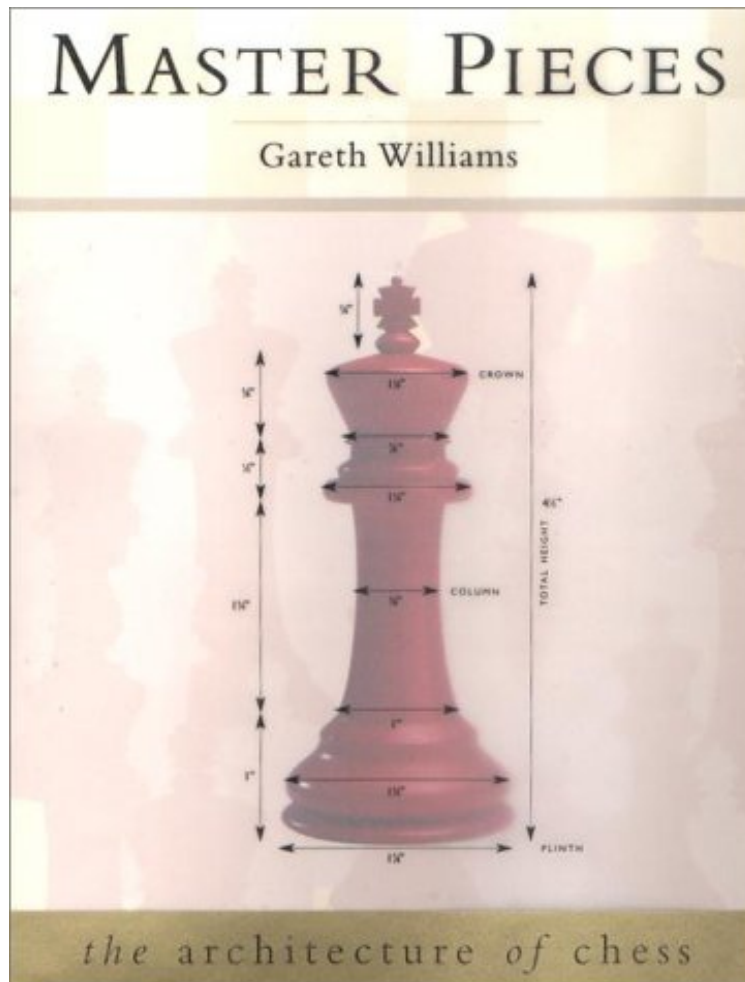


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About the Author Gareth Williams is the owner of one of the most extensive collections of chess memorabilia in Europe, a collection that includes sets, boards, clocks, cards, prints, photos, ceramics, and more. He is the author of The Amazing Book of Chess and is also a regular contributor to Chess Monthly and The Chess Collector magazines.