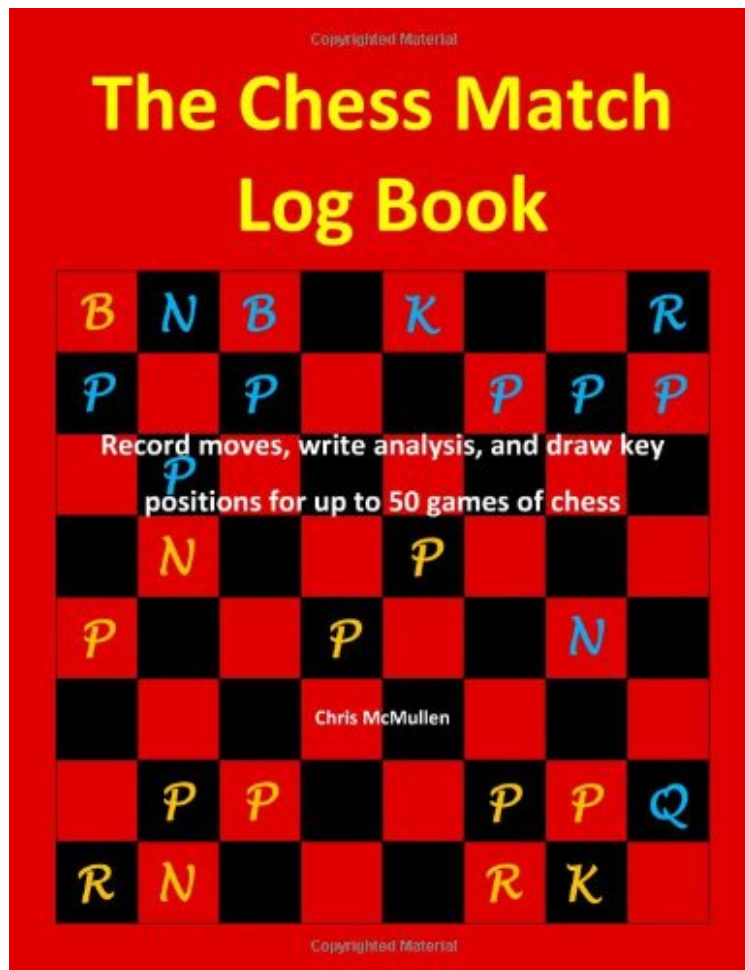


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. The Chess Match Log By M. Ararat The concept is good, but the layout can be better. I like the empty diagrams to record key positions during the game. What I did not like: First is you want to annotate your chess games you want to do it following standard guidelines. The book has (in every page) some pointer such as: Style of the game White's strategy Black's strategy I rather prefer empty space to analyze the game in

my own terms such as: Opening, early middle game, middlegame, transition to endgame, endgame. Second, for some reason the author put his name in every single page. I do not know what is the practical purpose of this (it is distracting) Third, on page 5 the author shows an example of how to use the book. My rating is not very high (1934) but any of my students, even a beginner annotate a game like this. If the author's intention was to suggest how to annotate a game, this was clearly a missed opportunity. This is very sad since only players that are serious about improving their chess spend time with annotations. In summary, this not a bad product, if you want pointer on how to annotate a game search online, couple of master have nice and free examples. Good luck with your chess! 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A GREAT TOOL FOR CHESS STUDY AND SELF ASSESSMENT By yvonne THE CHESS MATCH LOG BOOK by Chris McMullen just arrived in today's mail and I have not yet had a chance to put it to use but liked it so much that I immediately thought I should buy a few more before it goes out of print. It is a well thought out, 8"X10", 158 page soft-cover book that accommodates 50 games with a 3 page format for each game. It begins with 5 pages of explanations and examples of use. The first page of each game allows you to not only record basic identifying data such as what match, date and who is white and Black but, also, opening, variation, opening comments, style of game, White's strategy, Black's strategy and 12 lines for additional comments. The second page is set up for 83 numbered moves (1/2 move each for White and Black) in three vertical columns but without space to enter any commentary right next to each move for a move by move self-analysis which, for me, would have made it perfect. The third page has 6 numbered blank chess diagrams each with numbers on the left and lower case letters at the bottom and each labeled "\_\_\_\_\_ to play" and there are additional lines on this page for further notes. SUPER CLEAR!! McMullen, evidently, is sharing with us a vision of all that is missing from other such products including having sufficient space for meaningful commentary ... though greedy me would like even more. I am not sure what is the best number of moves to provide space for but 83 moves may allow more than enough moves to cover most situations without overkill (many similar products stop at 60 moves per game while some others go to 120). The space for commentary and 6 diagrams are really what makes it different from others that I have seen that allow the recording of moves and very little else (I have seen products with 1 diagram). I could easily see using it with a game against my computer or a person - casual or tournament, to facilitate working on a particular aspect of my chess play as this would help to clearly identify weaknesses and strengths and to monitor progress. A smaller size might be a better fit in some of these chess bags that have a space for a notebook but I am not sure a smaller size would allow as clear and logical a format but it is quite possible to get very good use from this book by leaving it home for post-game analysis later and copying into it after one has had time to study the game since much of the information for which it gives space really needs careful thought. The binding seems well glued but it does seem to be just glued not sewn; of course, this means there may be trouble in repeatedly trying to open it flat to write. There is no free lunch as I have found that spiral and loose leaf type books also lose pages though they do lie flat; a hardcover, sewn option might be more durable. So, a hard cover, sewn version with space for move by move commentary, everything else remaining the same, would have made it, for me, a 5 star product. As is, I like it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This a very good documentation book that both my son and I enjoy ... By Honest Citizen This a very good documentation book that both my son and I enjoy for recording chess games. I highly recommend the book.

**DESCRIPTION:** This log book serves as a convenient bound journal in which to save games, including moves, written analysis, and diagrams for key positions. It can be used to suit several needs: Keep an active diary of the chess games that you play. Log games played in a local chess tournament. Analyze variations of a chess opening in detail. Follow matches played between grandmasters. Store weekly games played by a chess club. Prepare a memento of your best chess games. Collect important matches from chess history. The introduction describes how to use this log book, including suggestions for nomenclature and how to distinguish between different color pieces in the diagrams of key positions. A sample record of a chess match is provided as an example of how to log, analyze, and draw a game of chess.

**From the Author** What Chess Players Like Chess players really appreciate the 6 blank diagrams for every game. Rather than merely record a list of moves, this lets you see, study, and review critical positions without having to play through all the moves. There is even space to indicate which side is set to play in the diagram. Blank lines on which to write ideas, strategies, or comments in words also come in handy. **How Players Use This Book** Some players use this log book to record their own games, but other chess players have found additional ways to use this book. A few record their favorite games from famed historical matches, a few use it to follow live matches between grandmasters, some use it to study an opening line like the Sicilian or the King's Gambit, and authors record games they study in preparation for books that they are writing. Other books by Chris McMullen include: **Make a Personalized Book of 500 Chess Positions** Draw up to 500 different chess positions. There is room in the back of the book to write solutions or brief notes about each position. This is a great way to keep a record of intriguing or instructive positions that you come across while playing, or to make your own book of chess combinations, for example. **Math Workbooks** Chris

McMullen, who holds a Ph.D. in physics, is the author of the Improve Your Math Fluency series of math workbooks. These workbooks offer ample practice in fundamental math skills, including arithmetic, fractions, algebra, and trigonometry. Science Books The author has also written a conceptual chemistry book, basic astronomy books, and undergraduate physics textbooks. About the Author Chris McMullen has been playing chess for enjoyment for thirty years, in person and on the internet. As a passionate chess player, he has read numerous chess books, studying everything from opening theory to combinations. After drawing many diagrams and recording many games, he realized how it may be useful to publish a couple of chess log books for drawing and recording positions or games. He published The Chess Match Log Book for recording games (with room to draw key positions and write notes) and Make a Personalized Book of 500 Chess Positions for drawing positions (with room to record notes in a separate section at the end).