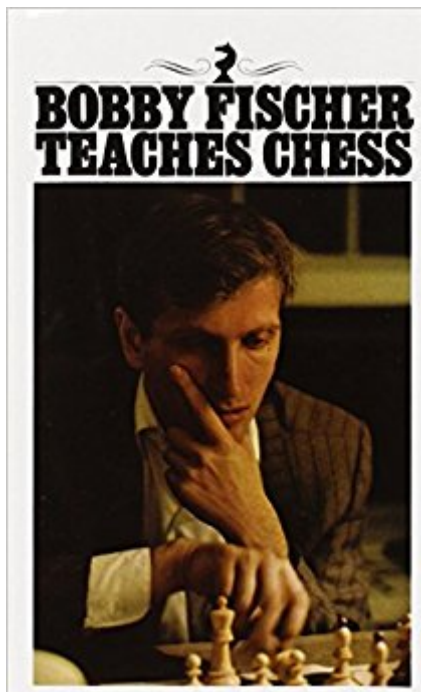


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# Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess



## Synopsis

This book is essentially a chess teaching machine. The way a teaching machine works is: It asks you a question. If you give the right answer, it goes on to the next question. If you give the wrong answer, it tells you why the answer is wrong and tells you to go back and try again. This is called "programmed learning". The real authors were experts and authorities in the field of programmed learning. Bobby Fischer lent his name to the project. Stuart Margulies is a chess master and also a recognized authority on programmed learning. He is a widely published author of more than 40 books, all in the field of programmed learning, especially in learning how to read. For example, one of his books is "Critical reading for proficiency 1 : introductory level". Donn Mosenfelder is not a known or recognized chess player, but he was the owner of the company that developed and designed this book. He has written more than 25 books, almost all on basic reading, writing and math. The definitive way to learn how to play chess, or to master more complex chess strategies.

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## Customer Reviews

Bobby Fischer was an American chess grandmaster, the eleventh World Chess Champion. Stuart Margulies is a chess master and also a recognized authority on programmed learning. Don Mosenfelder is the author of over twenty-five books about reading, writing, and math.

We all know Bobby Fischer as a chess Master but who would have thought that he is a Master teacher, too. You figure someone like him could teach other Masters but would never be able to talk to a complete beginner. I am a total newbie and love the way he presents material and makes you think. I bought the paperback which was the most expensive format but am a bit disappointed in the quality of the paper and diagrams. The book is somewhat small (9"x6") and the diagrams are dark on unglassy off-white paper. I was hoping for an 8.5"x11" on glossy paper for the price. Then, there is another oddity. Half the book is upside down. Starting with page 25, each succeeding page is written on the right-side of the book while pages 179 thru 334 are upside down on the left side of the book. But, they too would be on the right side after flipping the book upside down. So, you read 25 thru 178 on just the right side pages then flip the book upside down to read 179 thru 334??? I wonder if the original was that way or if it is an error in rebinding? I wonder if the hardcopy is any better quality?

the other reviews are quite spot on. the title is misleading, but what else would you call it ? "the puzzle book of bobby fischer's checkmate positions" ? i don't think that would sell. some complained that there is no "teaching" in this book, while others complained that they went through it in one day / one sitting. these are both valid complaints. however, i liked this book. some of the puzzles were quite challenging (i got them wrong or didn't figure them out). i liked the fact that it was straightforward with no clutter and not any variations of move upon move. my favorite teaching book is <http://www..com/How-Improve-Your-Chess-Illustrated/dp/B000NECOBQ> then, if you must know everything, there is <http://www..com/Complete-Chess-Course-Fred-Reinfeld/dp/0385004648> if you want to know the moves that led to the endgame positions illustrated in the book, then look them up. it is beyond the scope of this book. i'm glad the editor left that part to our imagination, because the checkmate position is what this game and this book is all about.

Learn from the best. It's an old school book in black and white, but the content is great.

If you want to improve your game, this is the book to get. I've had about 10 books on chess, and this is the best one I've ever had.

I went through this whole book, forward and then backwards, haha. It's set up that way. Enjoyed the exercises very much. Great for new chess players. I've gotten a few chess learning books, and this is my favorite. Of course playing is the best exercise. I've improved greatly on chess dot com.

A really nice and easy book for beginners. This book does not require a board to play as all the positions are in the book and require anywhere from 1-3 moves maximum. I thought it was particularly good for practicing back rank checkmate technique. By no means is this book comprehensive and is meant more for some good practice and is easily portable for folks that are traveling and want to practice some chess without a smartphone.

This is how I learned to play chess as a teenager. After I bought an amazing hand carved chess set in Venice I bought this book for one of my friends...it had pictures/diagrams of situations with answers on next page. This is THE BOOK if you are looking to learn chess...

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