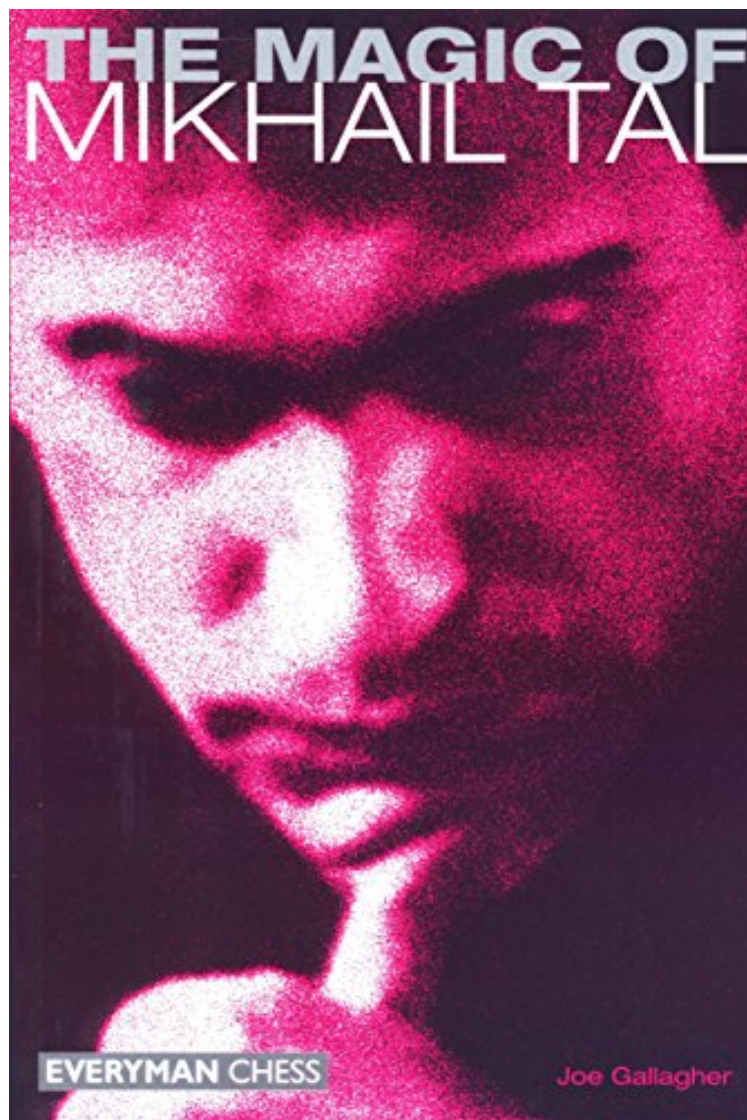


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Mikhail Tal's early career (1951-60) has been well covered and documented in P.H. Clarke's excellent book from 1961, Mikhail Tal's Best Games of Chess. His middle period has likewise been well documented in Bernard Cafferty's volume Tal's 100 Best Games, covering the period 61-73. However books dealing with Tal's third period, up to his early death in 1992, are somewhat thin on the ground, and of these Joe Gallagher's The magic of Mikhail Tal, covering the years 1975-92, is welcome. This book reprises Tal's bursting on the scene as a young master, and even before then, and his meteoric rise in the chess firmament is documented. The book then details the latter period of the master, when the fireworks were fewer, and shock horror he was even wont to score quick draws when playing with the black pieces ! - although with the white pieces he was more of his old self. Gallagher's book is a refreshing read, giving biographical and chessical details of Tal's career, and the annotations are detailed enough for most good chess players. The typeface and diagramming of the volume is excellent, making it a pleasure to read. Gallagher also gives insights into the openings used by Tal, and this gives an interesting insight into the Tal phenomenon. What is interesting is that both Clarke and Gallagher while admiring their charge's chess, from time to time admit certain moves were impetuous and either a quicker win was possible, or that Tal was quite lucky to win a certain game as his opponent did not choose the best continuation. Having said that it was Mikhail in the first place who created the dynamic situation in the game in which even grandmasterly opponents could not choose the best continuation because of the dynamism and complexity of the position ! All in all then all three books on the magician from Riga are recommended.

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