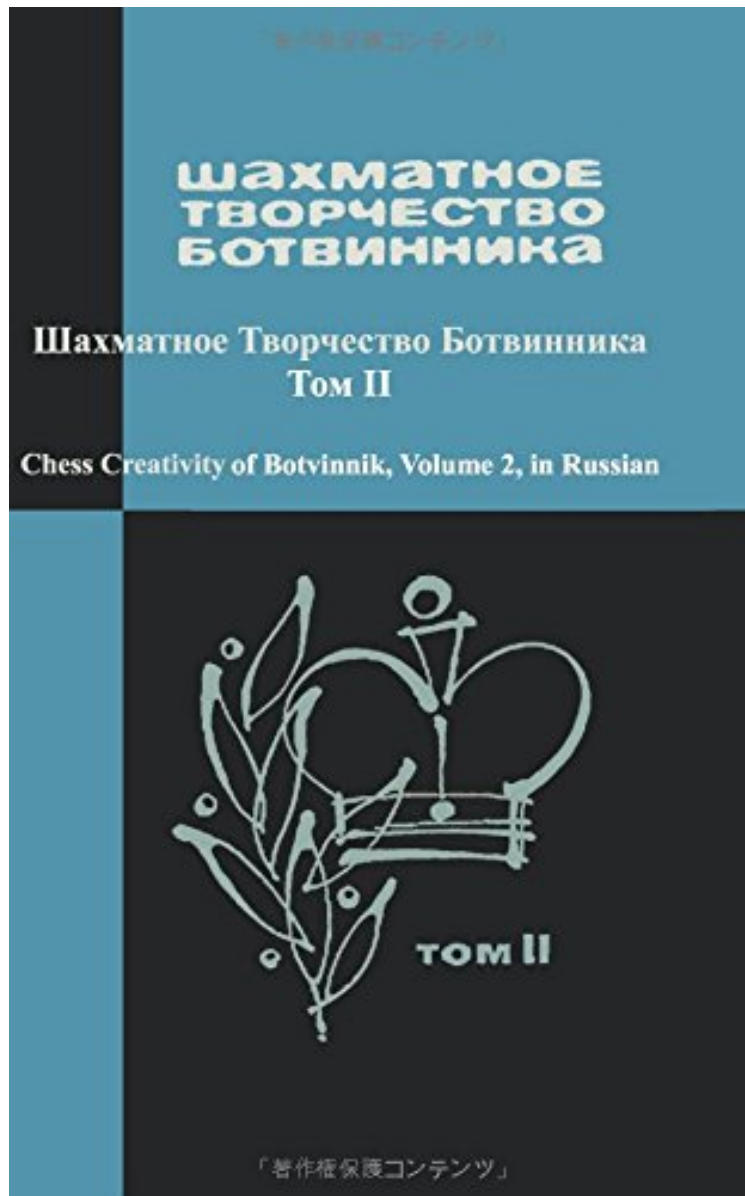


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This (second) volume is dedicated to the chess creativity MM Botvinnik, and includes materials (parts, articles, analyzes, studies) relating to the years 1941-1956. This, of course, was the period of the highest artistic and sporting achievements of Botvinnik, crowning with winning the title of world champion. Of the 217 games that are included in this volume, 140 are commented upon by Botvinnik, 53 of the games have notes written by him for the first time. Of particular interest was the new comments to games in competitions for the world championship in 1948 and 1951. This second volume includes 217 games for 1941-1956 years., plus articles "The fight for the world championship," "On the Soviet chess school", "end with a rook pawn" f "and" h ", an article on the competition rules for the world championship etal., and an article by the originator "Botvinnik's debut practice." As in the first volume, are not a commentary published with the famous Soviet and foreign players: D. Bronstein, I. Kahn, P. Keres, Kotov, B. Larsen, G. Levenfish, A. Lilienthal, V. Ragozin, C . Reshevsky, P. Romanowski, V. Simagina, V. Smyslov, A. Sokolsky, M. Taimanov, R. Fine, C. Flora, A. Chistyakov, M. Euwe and M. Yudovich. The publication covers the most games played by Botvinnik Chess in 40 years of activity, its commentaries, theoretical, analytical and historical works.

About the Author Mikhail Moiseyevich Botvinnik was born on August 17, 1911 near St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1931 at the age of 20 he won his first of six Soviet championships. He won the World Chess Championship in 1948 and held the title with two breaks until 1963. Botvinnik announced his retirement from chess in 1970. Even after Botvinnik had lost the official world title to Tigran Petrosian in 1963, Bobby Fischer still regarded Botvinnik as the strongest player in the world (other than Fischer himself of course). I know this because I was with Fischer when he was talking to USCF Executive Director Edmund Edmondson while attempting to negotiate a match with Botvinnik for the World Chess Championship in 1970. Botvinnik had claimed that FIDE had acted unfairly when it had abolished the re-match provision prior to his match with Petrosian in 1963. Fischer apparently agreed, believing that Botvinnik would win if a rematch were held and thus was still the world champion, although unofficial. (This seems to have represented a re-appraisal from the views Fischer expressed in his article The Ten Greatest Masters in History (pages 56-61 of Chessworld magazine, January-February 1964) in which Fischer had omitted Botvinnik from his list of the ten greatest players of all time.) However, Botvinnik continued to work until almost the day he died. His family says that he still walked to work every day even in his 80s. His work in his later years included developing computer programs to play chess and in training younger up-coming players including future World Champion Garry Kasparov. Botvinnik died in Moscow on May 5, 1995 at age 83.