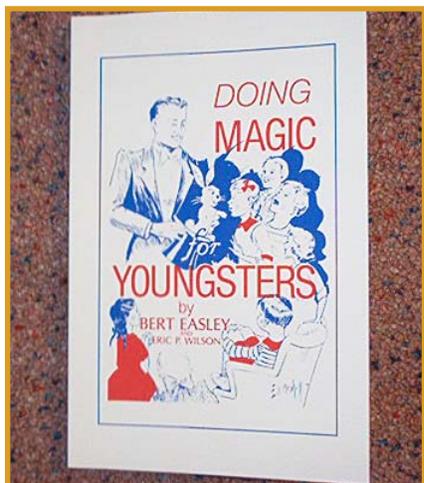
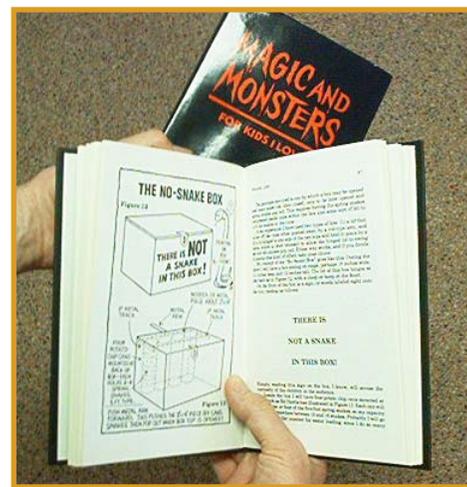
Each CD is only \$25...or take both for just \$45.00

Magic and Monsters for Kids I Love

Twenty-one years ago, when Autumn was five and napping or playing in the sand at New Smyrna Beach, Florida, I wrote this book out of my love for children and, yes, monsters! The kind I grew up watching, like Frankenstein, Dracula, the Wolfman, and the Mummy from the Universal movies of the 1930s and 1940s. I had already performed a year of school shows with a monster theme and found that children loved MONSTERS, especially when played for COMEDY!

This hardback book, perfect ammunition for Halloween shows, ended up with 13 spooky chapters: Kids Love Monsters, Monster Warm-ups (like the hot book), Ghost Rabbit, Snakesville (spring snakes), Card Spider (thanz to Gene Gordon), King Kong Goes Bananas, Dracula's Coffin, Monster Possibilities, Guest Monster Roy Porfido, Monsters for Laughs (over 200 jokes & gags), Acupuncture Cabinet, Vampire Stuff, and the Guillotine. All played for FUN!

Now, 21 years later, *Magic and Monsters* has sold over 2000 copies and less than 100 remain in print. It will NOT be reprinted, so here's a last chance before Halloween. Autographed on request! **M & M: \$20.00**



Doing Magic for Youngsters

This is not the first book of children's magic ever written. But it is the first one I read as a teenager, and it put me on the right path to entertaining children.

Doing Magic for Youngsters is actually two books in one, written by Bert Easley and Eric P. Wilson. The first half tackles magic words, different kind of audience, opening stunt, visual comedy vs. jokes, using volunteers, sucker tricks, rabbits, making candy and more. Part two offers several complete children's shows by Eric Wilson, hints on making your own tricks, magical gags, and a list of do's and don'ts for kidshows.

Paperbound, 122 pages, with Ed Mishell illustrations. I am sure you'll find something in these pages that will help YOU!

Reg \$10...**AL fall price: \$5.00**

MANY THANKS to Hannah, Ben, and Rebecca for modeling in this issue, and to John Doyle for the Varsity photo.

FREE Fall 2005 Special:

ORDER \$35 or more before Halloween, October 31, 2005...and you may take a FREE Grey Hare (sponge bunny you pull out of someone's head, saying "You have a GRAY HAIR in your head!") and a FREE Caterpillar / Butterfly Trick by Ian Adair. Yes, BOTH of these items are absolutely FREE with any \$35+ order. Just ask for them!

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