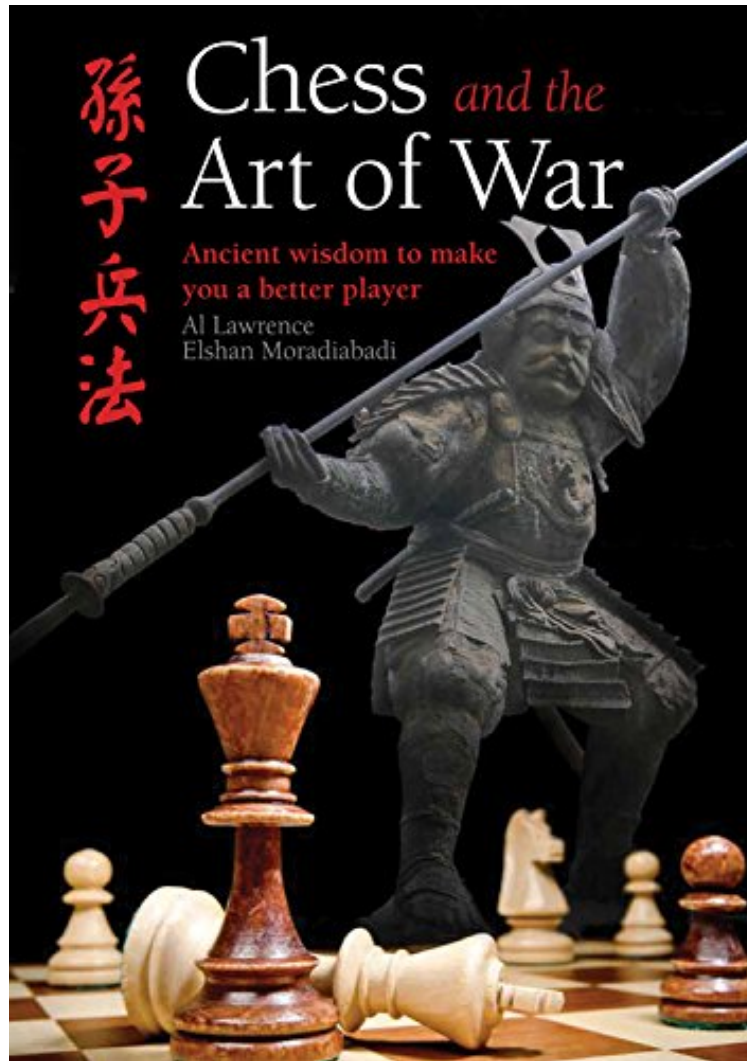


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Inside Chess and the Art of War, you'll find an ancient military history drawn from and adapted into a helpful guide on how to become a chess master at any skill level. 2,500 years ago Sun Tzu wrote a military treatise called The Art of War. Since then, the book has been used not just by military tacticians but by business leaders, planners, traders, politicians, and even sports coaches. Here, Sun Tzu's lessons are applied to how to play a winning game of chess. Chess is not an easy game to learn, nor an easy game to master, even if you've been playing chess for years. In Chess and the Art of War author and chess teacher Al Lawrence and International Grandmaster Elshan Moradiabadi have studied Tzu and drawn on his philosophies to deliver 40 fascinating lessons organized into the opening, the middlegame, and the end game. Illustrated with extracts from classic chess games, the authors prove that playing by Sun Tzu's philosophies will make you a skilled opponent and a winning player. Whether you're a beginner or a tournament veteran, Sun Tzu's ancient lessons in Chess and the Art of War will teach you something new and useful on and off the chessboard.

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