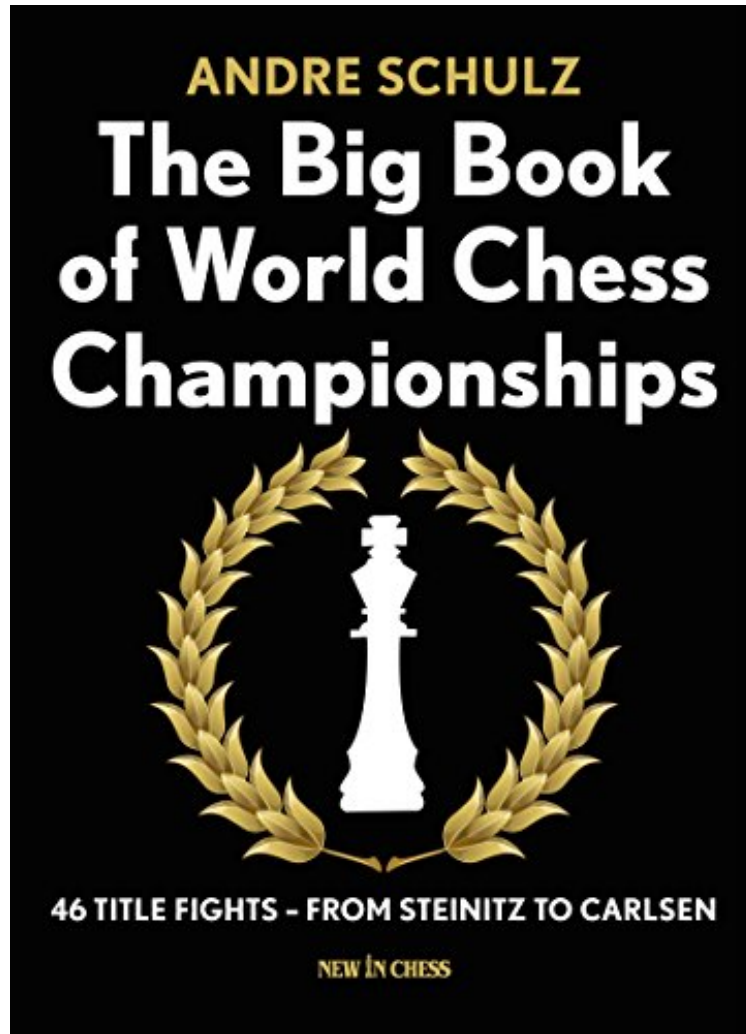


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8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. The history of the big chess battlesBy Kai ThurforsAs I am interested in chess I'm sometimes curious about the world champions who have come and gone. Some of them I have followed more closely, some were before my time, and some have flown under my radar in years when I have been busy with other things. This book gave me a good understanding of the people who became or tried to become

champions. Well written and I recommend it. One warning though, my Kindle can't show the symbols for the moved pieces, which makes it difficult to follow the games (there is one commented game per champion match). But as all important games now can be found on the net, that is not a big drawback. (If you like this book and want more background on the champions I also very much recommend Sasonko's *The World Champions I Knew*). 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful and comprehensive history of the best players in the world. By Michael A. Steen This is simply a terrific book covering all sorts of arcana from the entire history of world chess championships. In the first chapter alone I discovered all kinds of fascinating information about Wilhelm Steinitz and the first world championship. And of course the information on the challengers is equally fascinating. All the greats are here--Capablanca, Lasker, Alekhine, Smyslov--right up to Carlsen vs. Anand. However, if you are looking for a book analyzing the games from the matches, you'd best look elsewhere. Schulz includes one very well annotated game from each contest, checked by modern computers, but the games take second place to the well-written and researched biographical and anecdotal material. One caveat, though: The print is smaller than I am used to in a paperback, and while I can read it with my 65 year old eyes, I need a bright reading lamp. If you have trouble with small print, you'd be well advised to get the Kindle edition if you can. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book By Customer Excellent work. Explains the history of the WC. Includes some games from each championship to illustrate the style of the day. Excellent photographs as well. This book fulfills a need in the story of chess history. Well worth the price.

Wilhelm Steinitz, the winner of the first official World Chess Championship in 1886, would have rubbed his eyes in disbelief if he could have seen how popular chess is today. With millions of players all around the world, live internet transmissions of major and minor competitions, and educational programs in thousands of schools, chess has truly become a global passion. And what would Steinitz, who had financial problems his whole life and died in poverty, have thought of the current world champion, Magnus Carlsen, who became a multi-millionaire in his early twenties just by playing great chess? The history of the World Chess Championship reflects these enormous changes, and German chess journalist Andre Schulz tells the stories of the title fights in fascinating detail: the historical and social backgrounds, the prize money and the rules, the seconds and other helpers, and the psychological wars on and off the board. Meet some of the world's sharpest minds as they clash in what has been called the 'cruellest sport' and drink in their tales: the lonely geniuses, the flamboyant boulevardiers, the Nazi-sympathizers, the communist darlings and a troubled boy from Brooklyn. Relive the magic of Capablanca, Alekhine, Botvinnik, Tal, Karpov, Kasparov, Bobby Fischer and the others. All great champions, but so different in character and playing style. Schulz's chronicle is an absorbing evocation of the battles they fought. He has also selected one defining game from each championship, and he explains the moves of the Champions, and the ideas behind the moves, in a way that is easily accessible for amateur players and highly instructive for beginners as well. This is a book that no true chess lover wants to miss.

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