



## Reading

### **The most successful magician of all the times!**

The question often arises, who is the greatest magician of all time. Like all subjective questions, it's difficult to answer. But if you amend the question to, who is the most successful magician of all time? Then the question becomes very easy to answer. No doubt about it is David Copperfield.

David Seth Kotkin known professionally as David Copperfield, is an American magician, described by *Forbes* as the most successful magician in history.

Copperfield was born in New Jersey. When Copperfield was 10, he began practicing magic as "Davino the Boy Magician" in his neighborhood. At School, the clever kid sold tickets for his little magic show, he charged \$ 5 and he began to be recognized in his school. At age 12, he became the youngest person admitted to the Society of American Magicians. Shy and a solitary, the young Copperfield used magic as a way to fit.

He spent three years studying for his first important project, a musical called *The Magic Man* in Chicago. It was on this occasion that he adopted the stage name "David Copperfield", taken from the famous Charles Dickens novel because he liked the sound of it. Copperfield sang, danced and created most of the original illusions used in the show. *The Magic Man* became the longest-running musical in Chicago's history.

His glory ascended and spread throughout the world, becoming the most celebrated magician in history.

He performed unimaginable and amazing tricks such as crossing the Great Wall of China and flying on stage.

One of his most famous illusions occurred on television on April 8, 1983: when he disappear the Statue of Liberty in front of a live audience of 20 and cameras. Copperfield, raised the curtain before lowering it again a few seconds revealing that the space where the Statue of Liberty was empty. A helicopter flew over the space to give an aerial view of the illusion and the statue appeared to be vanished, with only the circle of lights surrounding it still present

and visible. Before making the statue appear, Copperfield explained in front of the camera why he wanted to perform this illusion. He wanted people to imagine what it would be like if there were no liberty or freedom in the world today and what the world would be like without the freedoms and rights we enjoy. Copperfield then brought the statue back

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**Answer the next questions:**

1. Where is David Copperfield from?

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2. Who describes Copperfield as the most successful magician in history?

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3. How old was Copperfield when he started practicing magic?

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4. What was his first nickname as magician?

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5. Where was Copperfield accepted when he was 12?

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6. How was Copperfield as a child?

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7. What was the name of his first important project?

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8. Why did he change his magician name?

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9. What is his most famous illusion?

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10. Why did he do this illusion?

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