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This new edition from Charles & Wonder restores Erdnase’s classic text to its original condition, reversing decades of modification that have gradually effaced the author’s writing. Edited by Erdnase specialist Marty Demarest, this edition also features remastered illustrations, and for the first time includes a complete index to Erdnase’s groundbreaking work.

The Expert at the Card Table is an essential book for anyone interested in card cheating, gambling, magic and sleight of hand, or---as the original title page puts it---“Artifice, Ruse and Subterfuge at the Card Table.” This restored edition is the ideal handbook for the “professional,” the “unlicked cub” and anyone who desires to leave “the annual crop of suckers” and learn to think like a true expert.

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