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The chess masters

This is the World history of Chess told through the portraits of 16 of the world champions of Chess from 1886 to our time – a book that can be read by those who know nothing about chess, as well as the coming world champions.

Central in this narrative, written by Norway's foremost commenters of chess, is also the question about the spirit of chess: what kind of personalities and characters are hidden behind the most masterful chess moves?

The book contains portraits of the following Chess Champions: Wilhelm Steinitz, Emanuel Lasker, José Raúl Capablanca, Aleksandr Alekhin, Max Euwe, Mikhail Botvinnik, Vasilij Smyslov, Mikhail Tal, Tigran Petrosian, Boris Spasskij, Bobby Fisher, Anatolij Karpov, Garri Kasparov, Vladimir Kramnik, Aleksandr Kahlifman, Visnawathan Anand, Ruslan Ponomarjov, Rustam Kasimdzjanov, Vasein Topalov and Magnus Carlsen.

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