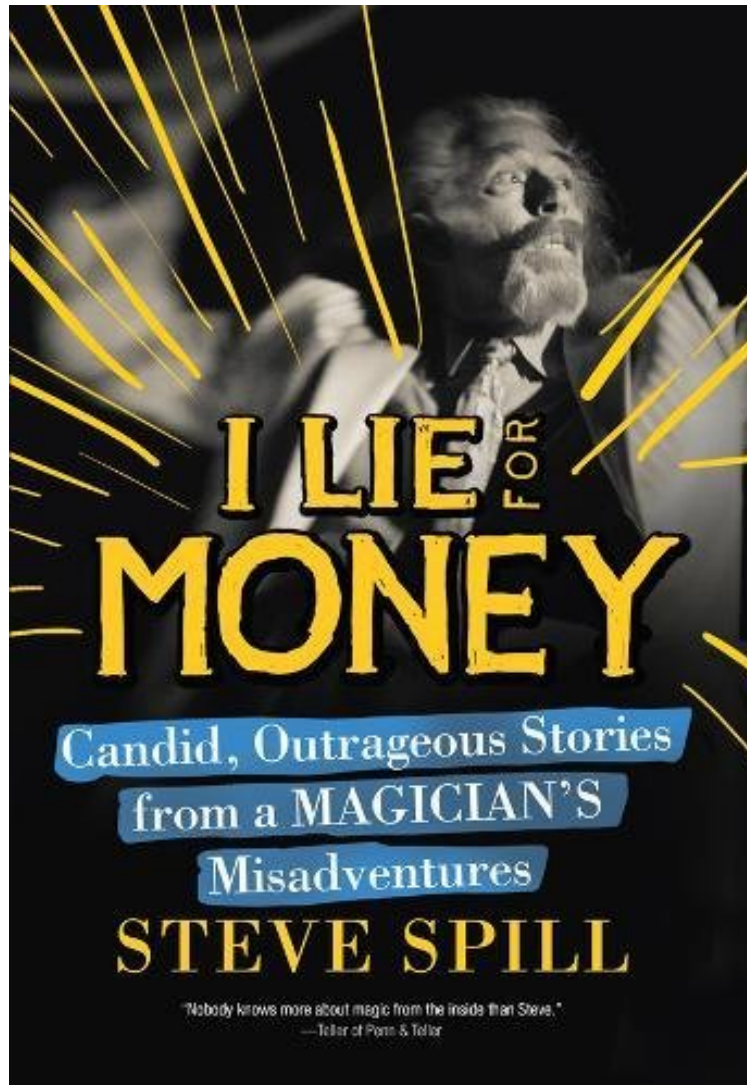


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**Steve Spill : I Lie for Money: Candid, Outrageous Stories from a Magicians Misadventures** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Lie for Money: Candid, Outrageous Stories from a Magicians Misadventures:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Why I think you'll like this book (even if you are a non-magician)By AnonSteve Spill is a former child prodigy who grew up to become one of the best comedy magicians on the planet.

Over the last 50 years, he's had a front row seat to the evolution of stand-up and magic in the latter half of the 20th century. Along the way, he's entertained and amazed everyone from A-listers to African tribespeople, and thereby collected the frequently crazy and funny tales contained in this highly readable and frequently surprising memoir. This book stands out amongst many other show biz biographies because rather than focusing on the inevitable personal pain behind the art, this is primarily an upbeat journey. Mr. Spill is a superb raconteur, and whether he's describing a wince-inducing mishap while vanishing a lit cigarette to impress the girls (don't try this at home!) or poignantly relating why the worth of a 50 cent pack of cards is in the eye (and talent) of the beholder, he has an immediacy and wit to his writing that really draws in the reader. The appeal to magic buffs is a given (especially 11 pages in particular, where he describes the true secrets of a much purloined reputation maker). However, I believe even non-magicians will enjoy getting a backstage peek as to the level of thinking, passion, and commitment it takes to make it in the trenches of live entertainment night after night. Despite the title of the book, Mr. Spill's personal stories illustrate certain universal truths of the human condition; hence, their great appeal. In short, Steve Spill's journey through life thus far makes for entertaining, enlightening reading. It put a smile on my face, and I suspect it will for you as well and that's no lie! Highly recommended. NOTE: Although the subtitle of the book contains the adjective outrageous, aside from a few innuendos, Mr. Spill writes in a relatively clean style. It's refreshing to find a funny book that doesn't need to troll in the gutter for laughs.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This was a terrific book. Steve's account of his adventures

By Denzil John Asche This was a terrific book. Steve's account of his adventures, his travels, and his magic was remarkable. It was a revelation of a world of wonders, of times and places it is impossible to see today, but it was a rare treat to view them through his eyes. I was particularly struck by the theme of active diligence and daring running through it, which led to so many extraordinary and wonderful... stories, as the title suggests. Steve's appreciation for those around him, for the details of texture, and colour, tone and demeanour bring his stories to life and touch them with story-telling magic. But it is also the story of a beautiful magical theatre in Santa Monica, that you can visit yourself!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I Bought. I Read. I Love!

By V Brisbin I knew I was born a few years and a couple of states away from the mecca of show biz magic, but with Steve Spill's behind the curtain reminisces, I feel like Life has given me the gift of vicariously experiencing what I missed. Captivating, laugh out loud, can't put it down fare. And I'm only through the first few chapters (and my first sleepless night). I guess I could hash tag everything that immediately resonates with me, but I've been the kid who dreamed of seeing and knowing the greats, the legends, and of being able to entertain luminaries and the common folk with a sparkle in my eye and a sense of wonder. Steve Spill not only does that, he is that. And in his book, he tips his hat and out "spills" real magic. No spoiler alerts, just buy this story of a man's wonderful life, and treat yourself. It's a pleasure, and that's no lie. Thank you for sharing, Steve, and for inspiring a little more adventure and magic in me.

In this funny, irreverent, unique, eccentric memoir, magician Steve Spill reveals how he managed to survive decades inside a rarely profitable, sometimes maddening, but often deliciously rewarding offbeat showbiz profession. Magic! Spill tells of how his tailor grandfather sewed secret pockets in a magician's tuxedo back in 1910, which started his childhood dream to become a magician. This dream took Spill on a journey that started with him performing, as a young boy, at a Beauty on a Budget neighborhood house party to engagements in Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean, to today in Santa Monica, California, where he's been starring in his own shows since 1998 at Magicopolis, the theater he designed and built himself. Being a magician has given Spill the opportunity to interact with the world's most famous and fascinating people. In his memoir, Spill reveals the many unique encounters that his profession has led him to enjoy and endure: hosting Sting as his opening act one night, spending two days on camera with Joan Rivers, and selling tricks to Bob Dylan, as well as encounters with Adam Sandler, Stephen King, and other celebrities. I Lie for Money . . . is a literary magic show that captures the highs and lows of an extraordinary life that will delight and amaze you with wit and wickedness. This book should be an obligatory read for anyone considering a creative career, and it serves as an inspiration to those who desire to craft an independent life.

"This offbeat behind-the-scenes look at a magician's life is as unpredictable, fresh, and distinctive, as witnessing one of Steve Spill's shows in person." Nolan Bushnell, Serial entrepreneur and founder of Atari and Chuck E. Cheese "Steve Spill has been a pal of Penn's and mine since the 1970's. While we were still working for tips and eating dirt at fairs, Steve was running one of the classiest comedy magic clubs in the country, and still does (his current one is in Santa Monica). Nobody knows more about magic from the inside than Steve. And most important, Steve and I share the deepest bond of all: we both swallow needles." Teller of Penn Teller "With his combination of writing and performing skills and his endless inventiveness, Steve Spill is a major asset to the world of magic." Dick Cavett "Steve Spill is one of my favorite storytellers. The man has pioneered more venues for magic than anyone I know, and along the way, broken lots of new ground as a comic, magician, bartender, busker, club owner, and now raconteur and that's no lie!" Joel Hodgson, creator/star of Mystery Science Theater 3000 "Steve Spill is one of the greatest magicians that's ever lived. Fact. I Lie for Money is the most entertaining book about magic ever. Double fact. If you don't buy this book, there will be a big hole in your life that you will never fill, a void that will haunt the rest of your days until you cry out

in the night, WHY DIDNT I GET THE MEMOIR THAT CONTAINED ALL THOSE AMAZING STORIES ABOUT MAGIC?! Triple fact. The choice is clear." Adam de la Pena, creator of the hit animated series Code Monkeys "A unique eye-opening account of the backstage life of a fiendishly funny magician." Kirsten Sheridan, Oscar-nominated screenwriter and film director "A fantastic read packed with hilarious anecdotes and juicy tales of outlandish antics. Who would have thought the life of a family entertainer could be so wild?" Michael Larkin, NBC Digital News Producer "Instantly hypnotic! Before finishing page one I was drawn in and happily trapped in Steve's wild, surreal world." Brian Brushwood, Host of Discovery's Scam School and National Geographic's Hacking the System "I Lie for Money opens a secret door and lets the reader enter the almost unknown and often misunderstood world of the professional magician." Brooks Wachtel, Emmy-winning writer and director "An honest look at the hard work that accompanies doing what you love." Steph Rodriguez, Manhattan Book "Every person on the face of the earth who wants to laugh out loud and be amazed should read I Lie for Money." Dustin Stinett, GENII Magazine "As you turn the pages of the book you will travel along the amazing timeline that Steve has walked like a tightrope, stretched between his prodigious skills as a magician and his flamboyantly eccentric gifts as a showman." - Nick Lewin, Vanish Magazine "A ridiculously entertaining book about [Spills] life and adventures as a journeyman magician trying to make a living from his art." Jack Shalom, segment producer, Arts Express, WBAI