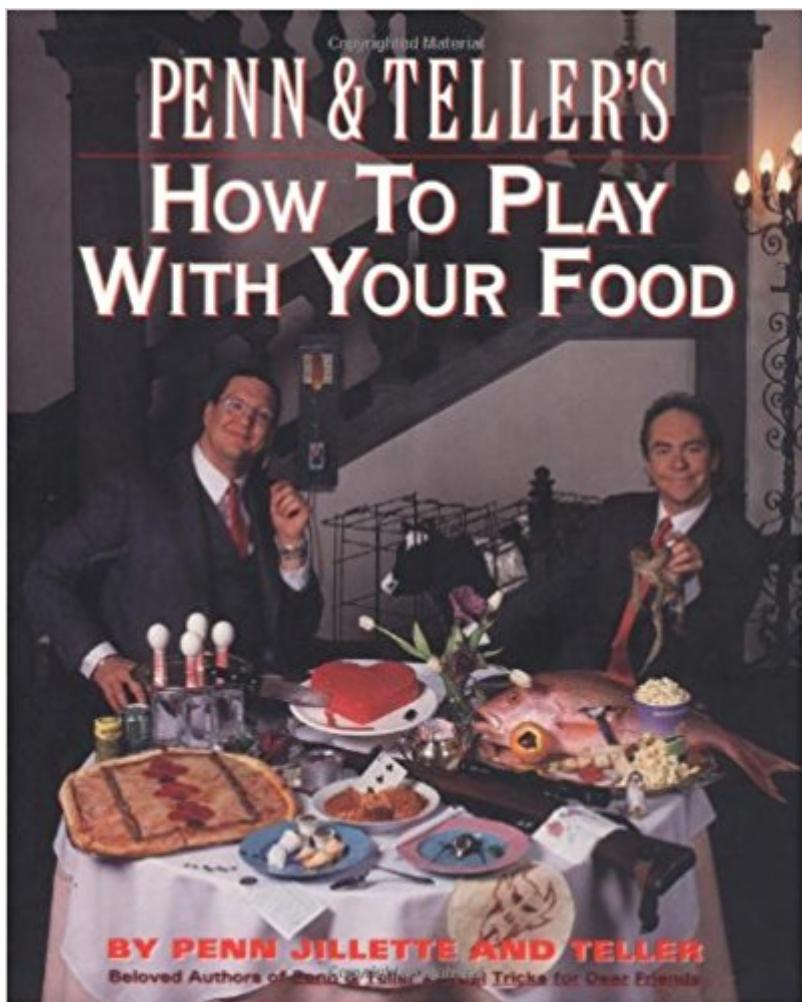


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Penn And Teller's How To Play With Your Food



Synopsis

What kid of any age can resist a book guaranteed to make fellow diners blanch at restaurants or at the family dinner table? Mean, disgusting, vile, hilarious. The book that makes CRUEL TRICKS look like an etiquette guide. 35 black-and-white photos.

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Customer Reviews

Comic duo Penn & Teller (200,000 copies sold of Cruel Tricks for Dear Friends) share a wealth of characteristically twisted tricks involving edibles in this maliciously funny book. Anyone wishing to tie a cherry stem with one's tongue or surreptitiously steal an appetizer from a dining companion's plate would do well to study this invaluable text. Written in the voice of the large, ponytailed Penn--the smaller, balder Teller never speaks--this volume divulges bizarre uses for coffee-creamer containers; offers a fake recipe for "Swedish Lemon Angels" that creates a frothing "volcano" by blending reactive ingredients; and debunks a popular magician's ploy by explaining how to bend spoons and move plates through "psychokinesis." Several card tricks here require the collusion of restaurant staff, and thus may be hard to achieve without shelling out healthy tips. Not to worry, though--plenty of other sick games await those who prefer affordable (not to say cheap) gags. Step-by-step photos show the authors hamming and scamming, and props such as a phony fortune cookie message ("The chef spit in your food") are included. The primary lessons here: keep your eyes on your plate, and always request separate checks. 100,000 first printing; BOMC selection; author tour. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Simple cute tricks even I can do. Even if you do not plan on doing the tricks the book is still great because of the humor and they reveal how they performed some of their tricks on TV. I literally laughed out loud in several places. Don't think of this as a "how to do magic tricks", it sort of is but get it for fun stunts and tricks you can play on your friends...and the humor. I have the "How to Play in Traffic" also but I think this one is better. Both are great. These guys would be great to hang around with just to hear their stories. You might not want to do the "poke your eye out" trick around old or feeble people, it could give them a heart attack...but if you didn't like them anyway....never mind.

If you enjoy Penn's sarcastic, caustic wit you'll enjoy this book. It contains lots of easy to do "tricks" you can entertain friends with. He presents the tricks in some cases as ways to scam your friends, but you can play the same tricks without scamming them. (Example -- the free meal trick described can be turned into a nice piece of fun by disclosing the trick at the end of the meal.) And by easy, I mean that some of the tricks require no skill, such as sleight of hand. One just has to follow the trick set up rules. As usual, some of the tricks are outrageous -- like the bloody spaghetti trick.

This is certainly one of the funniest books I've read in a long time. The book is filled with pranks, tricks, and funny anecdotes of Penn and Teller's life experiences. A few of the reviews I've read lamented at the used version of the book they bought not having a bag of tricks that comes with the book. In my opinion though this is hardly reason to complain. It only affects about 3 of the tricks in the book and of those only 2 of them can't be overcome with a little ingenuity from the reader. The only one that may be problematic is the one trick involving a Kevlar sugar packet. Either way all three of these tricks are extremely enjoyable anyway and certainly worth the money for the book. All of the tricks in the book are quite enjoyable its difficult to pick out a favorite.

If you like Penn and Teller, you should like this book. It's like a cookbook for bad adolescent behavior. Full of fun and mostly harmless pranks, tricks, or gags (literally) that can offend, upset, or nauseate the whole family. I had a copy years ago and I was surprised to be able to still find it for Christmas gifts for my kids even though I had to order single copies from individual vendors since no one had more than one in stock. One of them even had a partial bag of goodies that comes with it, which after this long after publication, I absolutely did not expect. If you like mild pranks and harmless practical jokes at the dinner table, this is the book for you.

I remember seeing them promote this on TV. I bought it because the price was right, I like their sense of humor and I have a friend that I knew would love it. He does.

MISSING THE INSERT!!! That's the best part of this book!!

Well... with his demented twist on things.. funny little pranks and tricks to play on your friends, written in his cool, very funny way. Penns a great storyteller, Paints a bright psyhadelic picture that will have you roaring!the fortune cookie was hilarious!

Very entertaining book, The tricks are fantastic, and the stories are evens better. I would recommend this to any Penn and Teller fans, or just someone wanting to learn an easy to perform trick for their friends.

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