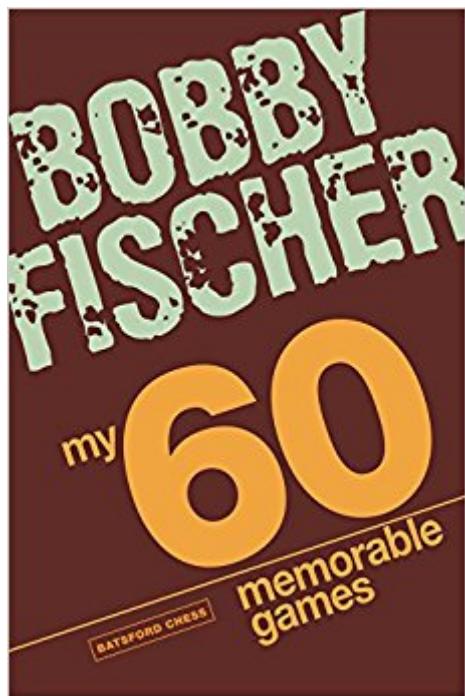


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My 60 Memorable Games



Synopsis

In this authoritative reissue of one of the most important chess books ever written, the great Bobby Fischer takes the reader move by move through 60 of his most instructive and entertaining games, including the astounding "Game of the Century," played when he was only 15 years old! The controversial alterations that were made to Bobby Fischer's words in the last edition have been omitted in this version, so only the author's own words are expressed, giving a true insight into one of the most gifted, troubled, and controversial minds of the 20th century.

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Customer Reviews

Bobby Fischer was the first and only American to win the official World Chess Championship. Today many consider him the greatest player of all time.

A great look at how Fischer moved and thought during his games. I picked up some valuable pointers just within the first ten pages. A worthwhile read for chess players at any level. I've been playing for 55 years. I highly recommend this book.

I gave my old copy from 1972 to a young person who was just starting out. I really missed it over the years so I bought the new one with algebraic notation. It's like meeting an old friend again after a long passage of time.

A long time ago, when I was a teenager learning how to play chess, I owned a paperback copy of "My 60 Memorable Games" by the late chess Grandmaster Bobby Fischer (1943-2008). It was a book I enjoyed tremendously, and from which I learned a great deal. Unfortunately, I lost my copy of this book many years ago. I recently found "My 60 Memorable Games" in a Kindle edition published by Batsford Press. I immediately purchased it. My overall reaction to this Kindle version of Bobby Fischer's classic book is mostly positive. It contains the same excellent writing by Bobby Fischer. He writes about each of the 60 games he played against various opponents in clear and concise prose that demonstrates the depth of his pure chess genius. He does an excellent job of avoiding jargon, and for the most part, refrains from engaging readers with boring anecdotes about past victories and defeats. The layout for this Kindle edition of "My 60 Memorable Games" is satisfactory. The print is large and set in an easy to read font. Batsford opted to use algebraic rather of English descriptive notation, which makes the book much easier to use. My only complaint is one that I have for most Kindle versions of chess books: the low quality of the chess diagrams. The relatively few diagrams that appear in "My 60 Memorable Games" look like they were copied directly from a newspaper. They are small, blurry, and nearly impossible for my 60-plus year old eyes to decipher. Despite this significant flaw, I have spent many hours reviewing the games that Bobby Fischer has chosen to include in "My 60 Memorable Games," and I have learned a lot from them. "My 60 Memorable Games" remains an entertaining, informative, and essential tool for any chess player. Recommended.

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Hm... When I first decided on acquiring this literary masterpiece, I was quite under the impression that there would be a higher annotation:move ratio. I was wrong, but perhaps that is a good thing. There is a plethora of chess enlightenment within the pages. Knowledge isn't spoon-fed to you, as in many lower-level books, but there are excellent annotations which let us peek into the mind of a chess

legend. A chess legend whom, if you are reading this page, you probably adore. The games are ones which Bobby Fischer considers memorable, so therefore they must be pretty great, right? They are! Still, as I mentioned, the annotations aren't spoon-fed to you, so you won't be getting anything out of simply playing over the moves really quickly and glancing at the annotations. You actually have to sit in front of Fischer's opponent and contemplate the moves through Fischer's eyes. C.S. Purdy once said, "If the student forces himself to examine all moves that smite, however absurd they may look at first glance, he is on the way to becoming a master of tactics." I quote him, because, a lot of Fischer's moves come out of nowhere. When going over Bobby's games in endeavor to guess which move comes next, calculating the bizarre moves is beneficial. It's an excellent book if you are a dedicated chess player. Casual chess players won't get nearly as much out of it. In other words, if chess is your hobby, you won't get as much out of it. If chess is your life, then stop reading customer reviews, and just go ahead and purchase the book!

The algebraic notation is a nice touch from the original.

I think the quality of this book is very good in that the reprint is clear, binding strong, and the pages sturdy. The contents of the book are beyond my ability to criticize and I only hope that I glean a little from study of these selected games. Reading Fischer's comments are sometimes very revealing. The game subtitles are even more revealing. Fine did an excellent job introducing the context of each game and the significance.

Read or re-read anew some great games. What can one discover by watching a World Chess Champion? Read and find out. Always nice to look down an already blazed trail and try to find new meanings and ways...

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