

A Mike Close Perspective

I believe it was a Genii reviewer that commented that after reading/viewing a Mike Close trick explanation he realized how woefully inadequate and superficial most other magic instruction is. From my perspective, nobody develops performance items better than Mike. The depth of thought is incredible and he only seems to publish what he performs. I never get the feeling that he publishes hypothetical crap. Admittedly, there's nothing he does that is extremely simple and a lot of it is damn difficult.

To those that followed Mike through his years at Magic Magazine, you know there was a period when he became disillusioned and downright cranky. Maybe looking at all the crap that comes out month after month finally gets to you. He seems to be past that now and I, for one, am glad.

What brought this to mind, was my development of some new strolling routines and I, again, read and began working on his *Pothole Trick* and *Dr. Strangetrick*. The latter is the most inexplicable and refined version of *Card Warp* ever created and *The Pothole Trick* must be one of the top 10 close up tricks of all time.

His revised *Workers* series - available in ebook format - and his L&L DVDs are magical treasures. If they are not on your shelf - they should be.

Take care.....



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Things I'm Thankful for:

I'm thankful that I'm not downwind from Steve Brooks after his Thanksgiving meal

I'm thankful for holy men like Stephen F. Youell to monitor our morals

I'm thankful for Thomas Wayne so we can all feel better about the bastards in our personal lives

I'm thankful that Harry Lorayne has allowed we mere mortals to exist on the

same planet

I'm thankful there are so many pricks in magic that there is always something to write about

and remember.....

I believe that every human has a finite number of heart-beats. I don't intend to waste any of mine running around doing exercises.

- Neil Armstrong