

# A review of Larry Anderson's JawDroppers DVDs

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I've bought a lot of magic books, tapes and DVDs. Most are just a bunch of so-so tricks, filler material and seem rather "old hat". Larry Anderson, a magician who knows what "plays" to the public has developed a wonderful, and completely practical magic course on four DVDs.



Just who is Larry Anderson? You never heard of him either? Well... he oversaw the production of the now-famous Mark Wilson Course in Magic, became a technical advisor on Bill Bixby's TV series *The Magician*, secured the lead role in the Australian road show of *The Magic Show*, and appeared on the *Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson...!

Larry seems to like the same sort of magic I do – "hit-between-the-eyes" killer magic. Not convoluted tricks that bore the audience, but magic that has a beginning, middle and a wonderful, powerful end. Tricks that are quick and extremely entertaining, too.

Jaw Droppers is a 4 DVD "course" that teaches you how to entertain your friends at any other social gathering and guaranteed to make you the "life of the party".

The 81 tricks are designed to be easy to do, and cause your audience to "drop their jaws" in astonishment!

What I like about these well-produced disks is that he begins each DVD with an introduction to the basics of magic and performing. (Practice, secrecy, not repeating a trick, etc.) It's a good introduction and I truly hope that his viewers take it to heart, as it will ensure their success with this course.

(Note: The new DVD version makes learning so much easier. I had the original VHS tapes, but the problem with tapes is that to find certain tricks, you have to blindly fast-forward, rewind, etc... until you ultimately find what you're looking for. **With the new DVD version, you can find what you want in a flash!**



*The collection consists of four separate Volumes - each with a different theme:*

- ◆ VOL 1: Out of Thin Air – These are tricks that you can do almost totally impromptu, with borrowed objects or things just lying around. 22 effects.
- ◆ VOL 2: Ready, Set, Go – These great tricks are those which need just a little preparation. Wonderful stuff in here! 20 effects.
- ◆ VOL 3: Well Worth It – These are the tricks that will take more practice to learn, but they are "well worth it"! 17 effects.
- ◆ VOL 4: Cards, Cards, Cards – As far as magic goes, Larry and I must have been separated at birth. The type of card magic he and I like is the same: quick, killer magic. (You won't see any "Oil & Water" tricks here!) 14 card tricks plus 10 bonus tricks\*.

The tricks are taught quite well. And, unlike most magic DVDs, he gets right to the point of the action. Each trick is shown as performed in a party situation, and then immediately following is the explanation.

He's even teaching some secrets that many other professionals and I would like to keep to ourselves. (He may be visited by the ghost of Slydini soon!)

For the price, \$59.95 (U.S.), you can't beat it! You also receive a bonus Svengali Deck and ten \*Bonus Tricks utilizing the Svengali Deck.

There is also a Volume 5, The Folding Coin, for an additional \$15.00 (total \$74.95). You get seven really neat tricks you can do with a folding coin. Oh, yes... you get a folding quarter, too.

Now, I must say that the folding quarter supplied is not of the best, professional quality. But, if you are just getting started, it will do just fine for now. Later, get a better one from Sasco or Johnson Products.

If you use a folding coin, the tip on where to get the bands is worth the price of the DVD! (I never knew that, Larry. Thank you!)

So, if you are just getting started in magic or just want to learn "a few tricks", I highly recommend this DVD series.

Surprisingly, as a professional magician, there were quite a few tricks in this series that I am using myself! Don't discount these DVDs just because they are for the "beginner" or the mainstream audience. This is a top-quality set that you will learn from and enjoy.

If you need some additional magic tricks that are easy to do, Jaw Droppers also sells some additional magic tricks on their web site that you can buy. (I like the Linking Mints trick myself.)