



## Cool Science Tricks

50 fantastic feats for kids of all ages

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*'Kids of all ages' eh? Well, a book that instructs you how to do 50 cool experiments that will impress your friends is actually pretty cool. After all, you're never too old to have fun!*

Oh, where to start with this one? I normally try to find in my reviews any bad aspects of the text, give a list of the chapters and a little context and so on. But all of that just seems so irrelevant here. This is such a fun and interesting book that it needs little if any help or talking up from me. What I will say is that if even a fraction of what is included here had been part of the school curriculum when I was a young school boy, I would have enjoyed science far, far more.

All the experiments certainly look like fun. I'd be fibbing if I'd done all of them, or even half of them, but I genuinely have tried a few, and here are some of my favourites (not that I claim to have properly done them all). 'Super Cool Water', is a way to make a bottle of common-or-garden mineral water freeze solid in an instant. 'The balloon on a skewer' trick, involves a blown-up balloon surviving being impaled on a knitting needle. Probably my favourite of many favourites, though, is the 'Incredible self-crushing can', in which a tin can gets dropped into a saucepan of water and implodes!

So really, if you want to learn some fun science type stuff, or get your kids interested in it, or just want to impress your friends with a few party tricks, then give this book a try! Have fun.

9 sausages out of 10

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