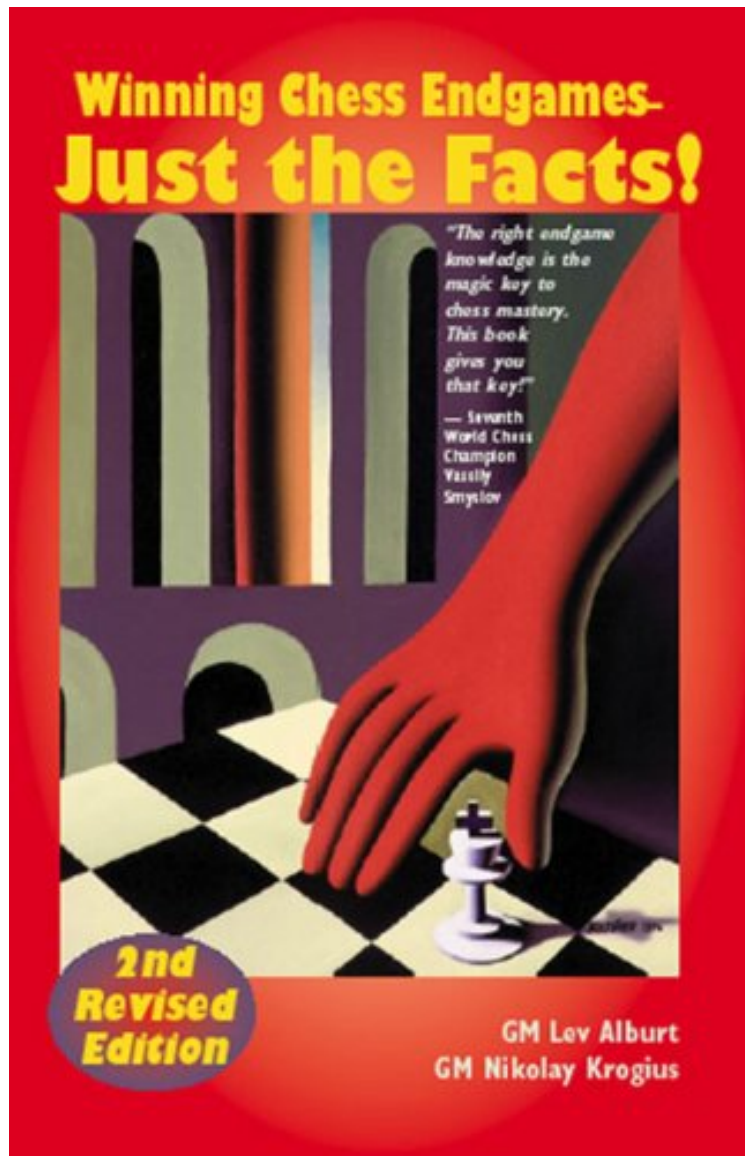


Winning Chess Endgames: Just the Facts!, Second Edition

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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. I now LOVE the endgame!By CustomerThis is a GREAT book! I

just recently finished reading and PLAYING through the entire book, and lo and behold my rating on the Internet Chess Club has jumped over a 100 points since I finished the book. (I am still a newbie but I am now finally beating some players who are rated higher than me) This book is the not the only reason I have gotten better. I have been studying plenty of tactics and playing through the games of Capablanca (Chernev's book on Capa's endings). I have also been making sure to PRACTICE what I learned in this book with the Endgame Modules on Chessimo (formerly PCT). The fact remains that I am now winning games I used to lose. Studying the endgame not only gives you the ability to play the endgame it also helps you to realize the intrinsic kinetic energy of the pieces. I know that sounds weird but it is true. I know a lot of people are very high on Silman's book and I am sure it is great. After looking at it I just couldn't bring myself to purchase it because I didn't like the idea of only studying the endgames "required" of my level. I think that defeats the purpose of studying the Endgame. Just the Facts lays out all the different types of endgames with great diagrams and very clear and concise prose. You have to play through the examples on a board and then PRACTICE your new knowledge either with software or an endgame puzzle book. I plan to read this book again!! Highly recommended!!!!!! Update 1/19/09: So I have to eat some crow! I DID indeed end up buying the Silman endgame book and I was wrong about it! It is a marvelous book...in fact his whole concept has changed the way I am studying chess, not just the way I study the endgame. I still give the Lev Alburt book full kudos but I have to admit when I am wrong and I was VERY wrong about Silman's Endgame book. It is superb!! 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Very nice introduction to the endgame By Ambulocetus The first thirty pages of this book are essentially worthless, and I found the use of color to be a bit distracting at times. Aside from these trivial complaints, this is an excellent book. Unlike many endgame books, you don't find yourself trudging through eight different variations of "king, bishop, and two pawns versus king, knight, and three pawns." Instead, you are given the most basic endgame positions--the theoretical principles for which are explained fully, simply, and clearly--then moved on to more complex endgame positions which share similar theoretical features. Not only do you see how to play a particular sort of endgame position, then, but you are also given an understanding of when and how the same principles would apply to a more complicated board situation. Endgames are usually drudgery to study. This book makes them pretty interesting and accessible. 24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Learning Tool By E. Fisher This is one of the best instructional chess books I have read on any phase of the game. It makes use of hundreds of diagrams so that the reader rarely has to recreate the position on the chess board. Also, the methodology Alburt uses, pattern recognition for essential positions, provides the reader with a solid and digestible endgame foundation. The multicolor format is also used to good effect. Alburt emphasizes important positions and concepts with blue chess boards and blue stand alone paragraphs. After reading the section on rook endgames, I came away with the clearest understanding of Lucena's Position I have had from any chess book, I have read. Additionally, because of the pattern recognition format, this book also is a useful tournament review tool. In terms of difficulty, the book is geared to the low to mid-level club player, who knows the basic checkmates, but doesn't have a solid endgame footing.

Winner of the prestigious Chess Journalists of America Book of the Year award, this single book boils down all essential endgame wisdom into one you can use to win games for the rest of your life. Nothing more clearly separates chess master from chess wannabe than winning endgame play. For most chess players, victory is the real finish line. And the endgame is the last lap of the race. This revised, updated edition of Just the Facts! brings English readers the once strictly guarded and time-tested Soviet training methods, the key to the 50-year Russian dominance of the chess world. Winning Chess Endgames can take you from beginner to master. Two-color chess illustrations throughout

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