

Covert Magic Iain Moran

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Member Iain Moran's first DVD has been highly anticipated. It has been produced by Big Blind Media, a new DVD producer. Mark Mason says, "As far as I'm concerned Iain is one of the UK's best kept secrets, his magic is clean, direct and always a killer". In *Covert Magic* we're treated to ten effects from Iain's professional repertoire. nine card effects and the final one, Iain's "Coin-ageddon", is his version of the 3-Fly plot for coins.

Several effects appealed to me, most notably "Triumphant", a lovely Triumph effect with a surprise ending that I didn't see coming and is extremely strong. I also liked, and now use, Iain's "Selection Erection/ Surprising Rising", a highly effective rising card effect, which ends clean and has several lovely subtleties in its presentation. "Covert Card" is a card transposition that looks truly magical.

Iain is a superb teacher and the effects are explained succinctly with helpful (and often amusing) insights from Owen Packard and Dave Forrest. I'd personally not recommend the DVD to beginners, but anyone with basic to intermediate card skills will have no problems with any of the effects. The DVD also includes most of the gaffed cards required for some of the effects, which is helpful. One thing I really liked was the fact that Iain's lecture notes are included as a PDF file on the DVD, so I could download and print them off.

The production values are superb, clearly shot and great multi-angles camera work for the explanations. I look forward to more releases from Big Blind Media and Iain Moran. Hopefully this DVD will enable Iain to become a better known "best kept secret" in the UK and beyond.

