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It's been more than forty years since I bought this book, yet it remains one of my most perused books. It presents the variations by eras and regions. Complete rules are included for each game, including board configurations and piece descriptions for those who want to make their own boards and pieces. Some variations are quite complex, while others demonstrate why they have fallen into obscurity. As an Edgar Rice Burroughs fan I was pleased to see Jetan (from "The Chessmen of Mars") included, which the author did initially as a novelty, then found it quite playable. Also of interest to me was Byzantine Chess, which has a round board and not as difficult to craft as you might think. All in all, not only an enjoyable book, but an important book for chess fans and collectors, fitting into your library between chess history books and practical books about the playing of chess.