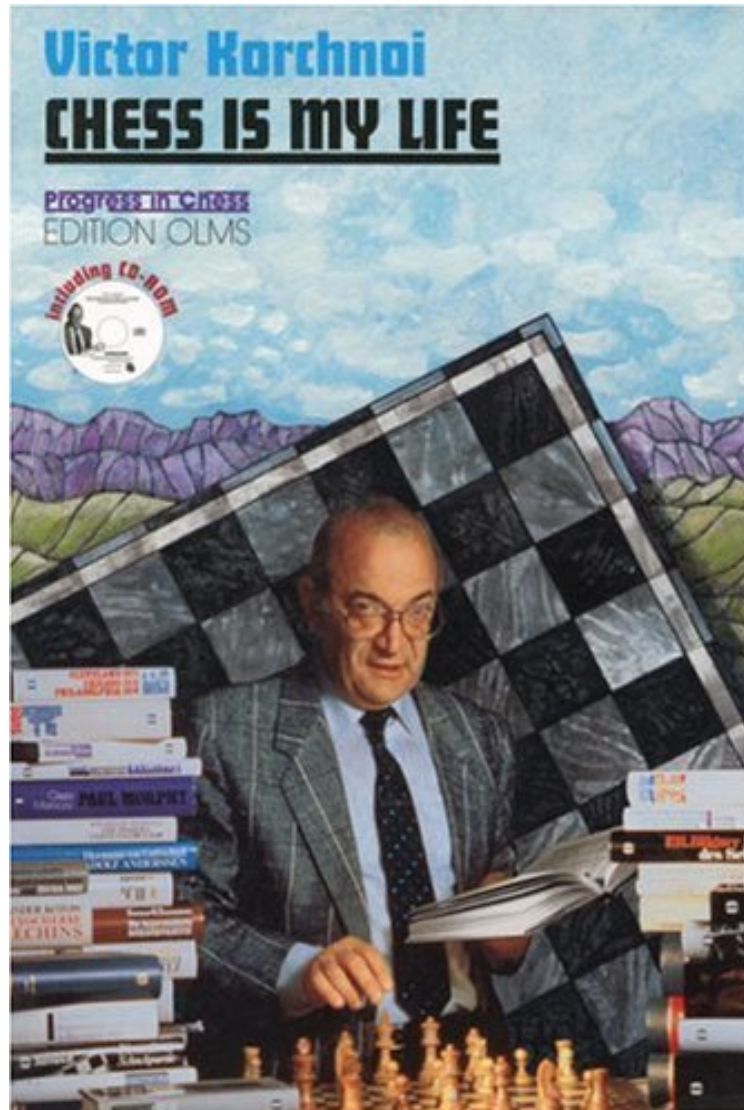


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Victor Korchnoi's *Chess is My Life* was first published nearly 20 years ago; now, in a series of lengthy interviews, Korchnoi has retold the story of his life, right from the beginning. Korchnoi's memories of his childhood in Leningrad, his years at university, his rise to the top of the chess world, and the years before and after his flight to the West are an impressive account of a life in chess. The book also includes 15 deeply annotated games considered as key to his career.