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An introduction to puppeteering in the MASTER CRAFTS series which demonstrates how to produce a puppet show. Includes information on how to make puppets, with hints and tips for operating them and ideas for making puppet theatres. Suitable for National Curriculum Key Stage 2/3.

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discusses finger and hand manipulation and presents an array of card tricks--some easy, others more difficult--that would form a strong repertoire for any beginner. In addition there is advice about using dialogue to gain and keep the attention of audiences. *Puppeteer* offers brief information about producing a show and practical guidance for giving puppets individual expression and character. Instructions for making several types of puppets are covered along with directions for the appropriate theaters. The creation and manipulation of the ancient Japanese Bunraku puppet, not usually found in a book for this age range, is included. Both titles have full-color photos, helpful line drawings, and brief glossaries. Some adult help will be needed in using both of these books. Group leaders will find *Puppeteer* quite useful. Judith L. Miller, formerly at Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, IN Copyright 1997 Cahners Business Information, Inc.