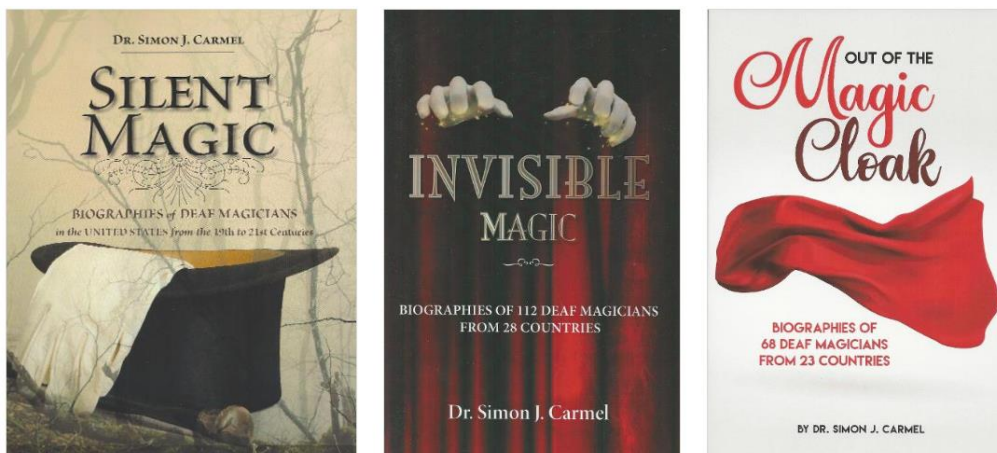


SIMON J. CARMEL, DEAF BIOGRAPHER-HISTORIAN, ANNOUNCES HIS THREE BOOKS ON 200 DEAF MAGICIANS FROM 38 COUNTRIES



SILENT MAGIC: Biographies of Deaf Magicians in the United States from the 19th to 21st Centuries

To describe magic and magicians, you would probably use such words as visual, patter, sound and music. But what if three of those items were gone? Poof! Vanished! Would there—could there—still be magic without “patter” and “sound” and “music?” You bet. Welcome to the wonderful world of deaf magic and deaf magicians! This biographical book profiles fifty-nine deaf and hard of hearing magicians in the United States, involved with the art of conjuring from the 19th to the 21st centuries.

Kevin James, Comedy Illusionist of Las Vegas, Nevada, wrote, “*Dr. Simon J. Carmel’s book is not only a great historical resource, but also it illustrates many personal struggles and triumphs as well. These men and women all shared two very strong common interests: they are or were all deaf, and they all have or had a love for the art of magic. I learned much after reading each story. For instance, I never knew Okito was deaf and that was the reason he created a silent act to music. I applaud Dr. Carmel for all the inspiration and years of effort in creating this important work!*”

INVISIBLE MAGIC: Biographies of 112 Deaf Magicians from 28 Countries

From their “cloak of invisibility,” deaf magicians have entertained on stages around the world, but many hearing audiences never knew they existed. In his second book on the subject, Dr. Simon J. Carmel profiles over one hundred deaf and hard of hearing magicians from 28 countries. In 2008, Dr. Carmel—himself a deaf magician—wrote *Silent Magic*, which contained the biographies of 59 deaf magicians in the United States. This new book is based on interviews and research he conducted over the past five decades regarding lives of these special people from many different countries. Dozens of inspirational and heart-warming stories document how they persisted to overcome challenges in striving for their love of magic.

Deaf magicians do not have it easy. In addition to the foibles and problems that every human being faces, they have the extra difficulty of living in a soundless world. Not only can’t they hear but most choose not to speak on stage. There is a world of no patter, of no oral distractions, of music they cannot hear. Deaf magicians have succeeded in spite of these challenges. You can read their stories and cheer their successes in this 400-page lively book (2013) which also includes many rare illustrations and photographs of those who, until now have been invisible to most of the world.

OUT OF THE MAGIC CLOAK: Biographies of 68 Deaf Magicians from 23 Countries

A court entertainment for a province governor in the Ottoman Empire, a Nigerian street performer, a North Korean champion: Once again, Dr. Simon J. Carmel pulls hidden stars out of his magic cloak with 68 new biographies of deaf magicians from around the world. Meet those who perform daily and others who never set foot on stage. Some are carrying on their family’s magical tradition, others are known better for their inventions. One is more famous for his magic with kits. Another made his living as a photographer. One colorful character possibly pretended deafness to dupe his audiences.

Plus Dr. Carmel dedicates a chapter to Harry Houdini, the famous American illusionist and escapist, and the Deaf Community of his day. Discover little known resources detailing his performances and interaction with deaf people—revealed in this book for the first time.

In his book—***Out of the Magic Cloak***, Dr. Carmel has carried on that legacy, demonstrating the unifying power of magic that knows no border, time, or status. From Norway to Niger, in grass huts and nightclubs, in schools and homes, in 1860 or 2019, magic has entered as a beautiful melody in these individuals’ silent worlds, opening new roads of communication, new connections, and new relationships.

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