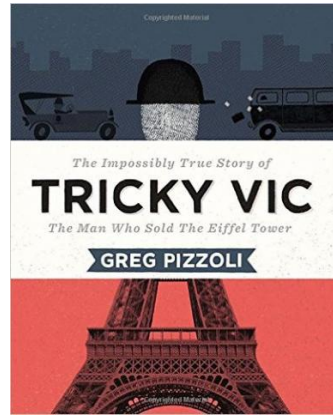


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*Listen with patience;
No fast talking;
Don't look bored;
Never boast - just exude importance;
Be tidy ...*

From *Ten Commandments for Con Men*
By Count Victor Lustig

Once there was a man who was wanted by forty-two different law-enforcement agencies throughout the world.

So good was this "con man"—short for "confidence man"—that he was able to carry-out countless scams for decades.

How did he do it?

He spoke English, plus several European languages—including Russian—and masterfully portrayed himself as someone he was not. Nearly everyone he duped would never have predicted they were a con man's "mark."

His parents gave him the name Robert Miller, but he called himself Victor Lustig—together with at least thirty more fake identities.

Let's meet the real Miller / Lustig.

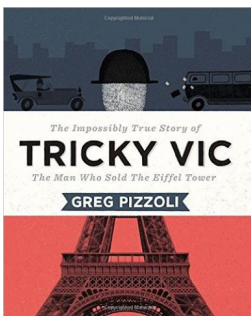
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Greg Pizzoli's picture biography tells the tale of Robert Miller—also known as Count Victor Lustig—one of the 20th Century's most-notorious con men.

Included in the book are sidebars which help students to better understand the context of the story and the times in which "Tricky Vic" lived.

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