

"Cold reading is a deceptive psychological strategy. Among other things, it can be used by someone who is not psychic to give what seem to be a (sic) very convincing psychic readings."

--Ian Rowland

"They tell the subjects nothing, but make guesses, put out suggestions, and ask questions. This is a very deceptive art, and the unwary observer may come away believing that unknown data was developed by some wondrous means. Not so."

--James Randi

Psychics (Part 2) and Cold Reading

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<http://www.physics.smu.edu/pseudo/Secrets>

<http://www.physics.smu.edu/pseudo/ColdReading>



James "The Amazing" Randi
Magician, Skeptic, Debunker
Head of the James Randi
Educational Foundation (JREF),
which offers a (still-unclaimed)
\$1,000,000 prize for "...
anyone who can produce
evidence of paranormal
abilities under controlled
conditions."



Uri Geller, famous claimed psychic with
the power to bend spoons, detect water,
and other powers.



John Edward,
famous TV
psychic and
medium.
Claims the
ability to speak
to the dead.

Orson Welles on “Cold Reading”

