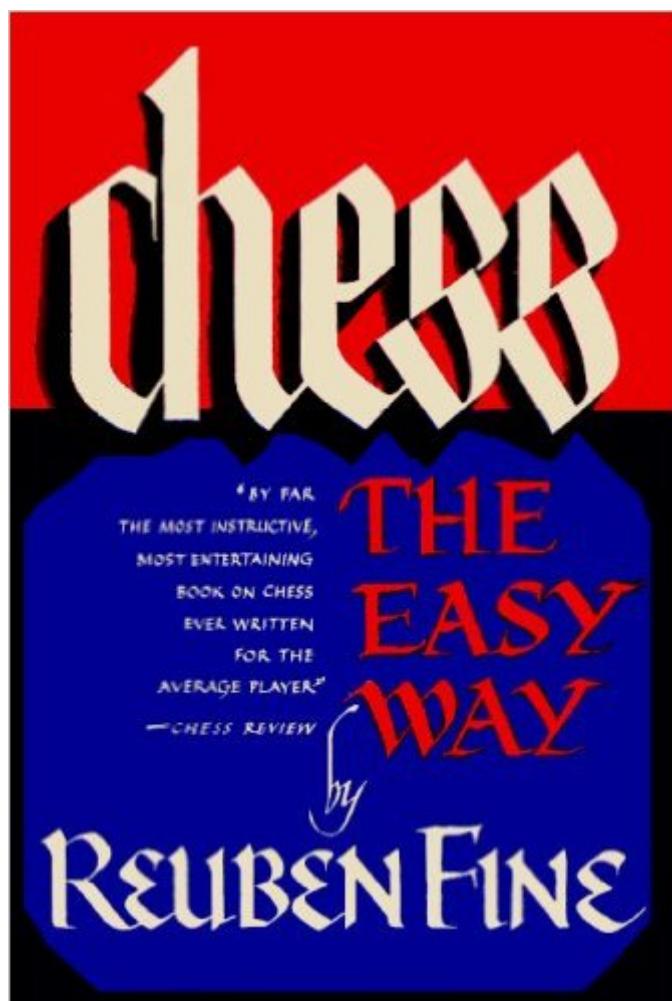


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# Chess The Easy Way



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More chess coaches in America recommend this book for their students than any other book. Written by one of the World's Strongest Grandmasters who was top contender for the World Chess Championship, "Chess the Easy Way" • takes the player from the beginning moves of chess, rapidly advancing to the Expert Level. Long out of print, there have been more requests for this book than ALL OTHER CHESS BOOKS COMBINED. Be prepared for a quick ride to the top. Some say that a better title for this book would have been "Chess the Hard Way" •, because Fine quickly takes the reader from the beginning level to advanced levels of play. Reuben Fine (1914-1993) was a top contender for the World Chess Championship. He tied for first in the Strongest Chess Tournament ever played, a tournament that was supposed to decide who would play a match for the World Chess Championship. The War intervened so Fine never got to play a match for the World Championship and he wrote this book instead.

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65 years) means that the opening lines are very dated (though the principles are not), and the book uses descriptive notation (I don't see this as a problem, but the beginning reader will have to learn algebraic at some point from a different source). Still, the presentation of ideas is in a class not to be found elsewhere. Fine gives 10 rules for the opening, mid-game, and ending; and practicing and following these rules, and the rest of the material in the book, if done diligently will over time probably lead the reader to the 1700 or better play class. That's pretty darn good for a single 185 page book which assumes no prior knowledge. As expected from Fine, the endgame chapter is superb. One especially useful feature is the presence of numerous practical problems to test mastery of the material. The reader must take this book seriously and study diligently to benefit. This is no "royal road" to chess. It is a pathway to success paved with quality stepping stones composed of old-fashioned hard work.

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