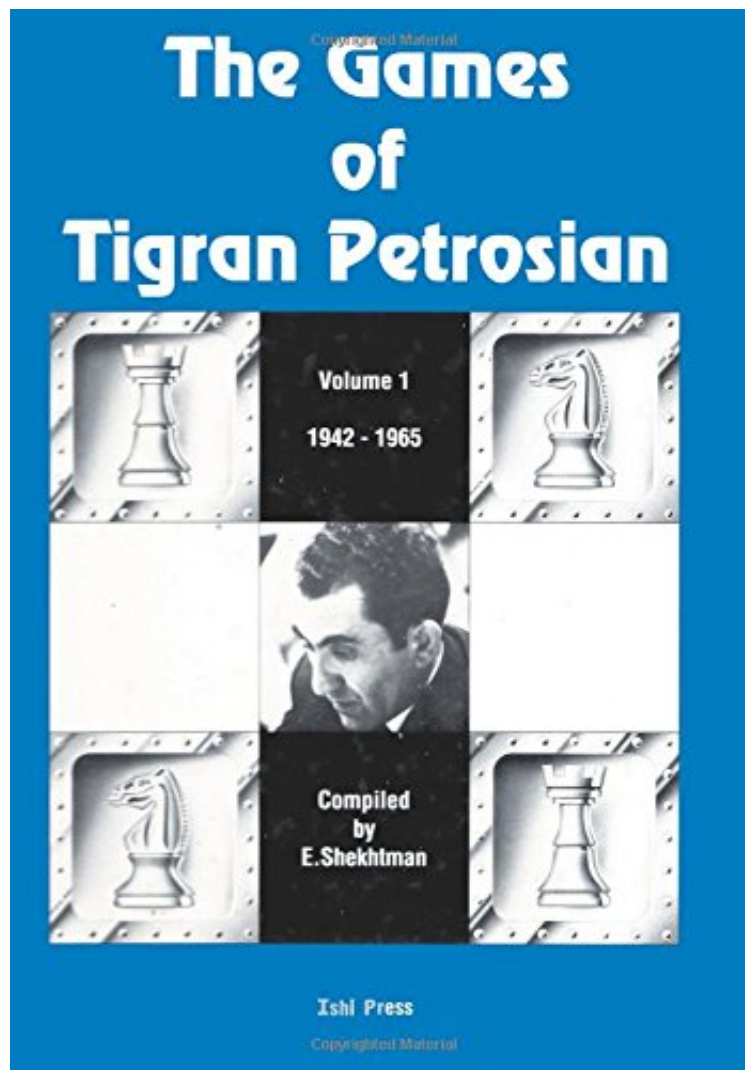


## The Games of Tigran Petrosian Volume 1 1942-1965

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**Eduard I Shekhtman : The Games of Tigran Petrosian Volume 1 1942-1965** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Games of Tigran Petrosian Volume 1 1942-1965:

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openings but that wasn't my intention). The rest of the games (some 980 !) are just the moves, nothing else. In other words, there is nothing here that you couldn't get over the net -- and for free! I was going to order volume 2 but I did well to wait for this one. I'm not going to order volume 2 anymore.<sup>3</sup> of 7 people found the following review helpful. Ideal for a fan of Petrosian

By Terence Mills I have several books on games of Petrosian. I love his style. It's as if I could have done it all myself, and then boom, from nowhere, he crushes his opponent - often but not always. He too has left his Queen en prise which also cheered me up. Anyway, I bought the two volumes in this set and I am playing through all the games - there are supposed to be 1000 of them so it will take me a while. Games are clearly set out with modern notation; many games have comments by Petrosian; the biographical remarks at the beginning also inspired me. I have taken my other books on Petrosian to a second hand bookseller because these two volumes are better.

Prior his untimely death in Moscow on 13 August 1984, at the age of only 55, Former World Chess Champion Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian had been collecting his games and was preparing lectures and notes. He was planning to compile them all into a book. However, due to his premature death the book was never published. His widow Rona E. Petrosian went to work and with Eduard Shekhtman and with great difficulty was able to collect and compile the games which are published here. What is most surprising is that Petrosian is perhaps the only world champion other than Bobby Fischer to have a complete collection of his games published. There is no complete collection of the games of Tal, Smyslov or Botvinnik and there will probably never be one. Tigran Petrosian (1929-1984) was World Chess Champion from 1963 to 1969 and was one of the strongest players in the world throughout his lengthy career.

About the Author Tigran Petrosian was World Chess Champion from 1963 to 1969. He became the first player in the modern era to win a match to defend the world chess title by defeating Boris Spassky in a match in 1966. He had gained the World Chess Championship by defeating Mikhail Botvinnik in a match in 1963. He is perhaps best known today for being the one who broke Bobby Fischer's streak of winning 20 games in a row against grandmasters. Petrosian represented the USSR in the World Chess Olympiad ten times. His result was 78 wins, 50 draws and only one loss, for 79.8 per cent. The most famous instance of this was at the 1966 Chess Olympiad in Havana, Cuba, where he won the gold medal on top board with 88.46 percent vs. Bobby Fischer's 88.23 percent. Petrosian was a Candidate for the World Championship on eight occasions (1953, 1956, 1959, 1962, 1971, 1974, 1977 and 1980). He won the world championship in 1963 by defeating Botvinnik, successfully defended it in 1966 against Spassky, and lost it in 1969 to Spassky. Thus, he was the defending World Champion or a World Champion Candidate in ten consecutive three-year cycles. He won the Soviet Championship four times (1959, 1961, 1969, and 1975). In spite of these impressive results, he is perhaps best known for breaking Bobby Fischer's winning streak of 20 games by beating Bobby in game two of their 1971 match. The importance of this accomplishment of breaking Fischer's Streak is shown by the fact that all of his games from that match against Fischer are annotated in this book. One would think that this book would emphasize his winning the World Championship by defeating Botvinnik in 1963 or his successful defense of the world championship by beating Spassky in 1966. But, No! His most noteworthy accomplishment was in breaking Fischer's streak in 1972, even though Petrosian lost the match to Fischer.