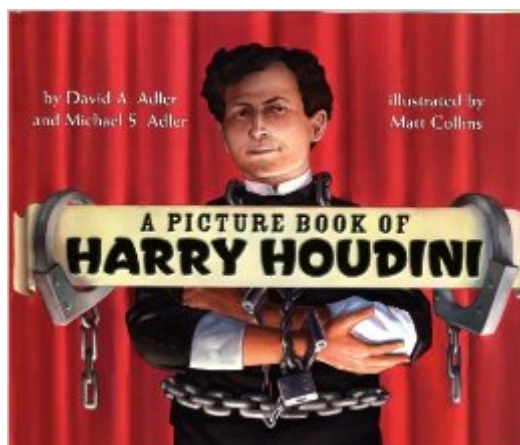


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# A Picture Book Of Harry Houdini (Picture Book Biography)



## Synopsis

Harry Houdini repeatedly amazed audiences around the globe with his death-defying acts and illusions. With his wife, Bess, often by his side, he freed himself from ropes, handcuffs, and prison cells. Though Harry was always intrigued by magic, his life was not always so glamorous. His family was extremely poor, and as a boy he shined shoes to help them make ends meet. Yet a career in magic was always in the cards. Readers will be mesmerized by this captivating picture book biography.

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When the Weisz family emigrated from Budapest, Hungary to Appleton, Wisconsin in the late 1800s, their name was changed to Weiss. Times were tough and young Ehrich tried to help out the family finances by "selling newspapers and shining shoes." His father, Rabbi Weiss, taught Hebrew and money was very tight. Erich was a little worker and when he was nine he briefly worked in a "five-cent" circus and later, when he was eleven, got a job working with a locksmith. It wasn't long before he could open all the locks "without keys." Unbeknownst to him he was setting the stage for his future and his own name change. Harry Houdini, as Ehrich came to be known, would be one of the world's greatest "escape artists and magicians in history." His passion for magic began when with simple card tricks, magic that doesn't thrill people, but when he "added escape tricks" he began

to attract a lot of attention. Lock `em up! When he went to a new town he went to the jailhouse and requested he be securely locked into a cell. Nothing seemed to be able to hold him and small town newspaper stories hyped up the story and people began to flock to his shows. He defied anyone to keep him captive, but no one could. The escapes became more and more elaborate and extremely exciting. Harry soon became an international star. What heights would his tricks take him? Could he survive a bridge jump "locked in chains" or would he drown trying?The age group that would be interested in this nicely written biography of Harry Houdini also seems to be fascinated with amateur magic tricks.

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