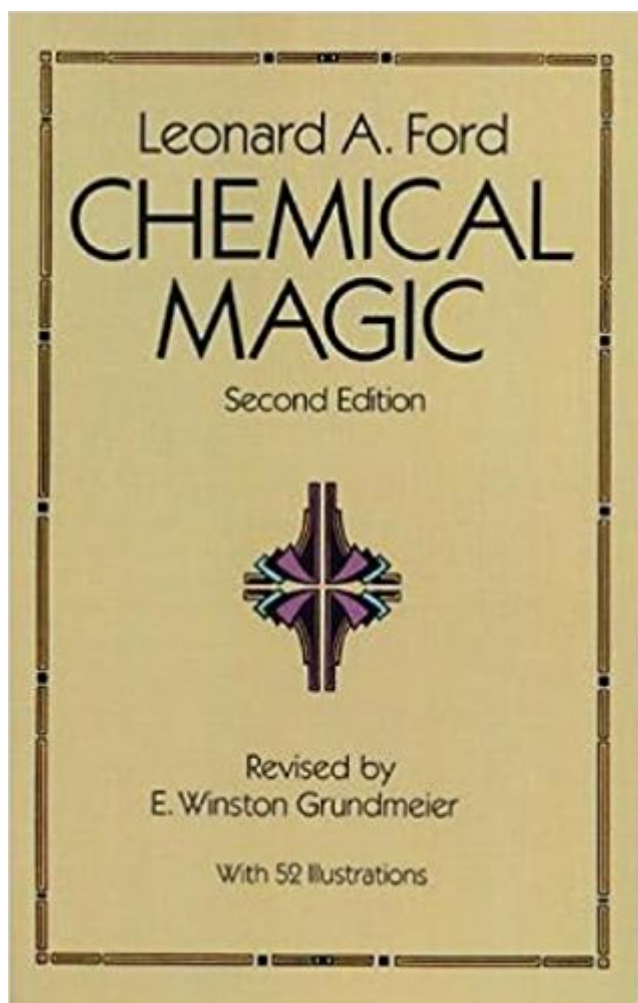




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The experiments in this book are pretty accurate and quite likely to perform as described. However, the level of danger involved makes many of them unsuited to the 'magician performance show' setting the book advocates. Almost every demonstration described should only be performed by an experienced chemist with much more safety procedures implemented than are explained. The 'magical' portion of a show using the procedures from this book would be completing the performance without injuring the presenter and those in the audience. DO NOT ATTEMPT anything from this book until you have a complete understanding of the safe handling methods for each chemical involved (reactant and product) and the energy released. It is quite easy to fill a room with poisonous gas, splatter acid, and/or send flying debris from explosions throughout a room with these experiments. I am far from a 'safety nut' and do enjoy the more volatile experiments over today's standard classroom chemistry. However, there is still a line between fun and negligence. As I have found out the hard way, small miscalculations can turn a fun puff of smoke into a dangerous detonation.

Thank you

Slick. As an educator with a ton of chemistry training, I'm always saying that we need more ways to play around with chemistry like how we play with physics. This book is just dangerous enough to be exciting. Some of these "experiments" will really hint at what to love and what to fear in chemistry. Good stuff.

This book presents some chemistry experiments that are a real safety hazard by today's standards. Only trained chemists should perform these magic tricks. No chemical equations are listed, which decreases the educational value of this book.

Typical book but the bad thing is that many chemicals (at least in Mexico) are hard to find, unless you have a permit from the Army due some chemicals are used on explosives. Also, very thin book.

Somewhat dated. Some of the ingredients listed are absolutely impossible to acquire this day in age. Good reading though.

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My husband loved this book...chock full of useful information for the home science experiments..

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