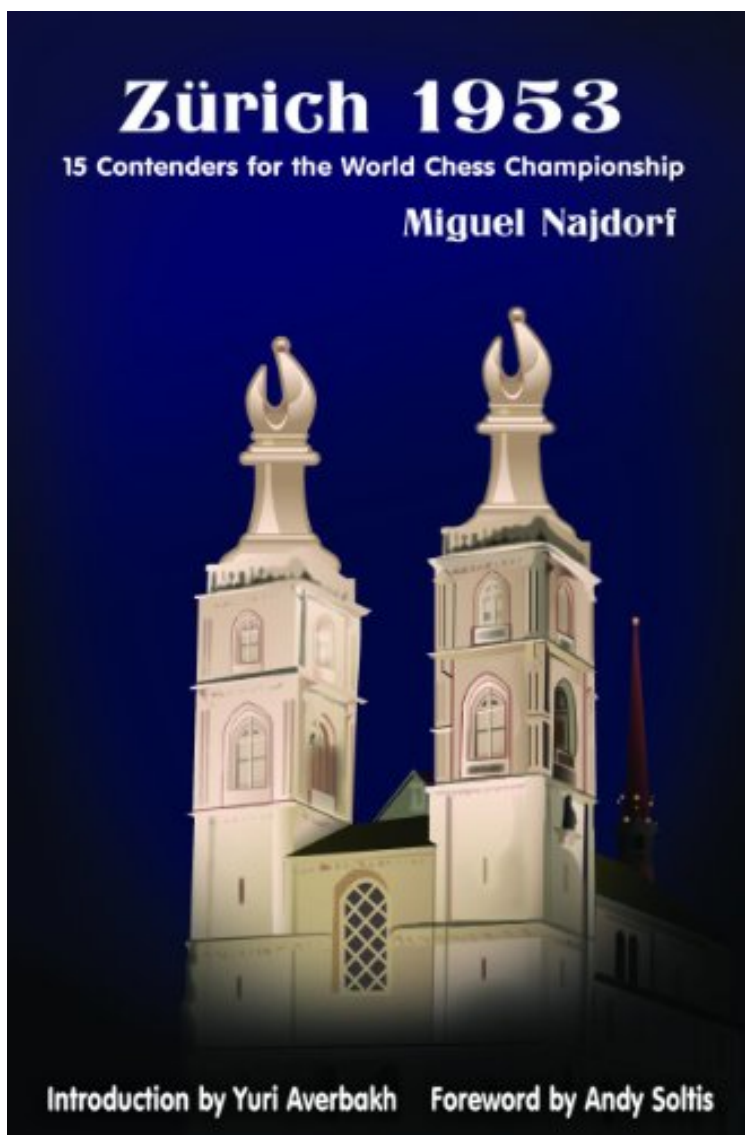


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Miguel Najdorf : Zurich 1953: 15 Contenders for the World Chess Championship before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Zurich 1953: 15 Contenders for the World Chess Championship:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Classic marred by poor editing...By Alexei Uechi Ever since first hearing about Najdorf's book on Zurich 1953 (mentioned by Soltis as one of his favorite chessbooks in an interview), I

was looking forward to reading this. Previously, the book was only available in Spanish, so I was happy to find out an English version was available. Najdorf's annotations are instructive and much more pleasant to read than Bronstein's. What ruined the experience for me was the poor editing. For instance, in the 2nd game between Najdorf and Reshevsky, moves 9 and 10 were omitted and in game 5 between Szabo and Geller, in the note to move 16, it gives 16...Ng4 which isn't possible (Nb4 was probably what he meant). These both came from the 1st round games and if it is an indicator of what is to come... Najdorf deserved better than this. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Even better than Bronstein's great book on the same tournament. By Dr. J. Sarfati This great tournament featured the best players of the day trying to win the right to challenge the World Champ, Botvinnik. Unfortunately, there were no books in English. Bronstein's book was first published in Russian and called a classic; it came out in English in around 1980 and was greatly appreciated. Najdorf's book, actually his only book, was originally written in Spanish, and has only recently been translated into English. Kudos to the crisp English translation, which streamlined Najdorf's sometimes verbose prose but without losing the flavour at all. Najdorf's book is even better than Bronstein's: Najdorf's enthusiasm for the tournament and chess in general, respect for all the players, his personal touch, more extensive notes, and clear marking of the games' key points (as he saw them) with punctuation of the moves. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By lester garciagood

The Stuff of Legend A great tournament deserves a great book. That's what grandmaster Miguel Najdorf produced in his account of one of the greatest and most important chess events of all time, the 1953 Zurich Candidates Tournament, in which 15 of the world's top players battled for the right to challenge the world champion, Mikhail Botvinnik. After two months and 210 games, many of which rank among the best ever played, Russian grandmaster Vassily Smyslov finally came out at the head of a star-studded field that included Sam Reshevsky, Paul Keres, David Bronstein, Tigran Petrosian, Efim Geller, Alexander Kotov, Mark Taimanov, Yuri Averbakh, Isaac Boleslavsky, Lasz Szab, Svetozar Gligoric, Max Euwe, Gideon Sthlberg, and Najdorf himself. This is the first English edition of this classic work, until now available only in its original Spanish. It includes all 210 games with Najdorf's full extensive notes, plus all the original introductory material, biographical sketches of the players, round-by-round accounts of the action, closing summary, and a survey of the tournament's impact on opening theory. Additionally this edition has many more diagrams and photos, plus forewords by grandmasters Yuri Averbakh (one of the last surviving participants) and Andy Soltis. Najdorf produced much more than a collection of games. This is a rich, vivid, firsthand account of an historic event by a direct participant, written in a style at once colorful, eloquent and erudite. Najdorf was not only one of the greatest players of all time, but a fine writer who knew how to combine education and entertainment. All chessplayers, whether serious or casual, will find themselves both interested and instructed, and history buffs will learn much here that cannot be found anywhere else.

About the Author Grandmaster Miguel Najdorf (1910-1997) was born in Poland. While he was playing in the 1939 Olympiad in Buenos Aires, World War II broke out. Jewish, Najdorf could not risk returning to his Nazi-occupied homeland, and so he remained in Argentina, where he became successful in both business and chess. He ranked among the world's top 20 players for over 20 years, and was always among the game's most colorful and esteemed personalities. This was his only book.