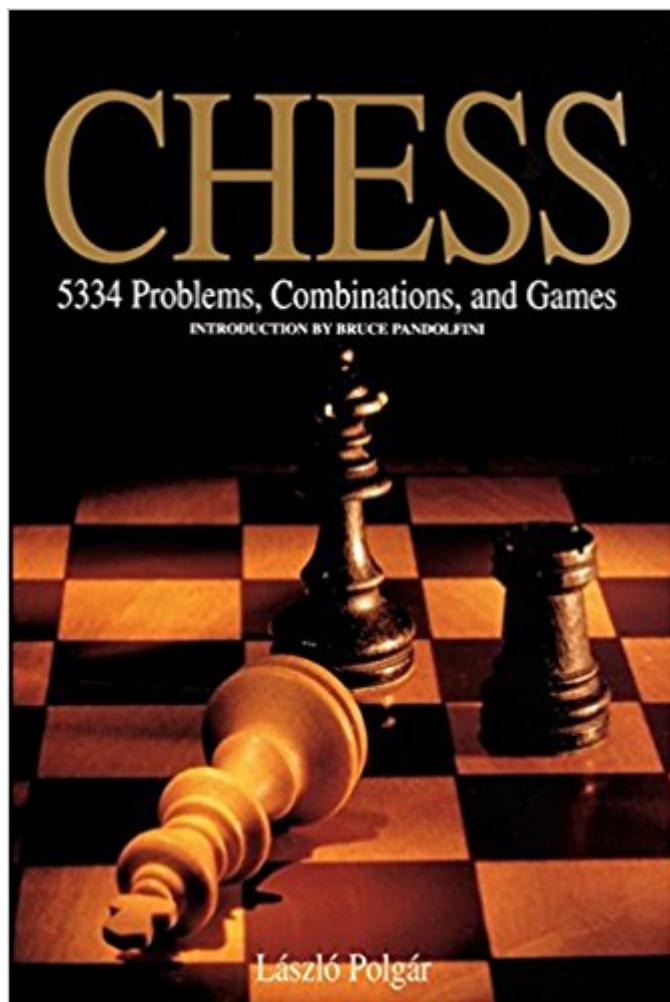


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## Customer Reviews

If you love chess puzzles, this massive tome is for you. It's simply one chess challenge after another. With problems fit for beginner and grand master alike, Polgar's collection will feed your craving for years. Better yet, it's a major bargain. When I first pulled it off the shelf I was expecting a price tag three times higher. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bruce Pandolfini is perhaps the most experienced chess teacher in North America. He is the author of eighteen instructional chess books, and was portrayed by Ben Kingsley in the film *Searching for Bobby Fischer*. László Polgár is a Hungarian chess teacher whose writing and strategies

are respected and known worldwide. He holds the title of master coach and coached his daughters, Susan, Judit, and Sophia, to several world championships and 11 Olympic gold medals. They host the annual EUA Polgár Chess Festival in Budapest.

Great book. It will keep any chess player occupied for a long time. The problems start from mate in one with endgame scenarios up to mate in three. The combinations section afterward is very good as well. I must warn once you get past the introduction there is nothing but problems no words or annotations just at the top of the page it will say white or black mate in (scenario 1-3). I'm new to chess but fell in love with the game I got the book for Christmas this year and I'm already on problem 1102 (I tried my own version of the 7 circles chess program I had off work for about a week and a half for the holidays and just tackled the problems) My friend who is rated around 1900 says this is a good book to have. I looked up the Polgar sisters and see why they are as good as they are having this training as early as 5 years old and sticking with it is genius in its self. I'm enjoying this book a lot.

I bought kindle version. I read it through kindle cloud reader in web browser, ipad and iphone. It is quite good. The format is one puzzle per page. The image can be magnified to whole page and easy to read. The answers of puzzle are located on appendix. There is a link in each puzzle in which link to the answer. There is also a link in answer page to go back to original puzzle page. It is convenience to check answer. The mate in 1 puzzles are easy but mate in 2 or 3 are more difficult. It is a good training to my calculation skill.

Fantastic. My advice is to get the 'hard cover', as people are complaining about the lack of readability of the Kindle and the paperback. The hard cover is easy to use and will last a life time. SPEND THE MONEY. This book improved my game, in as little time as a few days. My child will go from the children's books 'Chess Camp', to this Polgar book.

Sharpen your chess and general concentration skills with this massive collection of chess problems. I thought I would fly through this rather quickly but years away from the chess board have taken their toll. This is a great resource for me to get back in the saddle.

This is how the Polgar sisters developed their chess genius. Works you up from the basics to instill a tactical mindset.

Lots and lots of chess problems. A few mistakes , but doesn't matter to me, over all a great purchase and I don't regret it.

So this book comprises of a few sections, the biggest of which are the sections on mate in 1, mate in 2, and mate in 3. So far I've been simply going through the mate in x sections at a page a day to help improve my game. I've started noticing a difference in how I look for setups and have had others remark that they have seen improvement. However, I must mention that I am a complete novice and recently picked chess back up after not playing in many years. For the price, I must say that this book seems like a great place to up your game without having to buy too many books, and I haven't yet gotten bored with the book despite having had it a couple months.

I had always heard really good thing about this book, so I decided to get it. Let me start with the book is BIG! but is also well made, with good solid binding. Once you get past the intro there is no verbiage. It is page after page of diagrams (4 to a page) Nice and big with each section labeled "Mate in 1" "Mate in 2" "Mate in 3" etc. I know what you are thinking...I'm a USCF C player (or better) why would I waste my time and money on a book with mate in 1's??? Oh don't be so misguided fellow chess player. It is always good practice going over things we all think we know. And I think you will be surprised at how much you don't know :-) Even the mate in 2's can be a real challenge, but the reward is well worth it. This book is excellent for visual training, and pattern recognition. If it good enough for the Polgar sisters, its good enough for me. I have stared at some of these mate in 2's for 30+ minutes before finding the correct line, but what a rewarding/learning experience! Lazlo Polgar knows his stuff! I would highly recommend this book for all levels. I give it 4 stars only because some will find the lack of verbiage, and the answers being only 1 move long not to there liking. Life is not always easy, neither is this book...Enjoy!

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