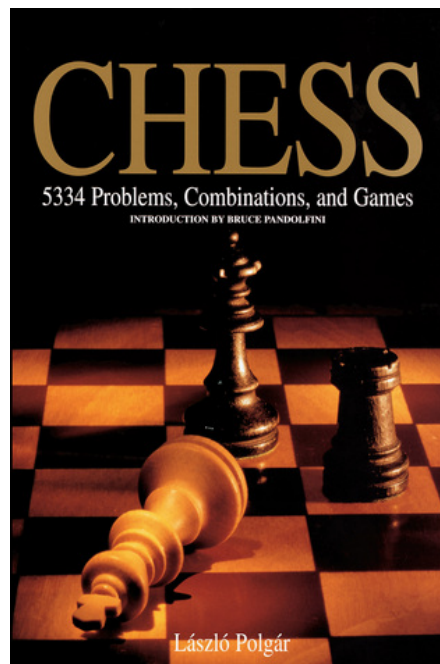




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This giant collection, finally available in paperback, features enough chess challenges to keep even the most avid player occupied for a long, long time. The biggest book of chess problems ever published is now available in a paperback edition, featuring more than five thousand fully diagrammed problems, games, and end games for players at all levels. Chapters are organized by problem type, and each problem, combination, and game is keyed to an easy-to-follow solution at the back of the book, so users whether they are beginners or highly accomplished players can learn as they go. In all, this volume is a most extensive and thorough chess reference, sure to help hone skills while providing hours of fun. The more affordable paperback edition will give players at all levels reason to rejoice.

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Usfromdk says

Solved two thousand problems or so, then lost the ambition to finish the book/got bored/got sidetracked and never returned to it. Currently my thinking is that solving problems like the ones you'll encounter on sites like Chesstempo is at least as useful as is solving problems like the ones included in this book, and so I doubt I shall ever actually return to it. Working systematically on the problems included in this book will in my opinion definitely help your ability to calculate lines and evaluate positions, but there are lots of other ways to improve these skills as well so the book is hardly a 'must-read' in the way that e.g. Jesús de la Villa's endgame book might be argued to be.

Jon says

The description is wrong. This book has nothing to do with Grandmaster Maurice Ashley. CHESS is a book written (assembled?) by Laszlo Polgar and contains many puzzles and game fragments. Most of the puzzles are checkmate in two or three moves. Laszlo is the father of the famous Polgar sisters.

Daahoud Asante says

THIS IS THE DEFINITIVE CHESS PUZZLE BOOK...I DO 3 OR 4 EVERY MORNING LIKE CLOCKWORK, MY CHESS HAS IMPROVED BECAUSE OF IT, BUY A SMALL ANALYSIS SET AND GET TO MATING!!!

Maritess says

This is a KICK ASS BOOK that everyone should own from unrated players to Chess Masters.

It is especially extraordinary because there are no words, only pictures, lots of fun looking at the combinations because it's very visual, and you can look at it at your own pace.

Ah, memories. Let's just say you haven't lived until you've beaten a chess master and then had your ass kicked by a 3rd grader. I'll always remember her last words before she killed me, "Wait Dad, I'm almost done." grr.

Sara says

a giant book of chess problems (limited/no text). good fun. and perfect for the under 5 set, since you don't

need to read to enjoy it!

Alex says

Push-ups for Chess players. Übung macht den Meister!

Serge Pierro says

Literally thousands upon thousands of problems to solve. A great one volume collection of tactical studies. There are better books on the market for studying tactics, however there is nothing that matches it in sheer numbers. Sidenote: some of the problems are composed.

Rob Haas says

Its pretty thick and looks intimidating on your shelf when your friends come over for a game.

Jason says

Another daily devotional thanks to smartphone tech. Problems of every variety and with the intention of drilling past mastery. Which is why it often is accused of being a little monotonous in problem selections. Polgar was aiming to instill secondhand reflex. Will probably take ~4yrs to work through.

Mark Dunn says

I will never actually finish this book until I can do 70% of the puzzles. I would probably have to go through the book a dozen times.

Daniel Khoo says

It is the perfect book for those who plays chess a lot. It has different types of techniques of how to force the opponent to move or trap them. By reading this book, you get some knowledge and also the discipline of the timing and the way of how a tactician thinks in chess as well as a person in real life. I recommend everyone this book to read because it gives you the way of solving every type of puzzles.

Michael Nabil says

very good book in end games

Corey says

I made it to problem 700 before returning this book to the library. I won't deny that it is excellent practice, but I have two main complaints. First, the book is only checkmates and gives little assistance on other kinds of tactics. Second, many of the positions are composed rather than coming from actual games. This reduces the transferability of the practice to actual play.

Mark says

This book is a must have for any player trying to increase his level of play. Though basically it's 1/4 mate in one puzzles, 2/4 mate in two puzzles, and 1/4 combination it is still a great book (many of the books that are mainly exercises, have positional puzzles, defense puzzles, forks/skewers/discover puzzles, and piece value/trade puzzles). I have not completely finished all of the puzzles within, but I have done all of the mate in ones, all of the mate in twos, but only about 1/4 of the combinations. Im still working at it. Again this is a must have weapon in your chess arsenal.

Doron Yam says

A nice book with problems, arranged by method and difficulty.
There are more of it in chess literatue, not special...
