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A Blog About Science... ...and Other Interestingness



About

I'm Joe Hanson, Ph.D. biologist and host/writer of PBS Digital Studios' *It's Okay To Be Smart*. Check out my "Episode Extras" [here](#). There's a lot of amazing science out there. Let's go discover it together.

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Neuroscience Meets Magic

Neuroscientists Stephen Macknik and Susana Martinez-Conde observe master gentleman magician/pickpocket Apollo Robbins and explain how he uses the human brain against itself. The direction, and misdirection, of our brain's attention tendencies are at the core of every great illusion.

I'm not sure which is more amazing, the neuroscience at play here or the amazing magic.

"Did you just take his wallet? He just took that guy's wallet!"

(Video by [Scientific American](#))

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