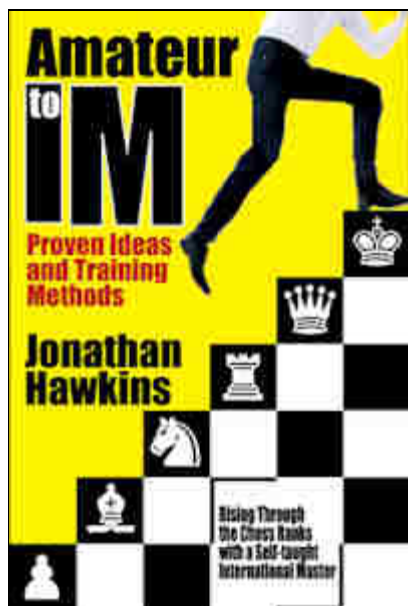




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Amateur to IM: Proven Ideas and Training Methods

by Jonathan Hawkins

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International Master Jonathan Hawkins was a relatively slow starter in the world of chess. Learning the game at the age of eight, he was a keen junior who won a number of local tournaments. But by his own admission, 'by the time I was in my mid-teens my age-to-playing-strength ratio was distinctly average.'

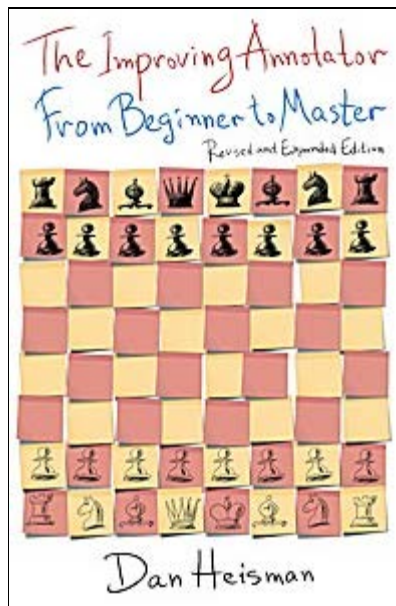
He started to study chess very seriously in his late teens and achieved a rapid rise through the ranks. He became a FIDE Master in 2008 and earned the title of International Master in 2010. 2011 brought Jonathan two Grandmaster norms. One of them was earned at the super-strong British Championship, in which he outscored numerous Grandmasters to share third place.

How did Jonathan Hawkins manage to go from being an average tournament competitor to a player on the brink of clinching the Grandmaster title? It took just three years for him to become a FIDE Master, an International Master and to achieve his first two Grandmaster norms.

The secret was knowing what to study and how to learn as efficiently as possible. Focusing his attention firmly on the endgame, Jonathan devised a number of building blocks and identified a number of very important areas of study. The result of his hard work was a meteoric rise through the ranks, as he became firmly established as a prominent GM killer on the English tournament circuit.

These pages reveal the secrets of his notebooks for the first time. IM Hawkins presents special material aimed to help you become a much better practical player, one armed with a deeper understanding of key aspects of chess.

A careful study of the lessons presented in this book should enable the chess student to gain a significant improvement in both performance and rating.



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The Improving Annotator: From Beginner to Master

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Annotating your own games can help you to play better chess. By examining the choices you made during the game – and how they turned out – you can pinpoint the flaws in your thinking process so that you can work on them.

Chess master, author, and renowned teacher **Dan Heisman** shows you the whys and the hows of annotating your games. Using entertaining clashes from four decades of tournament play, Heisman traces his own development as a player and analyst, illustrating how his method works in practice.

Adding recent games and new comments that shed light on his original annotations, in this revised and expanded edition of *The Improving Annotator* the author explores the benefits and pitfalls of letting computers do our thinking for us, and explains the best way to use them for analysis.

Also by Dan Heisman is *The Improving Chess Thinker* (Mongoose Press; Original edition December 1, 2009)



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The Amazing Chess Adventures of Baron Munchausen

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The legendary Baron Munchausen was famous for telling incredible stories about his astounding happenings and astonishing feats. Munchausen was both a fearless, bold adventurer and a fun, inspiring companion.

Now, imagine the Baron playing chess!

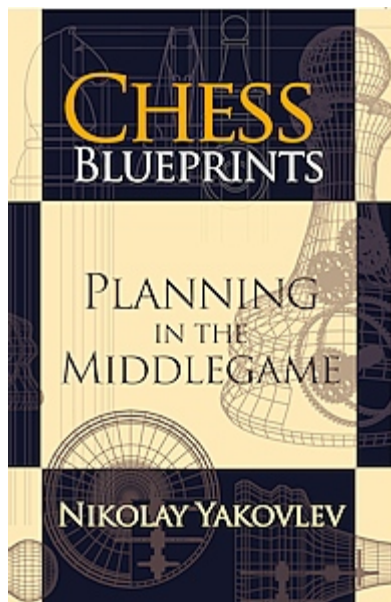
This book presents a series of extraordinary chess tales, describing Munchausen's captivating chess adventures, as told by the great Baron to Amatzia Avni, his diligent biographer. Prepare to be amazed as the Baron engages in chess battles with a range of extraordinary creatures and characters, some of them -- quite literally -- out of this world!

The reader will accompany Munchausen to Heaven and to Hell; watch him play on a full board and on half a board; in simultaneous exhibitions, Internet and live chess; battling on land, sea and in the air; outsmarting a Cyclops; conversing with a talking horse and much more.

The Amazing Chess Adventures of Baron Munchausen is a compendium of the very best episodes first seen in the British periodical ***CHESS Monthly***, together with a plethora of previously unpublished tales. Instructive, entertaining and sometimes simply baffling, the Baron's adventures are guaranteed to enrich the chess lives of all chess fans.

About the Author

Amatzia Avni is an Israeli psychologist, specializing in the fields of training and personnel selection. He holds the FIDE Master title in both over-the-board chess and composition. A former editor of the Israeli chess Magazine ***Schahmat*** and a frequent contributor to various chess magazines and websites, the author has written a number of original, thought-provoking and entertaining chess books, including ***Creative Chess*** (1991, 1997) and ***The Grandmaster's Mind*** (2004).



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Chess Blueprints: Planning in the Middlegame

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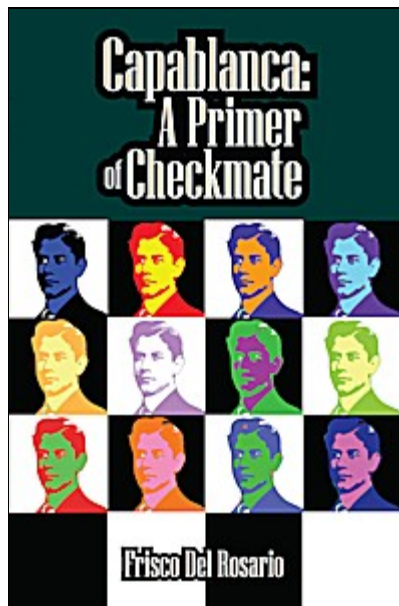
Planning is critical to winning in chess. While other writers offer you thinking tools for building an effective plan, in *Chess Blueprints: Planning in the Middlegame* Nikolay Yakovlev gives you the bricks – the positional themes and patterns that you need to know in order to make use of those fancy tools.

With 188 positions and 559 diagrams ranging from the classics to little-known gems of Russian chess, the author challenges you to form your own impression and then see how the masters honed in on the key elements to achieve victory, or neglected them and went down to defeat.

Should you castle, or press the attack? Are rolling center pawns worth a piece? Where does determination end and obstinacy begin? Far from a dry listing of ideas and examples, ***Chess Blueprints: Planning in the Middlegame*** is a rich collection of strategic tips and psychological advice to help you conduct the attack, defeat your opponent's aggression, and cash in on a tiny endgame advantage.

About the Author

Nikolay Yakovlev has been a professional chess teacher in St. Petersburg, Russia, for more than 25 years. His students include the 2006 Russian champion, GM Evgeny Alekseev, and many participants in the Russian and World Junior Championship competitions. Author or co-author of thirty books, he holds the title of International Master from the International Correspondence Chess Federation.



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Capablanca: A Primer of Checkmate

by Frisco Del Rosario

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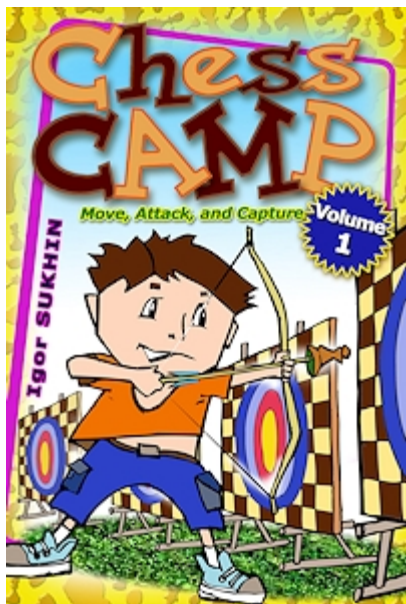
José Raúl Capablanca is renowned for his exquisite positional play and flawless endgame technique. But "The Chess Machine" was also a master of that other way to deliver mate: the attack on the enemy king.

In this groundbreaking work, award-winning chess coach and author **Frisco Del Rosario** shines a long-overdue light on this neglected aspect of Capablanca's record. He illustrates how the Cuban genius used positional concepts to build up irresistible king hunts, embodying the principles of good play advocated by the unequalled teacher, C.J.S. Purdy. The author also identifies an overlooked checkmate pattern – Capablanca's Mate – that aspiring attackers can add to the standard catalogue in Renaud and Kahn's ***The Art of the Checkmate***. As Del Rosario shows, Capablanca has inspired not only generations of players, but also many of the classics of chess literature.

Easy to read but chock-full of advice for study and practical play, ***Capablanca: A Primer of Checkmate*** fills a gaping hole in our understanding of the third World Champion.

About the Author

Frisco Del Rosario is an award-winning chess teacher and author, and 2009 champion of the Koltz Chess Club in Silicon Valley, California.



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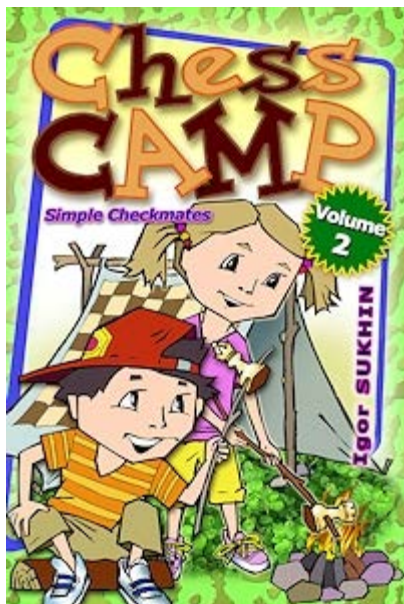
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About the Author

Igor Sukhin has been using the game of chess for more than two decades to teach children. His books have been selected repeatedly as recommended reading by the Russian Department of Education.

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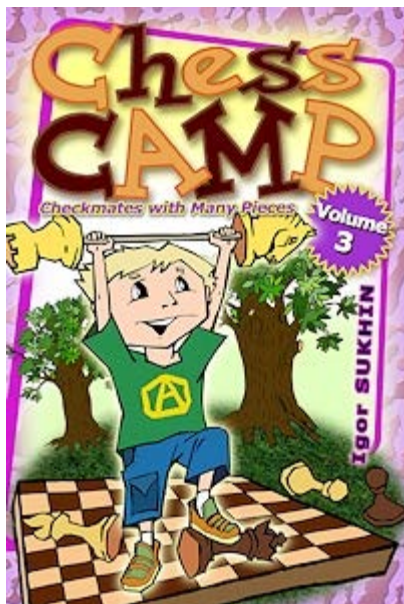
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The second volume in this series, ***Simple Checkmates***, contains 618 structured problems, exercises, and fun puzzles that will help the student to: 1) learn basic checkmate patterns in the opening, middlegame, and endgame; 2) see when checkmate is imminent; and 3) understand that material isn't everything, as just a few pieces can defeat a whole opposing army.

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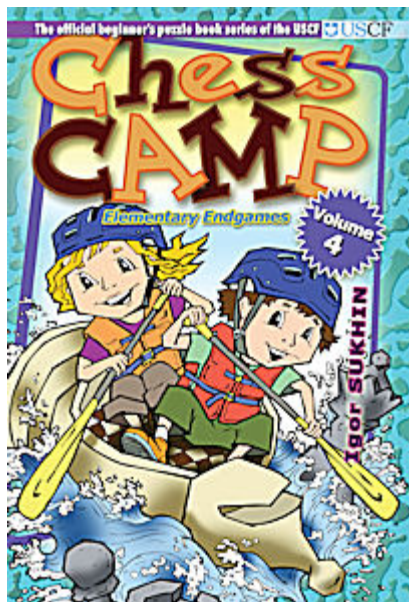
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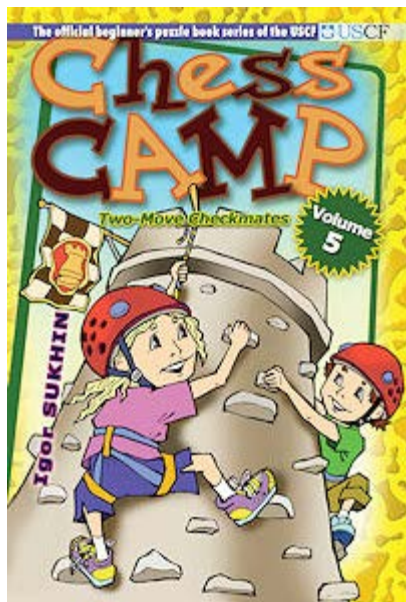
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In this fourth volume, **Elementary Endgames**, the student will: 1) learn how to deliver fundamental checkmates such as a king and a rook against a lone king; 2) discover how to avoid stalemating the opposing king, and how to induce stalemate when threatened with checkmate; and 3) develop not only an understanding of concepts such as passed pawns and king opposition, but also a sense of confidence in the final phase of the game.

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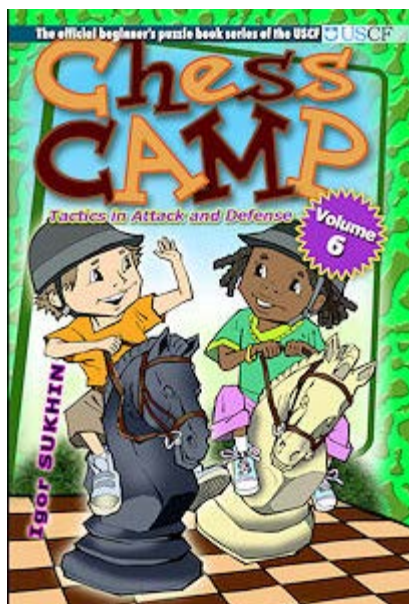
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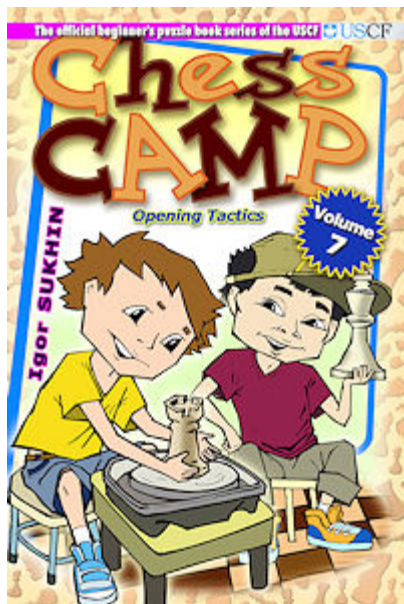
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Volume 6, ***Tactics in Attack and Defense***, presents 618 problems and exercises introducing the advancing student to more complex tactical themes such as skewers, deflection, the trapped piece, and removing the guard; and illustrating key defensive techniques including perpetual check, interposition, and the counterattack.

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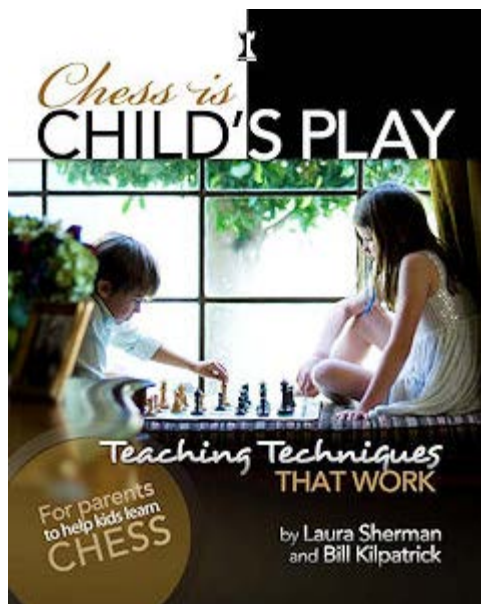
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The seventh volume in this series, **Opening Tactics**, sets problems in more lifelike conditions, as they arise from standard openings and the winning tactical idea is not given away. Thus, the student will: 1) enhance his or her ability to think independently in real positions; 2) start to absorb typical themes from the chess openings; and 3) learn the need to take the opponent's threats into account.

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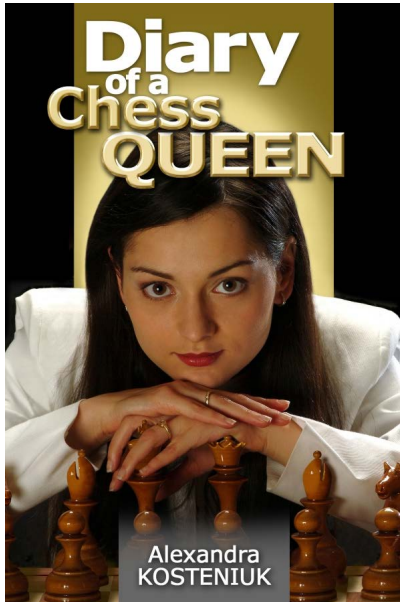
Chess educators Laura Sherman and Bill Kilpatrick have created an easy, step-by-step method for teaching chess that parents of all skill levels can use to teach children of any age. You don't have to know how to play in order to use the system. This book will teach you the game, while showing you how to teach your child to play. You will learn together.

Chess makes children smarter. Give your child an advantage in life and teach him or her to play today!

About the Authors

Laura Sherman founded Your Chess Coach, with her husband, Dan Sherman, teaching chess to children through various schools.

Bill Kilpatrick, founder of several professional specialty schools, brings an entrepreneurial spirit to chess coaching. Together they provide consulting around the globe helping improve the ability of coaches, parents and educators to teach chess to children.



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Diary Of A Chess Queen

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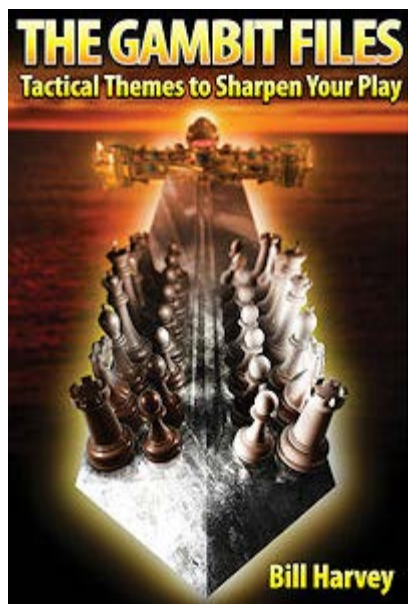
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Women's World Chess Champion **Alexandra Kosteniuk** chronicles her rise to the top of the chess world in this introspective autobiographical work. Drawing from personal diaries kept during her youth, Kosteniuk takes the reader from the very dawn of her career as a child star in Russia, through triumph and disappointment, and finally to the pinnacle of success on the black-and-white battlefield. Along the way, we are treated to much more than an inside look into how a grandmaster approaches the royal game: we also learn the unique challenges posed to a young woman pulled at once by the diverging demands of professional chess, the glamour of the modeling lifestyle, and the joys of love and family life.

Part memoir and travelogue, part game collection, ***Diary of a Chess Queen*** features a selection of 64 annotated games with a wide range of world-class competitors, including male super-GM Sergey Karjakin and former female world champions Zhu Chen and Antoaneta Stefanova.

About the Author

Fashion model, wife and mother, Alexandra Kosteniuk became the female European chess champion in 2004 and the Russian women's titleholder in 2005, then prevailed in the final match for the women's world championship in 2008.



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The Gambit Files:
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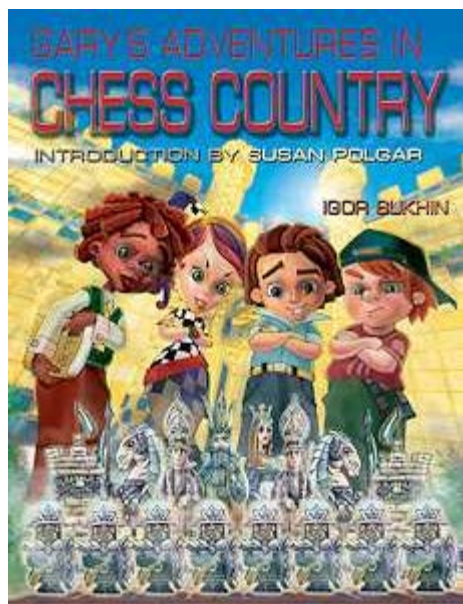
Studying typical tactics is one of the best ways to get to know an opening: you will discover the traps and the pitfalls, develop both a sense of danger and a feel for opportunities, and learn to stay always on the alert. In ***The Gambit Files***, the author surveys the common tactical motifs for each variation, and then invites you to hone your cut-and-thrust skills with thematic puzzles.

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About the Author

A veteran of hundreds of tournaments in online, postal and over-the-board competition, **Bill Harvey** has taught chess in schools for a dozen years in the Washington, D.C. area, and edited two chess puzzle columns.

Harvey is the webmaster of <http://wtharvey.com> where readers can find 10,000 critical positions from historical and modern games with a quick link to the solution. This is his first book.



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Gary's Adventures in Chess Country

by Igor Sukhin

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For centuries, chess has been the world's most popular board game. But did you know that it can also improve your child's ability to learn?

Studies have shown that by focusing on basic chess concepts, children as young as four can improve their reasoning and develop their problem-solving abilities.

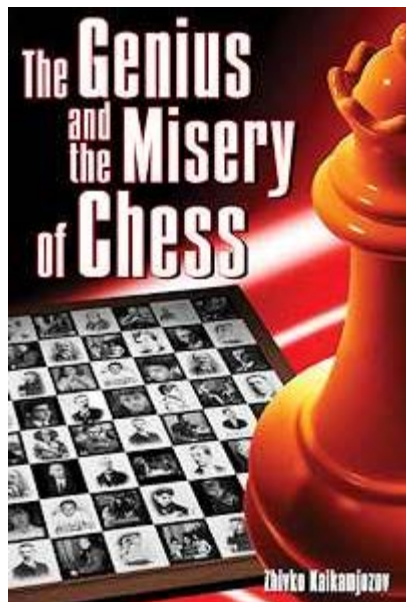
Gary's Adventures in Chess Country is designed to help children delve into the world of chess through an engaging adventure story. Spirited away by a mysterious young girl on a magic tricycle, Gary is taken to Chess Country, where he learns the rules of chess and the fundamentals of chess tactics.

By following Gary on his adventures--and by solving engaging puzzles alongside him--your child will have a unique opportunity to improve focus, memory and critical thinking skills, all while having fun.

About the Author

Igor Sukhin has been using the game of chess for over 20 years to teach children. The Russian Department of Education has repeatedly bestowed Sukhin with one of Russia's highest honors by selecting his books a recommended reading. He is the author of ***Chess Gems*** and the ***Chess Camp*** series (also published by Mongoose Press).

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The Genius and the Misery of Chess

by Zhivko Kaikamjov

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We are used to reading about glorious feats by chess masters from the past, but we often are unaware that chess drove some unfortunate ones to nervous breakdowns, asylums, and poorhouses. In contrast, the lives of child prodigies, the wunderkinds of chess, typically have overflowed with success - these prodigies have achieved unbelievable sports feats at a very young age. Yet, sometimes the promising trajectory of the wunderkind clashes with fate, leaving the youngster to take on the unfortunate plight of a martyr, too.

This book recounts all of these stories - the woe of the aged master, the triumph of the prodigy, the sometime reversal of fortune in the other extreme. From as-Suli of the ninth century to Magnus Carlsen of the twenty first - the triumphs and tragedies that shaped their lives.

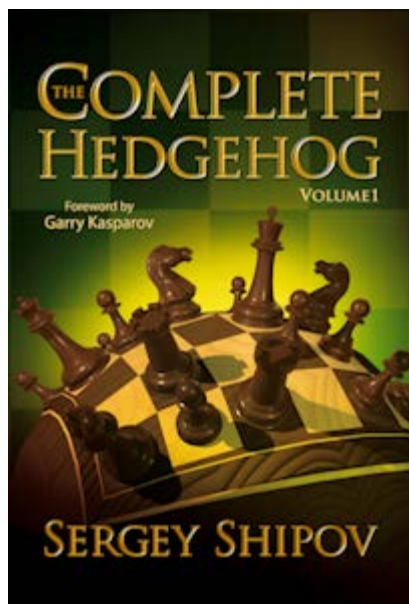
About the Author

Zhivko Kaikamjov, author of 33 chess books, was born in 1931 in Dobrich (Bulgaria) and graduated from the Sofia Institute of Economics. Chess master Zhivko established the first Bulgarian chess school for children in his home town in January of 1962.

Kaikamjov is well-known in the chess world, particularly to his students; including grandmasters Velikov, Spassov, and Voiska, as well as Topalov's manager Silvio Danailov.

He was the manager of Bulgarian chess federation in the 1980s, and is an international arbiter, elected President of the East-European zone of FIDE and became a member of the FIDE Central Committee in 1986; one of the referees of the world title match Kasparov vs. Karpov in London (1990); an editor of the Bulgarian chess magazine **Chess Thought** and has been a journalist since the mid 1990s.

The Genius and the Misery of Chess is his latest offering.



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The Complete Hedgehog: Volume 1

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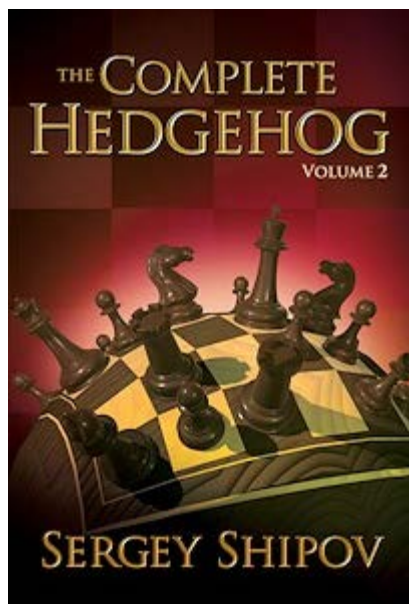
The Hedgehog is a thoroughly modern defense where flexibility and understanding trump rote memorization. Using deeply annotated critical games from international practice, GM **Sergey Shipov** traces the Hedgehog's development - from its origins as a way to avoid well-trodden paths to its current status as a respected weapon in Black's armory. The Hedgehog has been adopted by the likes of Tal, Larsen, Adams, Kasparov, Kamsky, and Karpov.

Drawing on decades of experience playing this defense, Shipov has put together much more than a simple opening manual full of variations. The author meticulously explains strategic themes, typical formations, move-order subtleties, and explores the thorny question: Is the Hedgehog a "theoretically sound" opening - and does that really matter?

Along the way, the reader gets to see the mind of a grandmaster hard at work, and is treated to a lesson on one of the most important skills in chess: how to evaluate a position. Shipov shares his approach to chess and life, and his passion for both, in this entertaining, philosophical, and highly readable work.

About the Author

Russian GM Sergey Shipov is a highly respected author and trainer, best known for his live online commentary at top international chess tournaments.



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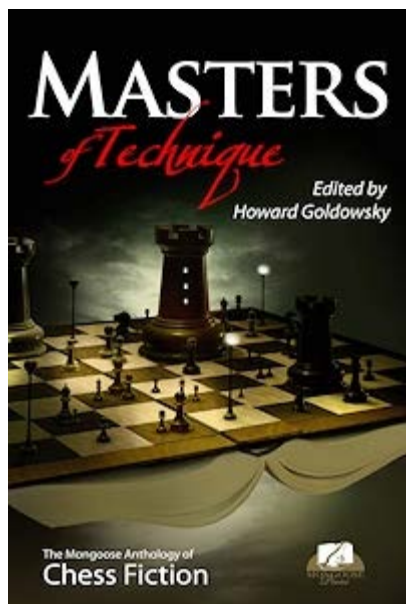
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About the Author

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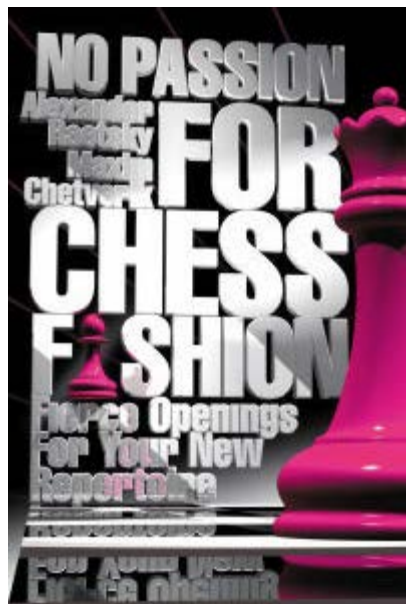
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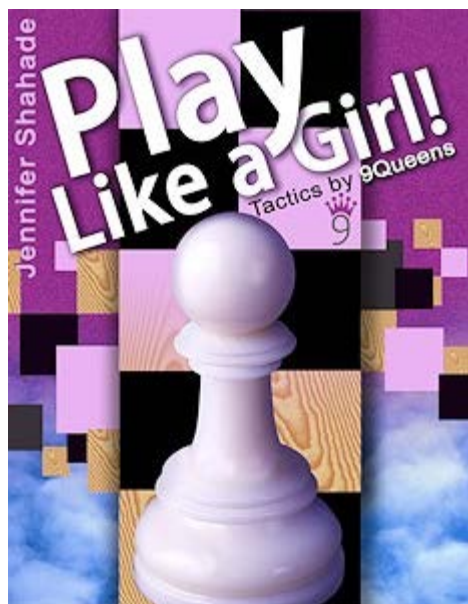
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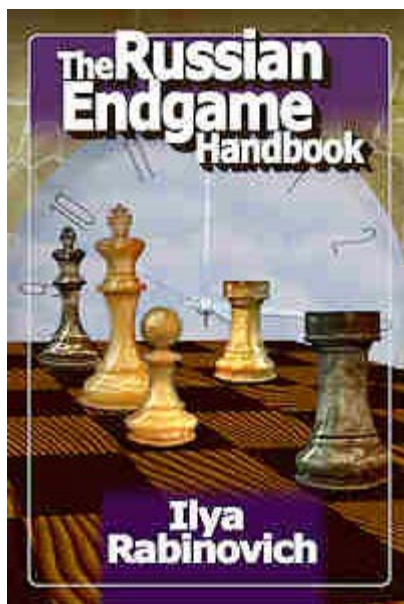
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About the Author

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Ilya Rabinovich (1891-1942) was an early Soviet master from Leningrad (now St. Petersburg). A five-time city champion, he tied for first place in the 1934/35 USSR Championship and was the first Soviet player to compete outside the Soviet Union, placing seventh at Baden-Baden, 1925.



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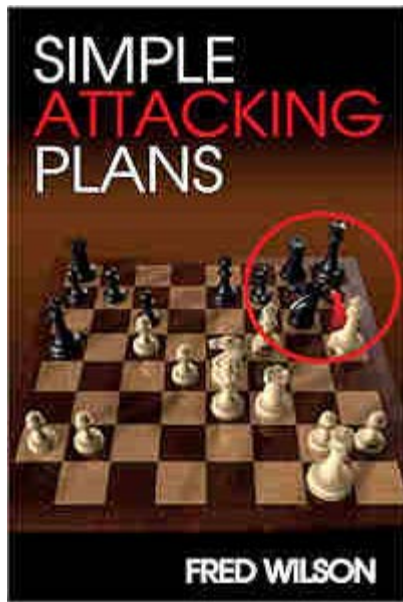
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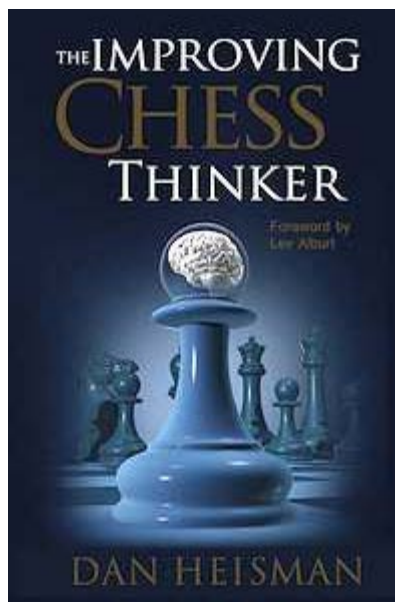
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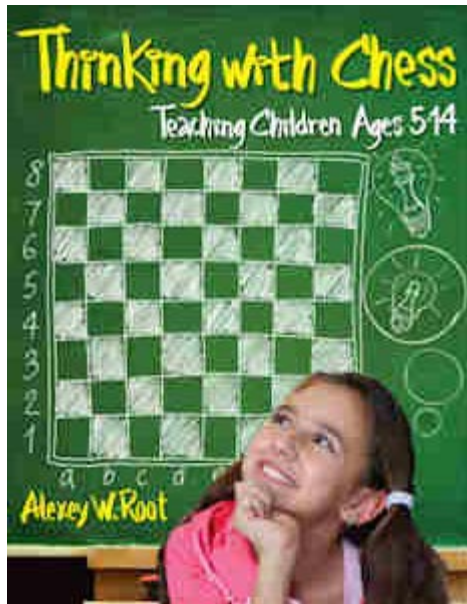
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About the Author

Dan Heisman has been a full-time chess instructor and author since 1996. His Novice Nook column at ChessCafé.com has been published continuously since 2001, and it has won multiple awards for its quality of instruction. Heisman's question and answer show, The Renaissance Man, airs weekly on the Internet Chess Club's chess.FM radio station. He is also the author of ***The Improving Annotator*** (also published by Mongoose Press).

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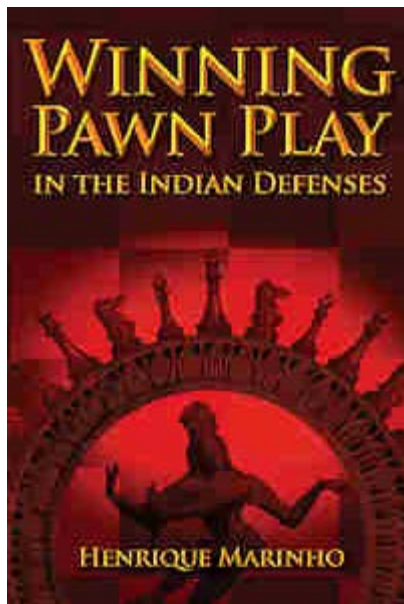
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Alexey W. Root was the 1989 U.S. Women's Chess Champion and is a Woman International Master. She has a Ph.D. in education from UCLA and is the author of five previous books on chess in education. *Thinking with Chess: Teaching Children Ages 5-14* is her first book for Mongoose Press.

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Includes a glossary of terms and an appendix applying these ideas to the most important open game, the Ruy López.

Henrique Marinho is a physician and federal treasury auditor based in Curitiba, state of Paraná, Brazil. Southern Brazil vice-champion in 1971 and a finalist in the Brazilian Championship that same year, the author was champion of the city of Campinas, state of São Paulo, in 1958 and 1964. Retired from active competition in 1983 to investigate the theoretical aspects of chess, in 2003 Dr. Marinho helped to found the Brazilian Academy of Chess and Culture in Curitiba.



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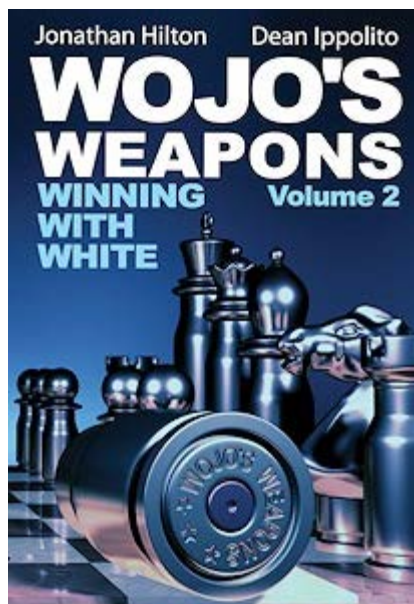
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International Master Dean Ippolito is a 10-time All-America Team member and has won 13 national championship titles. He has more than twenty years’ experience playing most of Wojtkiewicz’s systems from the White side. He is currently working to earn the title of Grandmaster.

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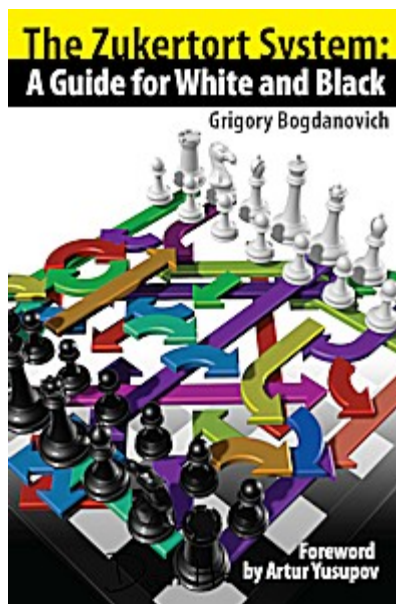
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About the Author

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