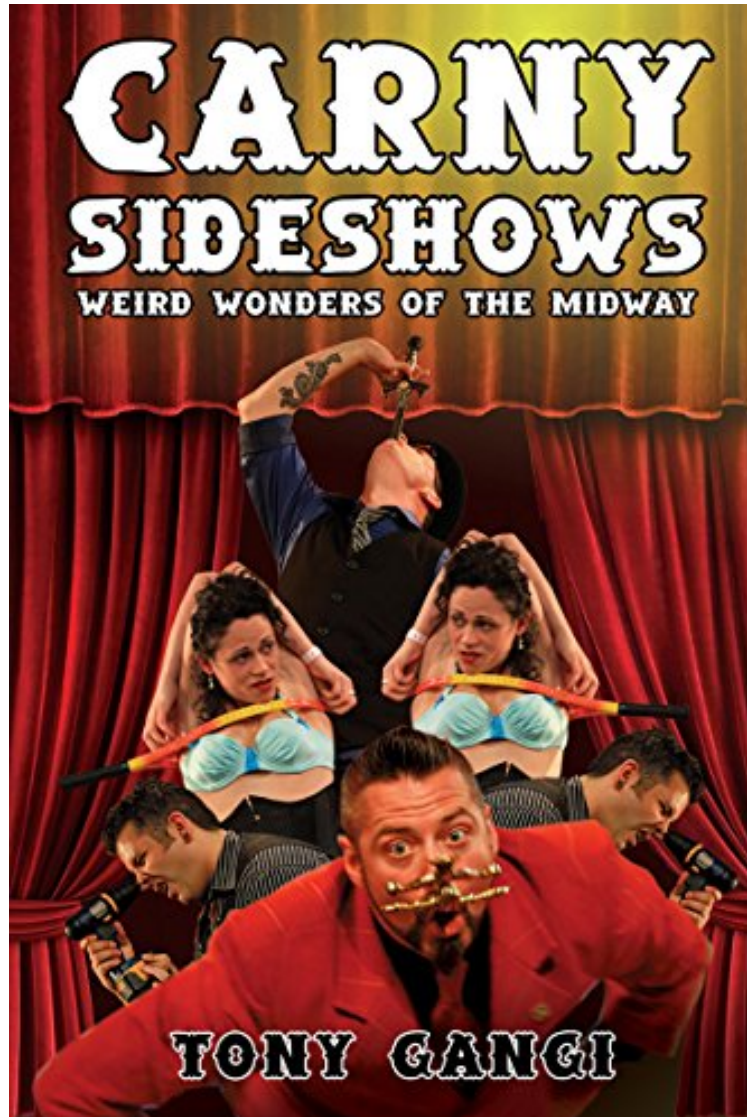


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here (carefully avoiding the overawed but superficial layman's perspective).Gangi is a good author and he's written a book that is not just engaging, but insightful - no matter how experienced you already are, you'll learn some new things here. The 12 chapters alternate between Gangi's personal stories about the skills he learned at Coney Island Sideshow School, and chapters on the people who represent the best of New Sideshow: Todd Robbins, Harley Newman, Tyler Fyre and Thrill Kill Jill, Ward Hall, most of the 999 Eyes performers, Penn Jillette, Danny Borneo, Swami Yohmami, Gwyd and Sylver Fyre, Brett Loudermilk, and many others. And these are my favorite kind of interviews, presenting these characters as a meeting of colleagues.Gangi has better interview skills than I do, he draws out personal insights and thoughtful reflections on sideshow arts, particularly some thoughts on sideshow ballys as handed-down folk traditions from Penn. This one isn't just a book for sticking on your sideshow shelf to say you've got it, it will repay more than one careful read.

Step right up, Ladies and Germs, and feast your eyes on the incomparable wonders of a hidden world! Be astonished! amazed! disgusted! by brazen acts of self-destruction that no natural human body should be able to withstand!Tony Gangi, professional magician, lifelong sideshow devotee, and card-carrying graduate of Coney Island's famed Sideshow School, guides you through the stupendous techniques and proud traditions of this shocking and fascinating realm of entertainment.bull; Learn the secrets behind Breathing Fire! Sword Swallowing! The Bed of Nails! Pounding Spikes into the Head! bull; Enter the mysterious worlds of the Snake Lady, the Human Blockhead, and more! bull; Meet sideshow greats like Melvin Burkhart and Ward Hall. bull; Discover today's dedicated entertainers, like Todd Robbins, Harley Newman, Tyler Fyre, Thrill Kill Jill, Donny Vomit, The Black Scorpion, and more! bull; See what it takes to enter this underground yet welcoming world as a performer.Features interviews with Penn Jillette and Todd Robbins and Penn Jillette's ode to the sideshow, the "10 in 1" monologue as performed by Penn TellerEditors's Note: Not for the faint of heart, weak of stomach or easily grossed out. So go ahead, how can you resist?!Tony Gangi, a Philadelphia native, never actually intended to make his living by shoving nails up his nose. He left the corporate world to become a professional magician and proprietor of one of the few flea circuses remaining in the world ("Live fleas do, in fact, perform circus tricks," he says. They just need to be "trained the right way and treated with kindness.")He's now mastered straightjacket escapes, fire-eating, and napping on a bed of nails. He is currently working on his presentation for walking barefoot on broken glass. This is his first book. He hopes it is not his last.