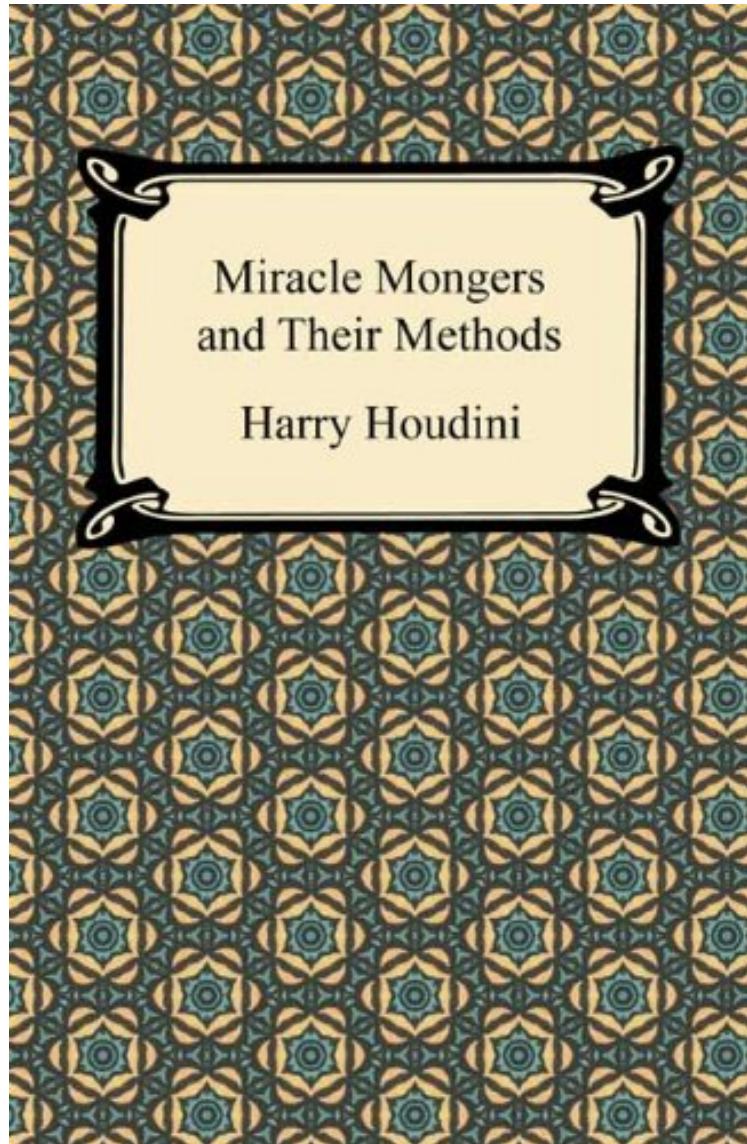


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of said claims are equally over the top. There were multiple times when I had to put my Kindle down, go outside and just take a few deep breathes. If one comes across a charlatan who can swallow red hot swords by claiming they have the power of the gods, what's one to do? Well, swallow a sheath and try it yourself of course! There's some very heavy stuff in here that makes you one, appreciate how crazy/dedicated Houdini was to his second profession and two, donate to the JREF for keeping the spirit alive and well. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating Antique By D. Peters Written by Houdini, it's a fascinating look at the odd and bizarre people he shared the stage with in a long ago era. Today these people would be looked at as strange oddities but a hundred years ago they were minor stars. Houdini, (Eric Weiss's) writing is surprisingly contemporary, considering how long ago the book was written but some of the long passages from periodicals of the time are written with an almost foggy fussiness which makes them difficult to understand. Especially when referring to illustrations that aren't included in the kindle edition. Still, if you are interested in stage magic and Houdini in particular this is well worth reading. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Crude reprint of Houdini's original book By N. S. Alito This is a crude reprint of an older book. There are none of the "figures" referred to in the text. I would have been willing to pay more for the complete book. As for the content, several early chapters describe the history of "fire-eating" performers, followed eventually with a chapter that describes the tricks used to handle these seemingly dangerous materials. Likewise he covers blade-swallowing performers and their techniques, followed by descriptions of performances of stone-eating, poison-eating and similar amazing feats, with accompanying explanations of the tricks and/or conditioning needed to perform them. To me, the big surprise was in discovering how eloquent and informative Harry Houdini could be, well beyond his carnie-like colleagues.

The infamous Harry Houdini (born Erik Weisz) arrived in the United States from Hungary in 1878 with his mother and four brothers, joining their father in Appleton, Wisconsin, where he served as Rabbi of the Zion Reform Jewish Congregation. In his short fifty two years, Houdini achieved a level of international stardom that few have ever, or will ever, surpass. As a magician, escapologist, stunt performer, actor and film producer, he worked tirelessly to maintain his excellent physical and mental shape, and as a result he bewildered audiences with his unparalleled feats of magic. He wrote "Miracle Mongers and their Methods" to expound upon the techniques and secrets of magicians, fire-eaters, heat resisters and other masters of deception. While he was always fascinated with the magic of spiritualists and illusionists, he was careful to never reveal his own most valued secrets. This is a great book for those interested in Houdini and the predecessors of modern psychics and mentalists.