**Magic**

**Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. *(Arthur C. Clarke)***

**Autumn is the magic time of year when your pool is no longer filled with the neighbors' kids -- it's filled with the neighbors' leaves. *(Earl Wilson)***

**Doctor: "This colonoscopy will take less than an hour, Mr. Pickles, and there should be very little discomfort. What I'm doing is looking inside your colon for polyps or Holy Cow! Look what I found! A rabbit!" Pickles: "All the gastroenterologists in the world, and I have to get one who thinks he's a magician!" *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**For a comedy to work, magic has to happen. *(Bradley Cooper, American actor, director, and producer)***

**Bad week for: Dark magic, after a Texas third-grader was suspended from school because he told a friend he could make him disappear using a Hobbit-inspired ring of power. "I assure you my son lacks the magical powers necessary to threaten his friend's existence," said the boy's father. "If he did, *I'm sure he'd bring him right back." (The Week magazine, February 13, 2015)***

**Magic doesn't come to those who don't expect it*. (Diana Vreeland)***

**Those who don't believe in magic will never find it. *(Roald Dahl)***

**Ultimately, magic finds you, if you let it. *(Tony Wheeler, in Fast Company)***

**Genius is another word for magic, and the whole point of magic is that it is inexplicable*. (Margot Fonteyn, in The Magic of Dance)***

**I once had a car with a delay cut-off switch for the headlights, which allowed me to walk from my car to my home with a clearly lit path. This convenience, however, had some disadvantages. When I left my car in parking lots, well-meaning people often called out to say I'd forgotten the lights. Then I usually had to explain. One night as I rushed from my car toward the supermarket, a man in a car lowered his window as I passed and told me about "the lights." Just then, I turned toward my car, folded one arm over the other and blinked "I-Dream-of-Jeannie" style. At that precise moment, the headlights turned off. I leaned down toward the astonished man, thanked him and hurried into the store. *(Lynn DuBois, in Reader's Digest)***

**The art of a magician is to create wonder. If we live with a sense of wonder, then our lives become filled with joy. *(Doug Henning, magician)***

**A man who hid behind a woman's skirts used to be called a coward -- today he's a magician. *(Lord Dewar, in Reader's Digest)***

**Jean-Eugene Robert-Houdin (1805-1871) was a French magician who is widely considered to be the father of modern conjuring. Robert-Houdin studied clock-making as a young man, but an accidental shipment of books on magic tricks piqued his curiosity and he began studying with a local magician, Robert-Houdin became so adept at sleight of hand and other tricks that he earned enough money to open his own theater. He was an early proponent of electricity when he saw its usefulness in magic. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Ziggy: “I must be a magician ‘cause when I do my card tricks, all my friends disappear!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**It’s like magic. When you live by yourself, all your annoying habits are gone! (Merrill Markoe)**

**It’s like being in a kaleidoscope as you’re moving around on the carousal and seeing the lights and patterns. It’s sort of a magical world. *(Barbara Fahs Charles)***

**The Aramaic word for Magi is Magoshey. Its root is derived from the Babylonian and Persian word Magno, meaning receptive. It is from this root that our words magnetic and magic are derived conveying the impression of greatness by means of wonders. The Magi, however, were not kings as usually pictured. The Magi were Chaldean astrologers, soothsayers, fortune tellers, and sun worshippers. Being the great astronomers of their day, they studied the stars and planets in connection with their temple worship and as the result of their study, they were able to divide the years into months, weeks, and days. (George Lamsa, in Gospel Light, p. 12)**

**The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person. *(Vii Putnam, in Hard Hearts Are for Cabbages)***

**Parents can plant magic in a child's mind through certain words spoken with some thrilling quality of voice, some uplift of the heart and spirit. *(Robert MacNeil, in Wordstruck)***

**Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. *(Norman Vincent Peale)***

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**Mother rabbit to offspring: "A magician pulled you out of a hat -- now stop asking questions.." *(Franklin Folger, in Esquire magazine)***

**Bad week for: Red tape, after the Department of Agriculture demanded that magicians who use rabbits in their acts submit plans on how they'd save the animals in a natural disaster. Magician Gary Maurer said he would carry a note reading, "'Take rabbit with you when you leave.' That's my plan." *(The Week magazine, August 2, 2013)***

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**Choreographer George Balanchine, who put together the New York City Ballet's production of The Nutcracker, frequently broods over it. He sometimes complains, for example, when "visiting firemen" bring their children backstage. "The children, they think the snow is real, but then they see the snow machine and know it is fake," he says. He does not like it when this happens. George Bananchine believes in magic. *(John Corry, in New York Times)***

**Bad week for: Taking a stand, after a lawyer for Adam Johnson, 36, arrested after the Capitol riot, agreed that the instantly iconic photograph of his client cheerfully carrying off Speaker Nancy Pelosi's lectern could "be a problem" for his defense. "I'm not a magician," said attorney Dan Ekhart. *(The Week magazine, January 22, 2021)***

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**Thanksgiving dinner is truly a magical meal. It keeps reappearing for days. (Linda Perret)**

**The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper. *(Eden Phillpotts, in A Shadow Passes)***

**A friend got a request for a birthday present from his six-year-old daughter: "I want a magic wand. And I want one that works." *(Lenny Anderson, in Seattle Times)***

**Snatching the eternal out of the desperately fleeting is the great magic trick of human existence. *(Tennessee Williams, in New York Times)***

**Hammie: “Can I have a cookie?” Mom: “What’s the magic word?” Zoe: “I’m telling!” Mom: “I mean the magic word that works with me, not Zoe.” Zoe: “Oh, then, please?” (Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)**

**The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper*. (W. B. Yeats)***

**You’ll never catch the magician’s trick while looking him in the eye. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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