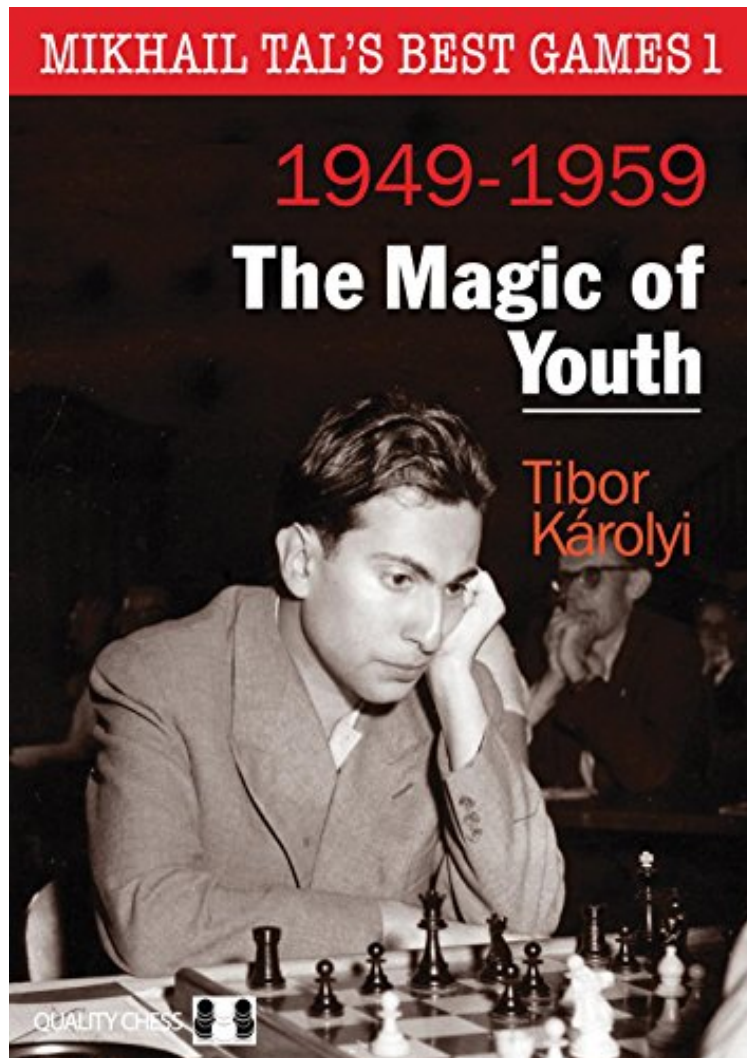


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Tibor Karolyi : Mikhail Tals Best Games 1 - The Magic of Youth before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mikhail Tals Best Games 1 - The Magic of Youth:

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Tal the Terrible By Rev. John D. White Karolyi has become well known for his expose's of great grandmasters; Anatoly Karpov, Gary Kasparov, and now Mischa Tal. Though there are other games collections featuring Tal, you will not find the thoughtful annotations anywhere other than here which Karolyi shares. For those who love chess and enjoy looking over the shoulders of those with the gift for playing beautifully, Karolyi's is a welcome addition. Not to be missed!!! 20 of 20 people found the following review helpful.

Karolyi produces another high quality book. By mojohojo50 Several GMs described Tal's style was to simply develop his pieces to the center then start sacrificing them around the enemy king. And many games follow this pattern. Some 'mad-hackers' do become GMs and occasionally win a tournament; However, Tal won 62 International Tournaments, 6 USSR Championships, played in 6 Candidates and won the World Title. Clearly like Topalov there is something more to his 'simple' style. Like most world champions, Tal was already strong master in his mid-teens. He learned to play at the Young Pioneers, joined one of Riga's dozen clubs, advanced through junior events League play to candidate master. His outstanding coach (Koblencs) rounded out Tal's skill in positional understanding, endgame ability and developing razor sharp openings. At 19 in his first big-time event (1956 USSR CH), Tal finished =5th including a couple of GM scalps. Working with his trainer, Tal's high risk style matured (deeper knowledge of his active openings, saving draws in inferior positions or snatching a win by sudden counter-attack, acceptance of strategic draws and positional skills). Tal continued to be himself with greater accuracy in piece sacrifices that detonate opponents middle-game structure and beautifully fluid piece play. Starting with his surprise 1st in the 1957 USSR ch, Tal blazed through the chess world with a repeat 1st in 1958 USSR ch, (scoring +10=5-3 vs Geller, Keres, Spassky, Taimanov, Bronstein, Korchnoi, Petrosian, etc), 1st at the 1958 Interzonal, overall top scorer at 1958 Olympiad on board 5, +12=3-0), continued his with 1st at the 1959 Candidates, +16=8-4 (where Tal Keres set a blistering pace to swamp the other 6 players, including Petrosian, Fischer, Smyslov), a 1st in Zurich, =2nd at 1959 USSR ch and with only 3 years of GM experience, Tal wins 1960 world title match. Very fine books have already covered the Tal's 1957-60 conquest, (Tal, Clarke, Kasparov). Why buy this one? Because Karolyi's main focus is on Tal's junior pre-gm phase in 40 games over 260 pages. He takes care to limit duplication of earlier writers, (Tal Kasparov do receive respectful credit). The book outlines Tal's use of active semi-open semi-closed openings to achieve sound develop, then Karolyi goes very deeply into how Tal seizes the middle-game initiative, often detonates the opponents center with a complicated piece sacrifice to launch the game into complex situations, that requires accurate moves for long periods just to stay in the game. This approach is often seen in 21st Century players, (they can apply deep memory of at-home preparation developed with their silicon-helper). Tal's genius came from instinct, deep calculation at the board and always the psychological press to finding good moves in very unclear situations under limited time control. The remaining 162 pages consider Tal's glorious '56-59 period, with Karolyi continuing to limit duplication of other sources, especially Tal's Life and Games. Karolyi has worked very hard on this book (first of 3 volumes). Generally game collections offer only a small sample of the pre-gm, (usually that first beating of a gm and a couple of brillancies). Karolyi mines this area to give the reader a way to learn about how tactical middlegames start after sound openings (Ruy, Sicilians, nothing off-beat). Tal gives up material for access into the interior of his opponents position, seizing on key squares, disorganizing the other guy's harmony, and testing both players mental stamina. Tal's instinctual genius finds a way through the irrational situations and either makes positive progress or throws more material onto the fire, with more fluid piece moving. As a young player, I was delighted by Clarke's book of Tal's games, but also mystified. To be blunt, Tal's style of play is very difficult to comprehend (so his rivals learned, and lost). To casually play through a game takes me 30-40 minutes of concentration, without a deep look into the notes. This is not a book if your wife or budget limits your chess library to under 50 books. Better to buy Tal's Life and Games and his Tal-Botvinnik Match books are masterpieces that should be in everyone's library (I have actually seen a mainstream book reviewer list the match book on his own 10 to books of all-time list). Tal was an outstanding chess journalist. Nor do I think player's under 1700 should buy this book (unless they first read the newly re-published Study Chess with Tal by Klovan). Karolyi has written a very good book. Chess trainers may find this to be a source for new material and positions for analytic training. Karolyi has: looked deeply into the games, added new Tal background info, interviewed the old-timers, made a good case for how Tal developed, provided charmingly brief bio's about now forgotten old master and clearly presented what he thinks we should recognize. He makes a good case that Tal was a fully rounded GM (excellent endgame and positional understanding) and shows how Tal could torque his chess engine to access a higher horsepower reach unimaginable speed and fluidity in his games. Karolyi's text indulges deep looks in areas of his special interest, such as Spassky-Tal 1958 USSR, (where Tal hangs on for 40 moves in a very inferior ending to emerge with a win), to illustrate Tal's endgame/defensive abilities were also competitive weapons. I believe the book successfully widens the understanding of beautiful and difficult games. My only quibbles are: 1-the great '59 Candidate Tournament deserves a deeper look (perhaps Hannon Russell will translate Gligorich's book); 2- Quality does not provide an opening index ECO codes. Karolyi's usual year-by-year layout works, excellent thumbnail bio's about opponents, tournament details go with Karolyi's usual thorough dissection of games. Tal's opening preparation is deeply considered, development of good endgame technique, Koblencs feeding his genius-side, and describing the psychological drama in Tal's playing style. There are gobs of helpful diagrams; the logical layout makes complex play understandable; with many embedded games and references to later Tal games; and detailed analysis of Tal's openings. Above all we get a great study of the 'Magician of Riga'. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. What a fine chess book on the early games of Tal the ... By Clem What a fine chess book on the early games of Tal the great! Karolyi's annotations are thorough and extremely instructive, with lots of humor! If you love attacking chess and unbelievably imaginative tactics, Mikhail Tal will leave you in wonderment! This is the first of 3. Mr. Karolyi

plans 2 more covering Tal chess career. I love this one and look forward to the next two!!

Mikhail Tal is one of the most celebrated chess players of all time. The eighth World Champion not only won the title at a record young age, but did so using a ferocious, high-risk attacking style. Tals spectacular games, along with his charming personality and witty sense of humour, endeared him to the chess public like no other player. Cutting-edge chess analysis is complemented by the engaging story of Tals career and other life events. The book also contains numerous anecdotes from famous players who share their memories of Tal. In this, the first of three volumes, Karolyi explores Tals early life and career up to the end of 1959, including his victory in the formidable Candidates tournament where he earned the right to challenge Botvinnik for the world title.

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