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# Book Review

**Title:** The Magic Shop #2: The Incredible Twisting Arm

**Author:** Kate Egan with Magician Mike Lane

**Illustrator:** Eric Wight

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**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

Learning magic has made Mike's life a lot easier, but he wants to be able to spend more time at the White Rabbit. He decides to try to prove to his parents that he's more responsible so that they will allow him to ride his bike to the magic store, but he keeps messing up. When his teacher announces in class that there will be an extra credit opportunity for anyone who can come up with a demonstration about everyday science for everyone in the fourth grade, Mike decides to use magic to earn extra credit and prove that he is responsible enough for extra privileges.

Just like the first book in the series, *The Incredible Twisting Arm* shows examples of magic tricks with instructions and then incorporates them into the plot of the story. Adults will like that Mike uses his hobby to become better in school and to make new friends. It's a good example of a main character wanting to be more grown up, struggling to do so, but finally figuring out how to be more responsible. The instructions for the magic tricks in the book will make the book an interactive adventure for young magicians and readers.