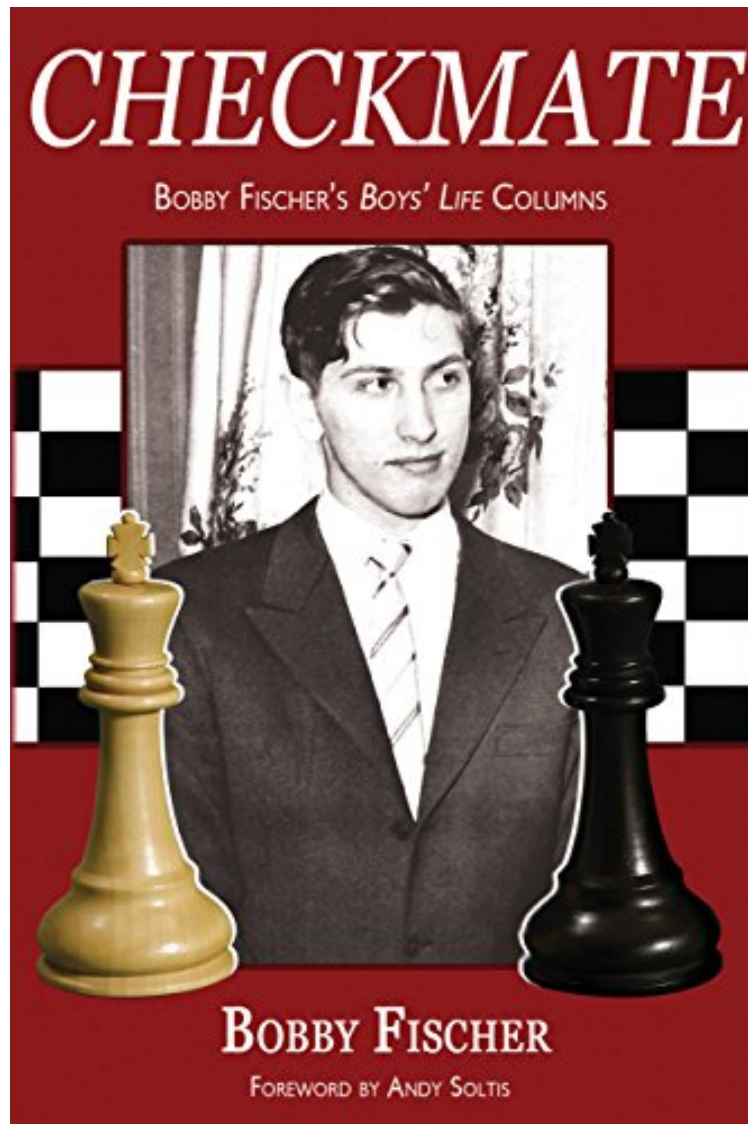


## Checkmate: Bobby Fischer's Boys' Life Columns

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**Bobby Fischer : Checkmate: Bobby Fischer's Boys' Life Columns** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Checkmate: Bobby Fischer's Boys' Life Columns:

15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic insight into Fischer's thought processBy CustomerThe rare chess book that I read cover to cover... could not put it down. The material is not especially challenging... what's special is how Fischer talks about it. You get more insight into his thought process here than in any book I have seen by or about Bobby. Don't expect theoretical novelties or long, insightful annotations of long games. Just look forward to gaining some insight into this remarkable player.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. LackingBy S.

Conner This book is OK as far as it goes, but it does not seem to include all of Fischer's columns. I was a Boy Scout during this period and remember more games being included in this column (I remember in particular his notes on Game 1 of his candidates match with Petrosian-but no such column shows up here. Good buy if you are a Fischer fan, or if you are one of us who picked up chess during the Fischer Boom. Otherwise... 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. He was on the rise to becoming quite possibly the greatest chess player who ever lived

By Michael Childs As a boy in the 1960's I was a Boy Scout, and fondly remember Bobby Fischer's column on chess in Noy's Life magazine. This was before Bobby was World Champion. Though eccentric he was not yet as crazy as he became. He was on the rise to becoming quite possibly the greatest chess player who ever lived. Yet, each week he wrote about chess to 8 to 12 year old boys, and we all rooted for Bobby beat the Russians and become World Champion. And he did. These columns reveal much about the young Bobby Fischer. Anything Bobby wrote on chess is worth reading. No defense for the racism of his last years.

A Look into Bobbys Mind From December 1966 until January 1970, Bobby Fischer wrote a chess column for Boys Life, the official magazine of the Boy Scouts of America. Now, for the first time, all of these columns have been collected in one volume. It is an eclectic mix, a fascinating look at Fischers writing and thinking as he reached his prime, maturing into the strongest player in the world. In these columns, he answers many readers questions from basic to sophisticated. His answers provide a unique glimpse into Fischers thinking at the chessboard. The time period covered in these columns was one of the most critical in Fischers career. It was during this time period that his opus magnum, My Sixty Memorable Games, was released. And as player, he grew from one of a few super-grandmasters to the best player in the world. The only thing missing was an actual title match. That of course would soon come. These columns are a diverse collection of tips for players, comments on playing, annotated games and casual observations. The games and annotations are presented in modern English algebraic notation. As Andy Soltis notes in his foreword, You read [Fischers Boys Life columns] to see what was going on in that remarkable mind. As quirky as Checkmate was, these columns tell us a lot.

About the Author Bobby Fischer was the first American World Chess Champion. From boy prodigy to the best in the world, he rocketed to international fame when he was just a teenager. He is considered by many to be the best chessplayer ever.