The Miracle Matchbox

This is an easy method to make a coin appear in a rather magical way. All you need is an empty matchbox (ask your Mom and Dad) and a single coin. I’d suggest you use a quarter for this effect.

The coin is hidden here

1. The secret of this effect is very simple. It works because of the way a matchbox does. All you have to do is pull open the drawer of the matchbox about 3/4 of the way open. Now take the coin and push it inside the box, flat against the top of the box. You want to wedge it between the top of the box and the back edge of the drawer. Once it’s in it will sit there firmly. Now you’re all ready.

2. When you’re set to perform the trick bring out the box and show it to your audience. Explain that you have an empty matchbox and show it around. You can actually show fairly freely just be careful not to turn it in such a way that the coin shows inside. Hold the box in one hand (finger on one end and thumb on the other) and snap the drawer shut. The coin will hit your thumb and fall in to the box.

You’ve produced a coin. Good going!

3. Now say a magic word, snap your fingers and open the box. The audience will be amazed to see that you have made a coin appear. The one thing to keep in mind while performing this effect is that the coin will make a little noise as it falls from it’s hiding place into the box. You might want to snap your fingers or say something at that moment to help hide the noise. This is a great way to produce a coin that you can then use in another effect. That comes later in the book.