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Review

“This book is a celebration and a revelation. Highly recommended.”
(*Genii Magazine* 2011-12-20)

“By following some of the world's leading magicians and fully participating in the scene as a kind of sorcerer's apprentice, [Jones] shines a light on [the] community.”
(*The Independent* 2011-10-20)

“Readable, scholarly . . . and personal. . . . A fascinating account of an anthropologist visiting another world.”
(Peter M. Nardi *Los Angeles Review Of Books* 2012-10-14)

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(*Maxim* 2011-09-20)

“Studded with humor, insights, revelations about deceptions being created and destroyed.”
(*Magicana* 2011-10-05)

“Fascinatingly lays bare the craft, mores, sociology, anthropology and tendencies of magic. . . . It's also quite funny.”
(Brian Reffin Smith, U.K. *Leonardo Reviews* 2012-10-31)

“Fascinating. . . . [Jones's] writing is lively and engaging; *Trade of the tricks* will fascinate specialist and non-specialist readers alike.”
(Matthew Solomon, University of Michigan *Journal Royal Anthro Inst (Jrai)* 2012-11-12)

“There is a lot to appreciate in this book. . . . The shrewd magician will read it.”
(*Genii Magazine* 2012-01-25)

“Compelling and original. . . . A learned and witty excursion through the rituals of an ancient craft with a fascinating history.”
(Susan Terrio *American Anthropologist* 2013-06-01)

From the Inside Flap

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“A witty, learned, engaging trip through the world of French magic, *Trade of the Tricks* builds intriguing ideas on the deep knowledge that comes from prolonged, intensive observation.” —Howard Becker, author of *Art Worlds* and *Outsiders*

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Graham M. Jones is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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