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J. B. Rivard

Almost everyone is familiar with the illustrations in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. However, the number of illustrated novels published--for adult readers--declined steadily from the beginning to the middle of the 20th century, although not for lack of popularity. *Illusions of Magic* dares a return to the edgy, swirling arts of the illustrated story, with pen and ink illustrations by the novel's author, Joseph B. "J. B." Rivard, supplementing this exciting story.

As a young child, Rivard began drawing by copying newspaper comics. In his teens, he drew illustrations for his high school's award-winning yearbook. He attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, and his artworks have appeared in more than fifty juried exhibitions, earning many prizes and awards. He's an artist-member of the Salmagundi Club of New York City.

Rivard's writing draws on wide experience--he served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from the University of Florida, worked as a newspaper reporter, a magazine writer, and on the engineering staff of a U.S. National Laboratory where he wrote and co-authored many technical papers listed on Google Scholar.

His broad background supports a wide array of significant publications, from short stories to song lyrics, from essays to novels. His most recent book is *Dead Heat to Destiny: Three Lives and a Spy* (2022), a novel of World War I. Articles by J.B. have recently appeared in *The American Legion Magazine*, *Sea Classics Magazine*, *Writers Digest.com*, *Military History Now.com*, the *Journal of AAHS* (American Aviation History Society), and other print and digital publications.

Visit the author's web-site at: www.illusionsofmagic.com

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Illusions of Magic:



Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago

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A magician short of bookings

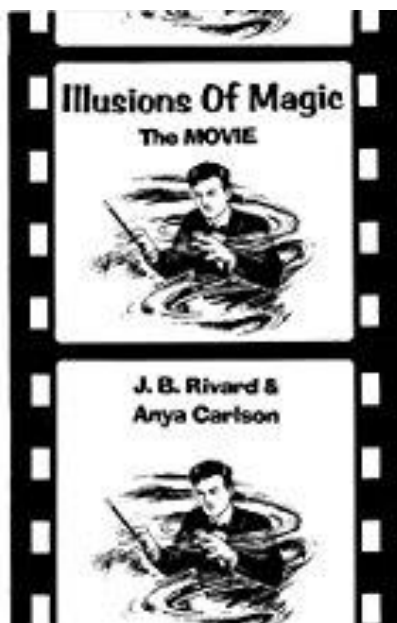
A banker with a secret

A woman missing for 20 years

In *Illusions of Magic*, a rich and devious banker engages magician Nick Zetner to retrieve compromising photos. Along the way, Nick regains a love he thought he'd forever lost. As Chicago reels from the fatal wounding of its mayor by a bullet meant for Franklin D. Roosevelt, love and duty clash, the quest risks Nick's magic . . . then turns deadly.

Illusions of Magic: The Movie

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Illusions of Magic: The Movie merges the fictional adventures and love affair of a magician with true life drama--the shooting of Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak. From the gritty streets to the smoky back rooms where 1933 Chicago's future is to be decided, this rocket read unveils the magician's perilous quest and the excitement of his recovered love during Mayor Cermak's final nineteen days.

Using the "mind's eye," aural keys, and an easy-to-follow format, the text encourages a cinematic experience of the story taken from Rivard and Carlson's screenplay adaptation of the acclaimed novel.

Low on Gas - High on Sky

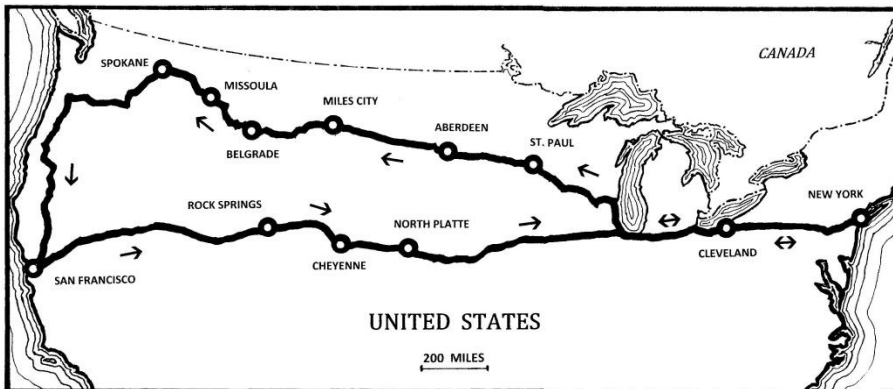
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Long before the days of jets, noted Spokane pilot Nick Mamer and co-pilot Art Walker set an awe-inspiring record. They flew from Spokane, Washington to San Francisco, to New York, and from New York back to Spokane—*without landing*. This is the true story of the 1929 flight—during which their airplane was again and again refueled in the air with ropes and hose—by other daring airmen flying wood-and-fabric biplanes.

For 6,200 miles, these two aviators in their single-engine biplane battled nearly empty gas tanks, hazardous mountain ranges, electrical storms, thirst, hunger, fatigue and sleep-deprivation to set the nonstop, transcontinental round trip record. This is a true aerial adventure that triumphs over seemingly impossible odds.

In preparing the book, I was fortunate to secure access to thousands of clippings, documents and photos preserved by the Mamer family. This, the first full-length book on Mamer, provides the inside story of the remarkable flight as well as a short biography of the man who led it.





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