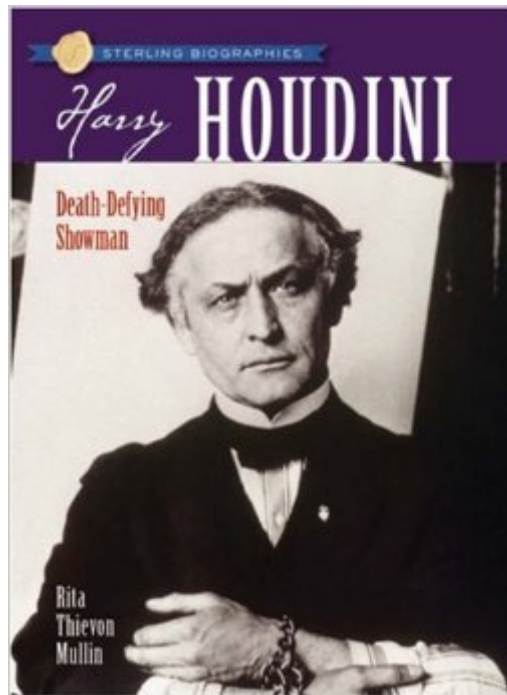


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## Synopsis

With his seemingly impossible escapes and incredible feats of illusion, Harry Houdini lived a life so fantastic that it seems almost too amazing even for fiction. Beyond his on-stage magic, Houdini also made his mark as an airplane pioneer, movie star, and debunker of frauds. His renown extended from his childhood home in Appleton, Wisconsin to Europe to Sydney, Australia. Children will thrill as they read about his seemingly superhuman successes—including when Houdini, hanging by his ankles and wrapped in a straightjacket, managed to free himself in less than three minutes. The biography also delves into Houdini's impoverished childhood, his close relationship with his family, his start in show business—and how he managed some of his famous tricks.

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Even though this book is written as an educational biography for students, it is also an excellent book for adults. Just about every page has historical photos of either Houdini himself or playbills advertising his act. A lot of his most famous stunts are explained (including how he managed to do most of them!). His early life is covered. He did not attend much school. Instead he worked as a shoeshine boy and newspaper seller. He was not immediately successful in his career but kept at it, becoming very famous and wealthy in his day. I look forward to reading other Sterling biographies.

Short and sweet. Good for kids.

this is the 3rd book i have read in my life aand this is what i think about it.Many people4 know who harry houdini is is is titled the best escape artist in the world. I agree but is the author of this book really legit? Does she really know what she is talking about well in my review on this book you will find out all of my opinions on this book..Harry Houdini is born Ehrich Weiss March 24th 1847.Thats when it began one of the worlds best escape artist has shocked the world.Harry Houdini written by Rita Thievon Mullin.This book was a very great educational book.The Book is a Biography about Harry Houdini,the book has very deatailed information and well reconizable photos.It wells explains his life as a child from being a teenager and running off to the circus.I recomend this to Kids 7-12 being that the book is not entirely resourceful to all subjects.It is just a short 119 page bio on Harry Houdini.Rita does include some of Harry's most notable and famous tricks he has ever done such as,the coffin trick where he was under 6 feet of water in a 90 degree enclosed space.Rita does write that harry houdini had a burst in his abdomen and a man was beatin Harry as he just took it.I know that tat man should of been Killed for Murdering Mr.Houdini.Allthough this book has many facts and interesting things about houdini it is reliable mabey on 50% of the time.The author spends too much time on small things.Rita didnt even include many deatails i feel she could of done a little better on this

A lovely and thoughtfully written book.

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