

# **Matthew Hutson**

## **Author at**

New York, NY, US

Science Writer

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## **Biography**

Matthew Hutson is the author of *The 7 Laws of Magical Thinking: How Irrational Beliefs Keep Us Happy, Healthy, and Sane* (Penguin/Hudson Street, 2012). He has a B.S. in cognitive neuroscience from Brown University and an M.S. in science writing from MIT. He's a former editor at *Psychology Today* and has also written for *Wired*, *The Atlantic*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and others. He lives in New York City.

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## **Availability**

Moderator, Panelist, Author Appearance

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## **Industry Expertise**

Writing and Editing, Media - Online, Media - Print

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Psychology, Superstition, Irrationality

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## **Sample Talks**

### **The 7 Laws of Magical Thinking**

An overview of the psychology behind superstition, religion, and belief in the supernatural, including ways in which magical thinking can hold us back or help us to succeed in our daily lives.

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## **Event Appearances**

### **Power: From Corruption to Innovation**

The Greater Institute Conference

### **This Is Your Mind on Science Writing**

Communicating Science to Society

### **Rational Irrationality**

The 10 Conference

## **The 7 Laws of Magical Thinking**

Author Talk

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### **Education**

#### **Brown University**

B.S. Cognitive Neuroscience

#### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

M.S. Science Writing

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### **Accomplishments**

#### **Author**

Author of *The 7 Laws of Magical Thinking: How Irrational Beliefs Keep Us Happy, Healthy, and Sane* (Penguin/Hudson Street, 2012)

#### **Science Writer at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory**

Wrote about physics and lab life for *FermiNews*, *Fermilab Today*, and press material.

#### **Senior Science Writer at Sally Ride Science**

Produced content for magazines, books, and electronic media mostly aimed at younger readers. Includes work for *HowStuffWorks*, *The Planetary Society*, and *NASA*.

#### **News Editor at Psychology Today**

In charge of front-of-the-book, health, and personality sections. Also wrote features and Web content. Helped develop and maintain a network of several hundred bloggers.

#### **Freelance Science Journalist**

Writer for *Wired*, *Discover*, *Scientific American Mind*, *Psychology Today*, *Popular Mechanics*, *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, and *The New York Times Magazine*.

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