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**Struggling magician Harvey Kendall is suspected of a murder he could not have committed, and he must now use his talents to pull off the greatest escape of his career, in a novel by Don Passman**

On the brink of stardom, struggling magician Harvey Kendall is fingered in a vicious murder when his DNA is found on the victim, placing him at the scene of the crime. With one unexpected twist and turn after another, readers are left on the edge of their seats wondering just what is trick and what is truth in the life of this man with a cutting (and often hilarious) sarcastic wit and smart-alec style.

Because of Harvey's background in illusion, he's a natural sleuth, noticing things that are often overlooked by everyone else. Knowing full well he is innocent, Harvey sets out on a dangerous path to vindicate himself and find the real killer before the case turns into a disappearing act from which he will never return.

In a race against the clock, Harvey must prove his innocence by convincing everyone what exactly is truth and what is pure illusion in what will be the greatest escape act in the life and career of *The Amazing Harvey*.

## The Amazing Harvey: A Mystery Details

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### Louis says

Harvey Kendall is a magician who is waiting for his big break. Unfortunately, this means he must work as a substitute teacher in Los Angeles, far from the greener pastures (for magicians anyway) of Las Vegas. He becomes the primary suspect in the murder of a woman he has never met. His DNA is found on the body. Armed with his magic skills (which make him a natural as a detective) Harvey now has to find the difference between illusion and reality. His life rides on it. This book works as a first effort. Harvey's self-deprecating humor and enthusiasm for magic make him a sympathetic and even lovable hero. Not the greatest mystery but a fun diversion and a promising beginning if there are to be more cases for Harvey to solve.

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### Anita says

Very enjoyable - quick read.

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### Pix Smith says

Not a bad book. As a magician also, some of the stuff felt trite, and some felt a little precious, but all in all, the thinking of the main character is entirely believable. I thought the crime was an interesting one, the plot moved well, and very little of the story felt terribly contrived. I like it enough to want to see more of Harvey, so all in all, I call it a win.

Nothing heavy, some interesting thinking on the plot, and a set of folks that I'd definitely want to hang out with, and that make me hope Passman has more up his sleeve for Harvey's world.

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### Janet says

This is the cleverest mystery I've read in a long time. It was fascinating to watch Henry's reasoning skills. The book reads like a magic trick. Seemingly impossible to figure out until the grand reveal, and the subsequent explanation makes it all seem so obvious and entirely too possible. Very, very well done.

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### Krissy says

Fun little mystery. Good characters. Harvey and Hannah were interesting (but I wasn't a huge fan of Carly.) Loved Lisa the Magic Cockatiel. Also enjoyed the Los Angeles setting. Have been dying to visit the Magic Castle for most of my life, and thought it was fun when Harvey did his magic show at the Sportsmen's Lodge. My sister-in-law and her husband had their wedding reception there and my husband and I loaded in equipment through the back entrance, just like Harvey did. It was fun to re-visit the ponds and pathways. Would absolutely read any more books with Harvey in them!

### **Jasmine Walston says**

A quick read for me. The main character's amusing dialogue had a way of keeping dark subjects light. Overall I enjoyed it, though there were a few scenes that felt unnecessary (maybe they were a way of magician's misdirect that I just didn't register?)

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### **Dottie Gariti says**

Enjoyed this book and I look forward to many more with this character. I like self-deprecating humor a lot, and this one is full with it. Harvey is a struggling magician and the author goes a little overboard describing some of the tricks, sometimes the book could almost be a magician's manual, but it adds to the story. The way the crime is solved is a little, or a lot, contrived but the basic premise has been in some other mysteries lately so it was not surprise. In fact if someone watches crime drama or reads mysteries often you could find yourself screaming out the solution early on. Harvey is so likable though it doesn't matter, I hope the next one is in the works.

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### **Robin Henderson says**

I found it to be an entertaining quick read.

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### **Katrina says**

This novel is supposed to be a mystery, yet the mystery seems to be an after thought to Harvey whining about his lot in life. Harvey does not even seem at all bothered by what he is accused of until it's almost too late. He keeps on going, meeting people who are given very little development. You think they will connect to the mystery somehow, yet the mystery resolves suddenly, the answer seemingly coming out of nowhere, coming from one detail mentioned earlier in the novel that isn't elaborated on. The premise sounded good, but the lack of detail and attention given to the mystery really holds this novel back.

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### **Cecilya says**

i tried and tried to read this book. i only made it half way through within about half a month of reading. i read the little bit in the jacket "oh wow framed for murder - a magician - im so on board!" the murder really just feels like an after thought, and i wanted more of the focus to be there. Also, the main character, Harvey, is kind of a d-bag most of the time. THEN the discussion of the morality of abortion is brought up for a GOOD BIT of the book and yeah... i just couldn't do anymore. i was able to push through the boredom and general disinterest in the story because i really wanted to know how his DNA ended up with the victim but the aggressive pro-life junk just killed it for me. i'm dropping out.

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### **Jo says**

This book was captivating from the first page. As a reader, I immediately connected with the main character, Harvey, and wanted him to win his criminal case. I enjoyed the writing as well as the depth the author goes for the audience to understand the emotions behind his characters. I did not guess the ending and was greatly shocked on who the killer was.

This was a great quick and fun mystery that I would love to read again someday.

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### **Steve Tetreault says**

I like a mystery story that trades on a unique characteristic of the protagonist, and this story delivered. The Amazing Harvey is accused of a crime and manages to use the skills he's learned as a magician to solve the case before he ends up in jail. I found the main character to be enjoyable. The characterizations were a little uneven - some characters seem nicely fleshed-out, while others felt a bit one-dimensional. But overall, this story was a solid beach read, without a doubt (even though my fish-belly-paleness hates the beach).

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### **Kirk Hanley says**

The Amazing Harvey was a pleasant read, funny in a lot of places, with a mystery that really help together in the end. Harvey is a character I wouldn't mind spending time with again, and I hope this is the beginning of a series. That being said, I think the book could have used a bit of editing. It was a little repetitive in places and the pace was uneven. Some scenes breezed by and others were described in somewhat excruciating detail. But really, these are minor quibbles. If you want a light read, it's a book I can recommend.

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### **Judy Green says**

Fun and delightful.

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### **A. Jr. says**

I enjoyed the plot and the Los Angeles backdrop throughout the story. This is more of a 4.5 Star rating.

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