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“The Modern Con Man: How To Get Something for Nothing ... aims to effect a renaissance in these peculiarly American dark arts. These gentlemen are experts in the pool-hall hustle, the train-station grift, the boozy bar bet and every other sort of elegantly fixed wager from days of yore--with a modern twist.” ?*Metromix Los Angeles*

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“A Legend!” ?*New York Post on Todd Robbins*

“The Flim-Flam Maestro!” ?*New York magazine on Todd Robbins*

“The master of old-world deception.” ?*New York Newsday on Todd Robbins*

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Todd Robbins is a New York-based entertainer who has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, and *Good Morning America*, and stars in the DVD series *The Modern Con Man Collection*. **The Modern Con Man Collective** consists of Gadi Harel and Marcel Sarmiento, proprietors of the Los Angeles-based production company Hollywoodmade and creators of the *Modern Con Man Collection* DVD series, and Jack Silbert, a writer for the *New York Times*.

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