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Description

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.

Availability

Moderator, Panelist, Author Appearance

Industry Expertise

Writing and Editing, Media - Online, Media - Print

Topics

Psychology, Superstition, Irrationality

Affiliations

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.

Past Talks

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

Education

Brown University

B.S. Cognitive Neuroscience

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

M.S. Science Writing

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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