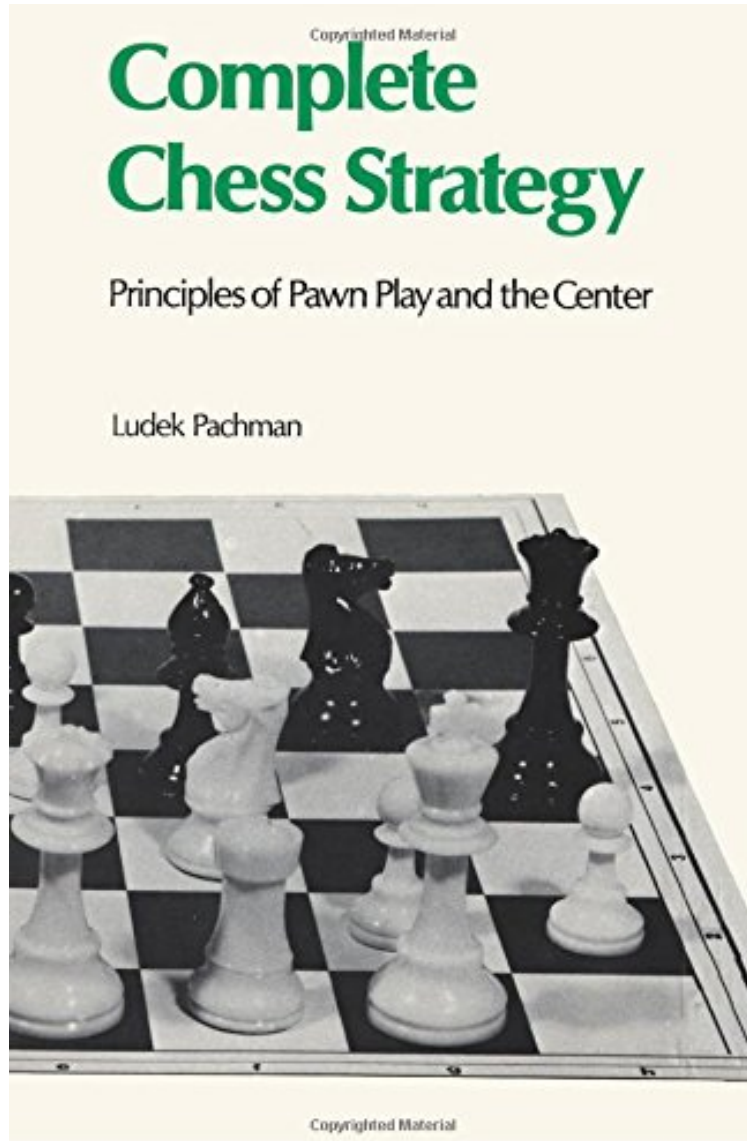


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About the Author Ludek Pachman was born in Bela pod Bezdezem, Czechoslovakia on May 11, 1924. Pachman's first big break came at an international tournament in Prague in 1943 with Alekhine and Keres. Pachman came to watch and to play in a subsidiary tournament. When the subsidiary tournament was canceled, Pachman was given a spot in the main event, taking the place of a player who could not make it. Pachman finished in the top half and created a sensation. Ludek Pachman became one of the world's strongest chess grandmasters and one of the world's greatest writers and teachers of the game. He won four zonal tournaments and played in six Interzonal tournaments, possibly a record, but he missed qualifying to the World Champion Candidates Tournament by a half-point twice. Pachman played eight tournament games against Bobby Fischer. Pachman made an even lifetime score against Fischer, +2 -2 =4. His most famous game is his win over Bobby Fischer in Chile in 1959. Ludek Pachman died on March 6, 2003 in Passau, Germany.