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and most consequential tournaments of all time. Most great tournaments feature great players playing together. But this one was for the World Chess Championship. Mikhail Botvinnik, Vasily Smyslov, Samuel Reshevsky, Paul Keres and Max Euwe were considered the best in the world. Although one could argue Reuben Fine (who was invited but chose to pursue his studies in psychology) and David Bronstein should have also played the field was still very credible. Every one of the players was at some point in time over the past 15 years, before and after, was considered or will be considered to be the best in the world. Euwe was a former World Champion, Botvinnik and Smyslov were to become world champions. Fischer considered Reshevsky to be the best player in the world in the late 50s. Keres would find himself playing in the next 6 Candidates Tournaments. Not a lot of draws, mostly wins and losses. Superbly annotated by Euwe, the notes were a revelation and joy to read. Highly recommended. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Classic book of a classic tournament By Dr. J. Sarfati This was a historic tournament, starting the FIDE-controlled world championship, replacing the former system where a champion could (and often did) avoid his strongest challengers. Botvinnik deservedly won by a three-point margin, which should have surprised no-one because he had won every tournament he played in since 1941, and many were world-class. His domination seemed to herald a dominant reign as world champ, but as we now know, he never won a match as world champion. This book is a different order from Golombek's, since it was written by one of the five participants. Unfortunately, Euwe had worn himself out and lost confidence by a too-busy chess schedule in 1947, and was way below form in this tournament. Still, the games were well annotated and objectively assessed, as would be expected from a man who was known for his fairness. Since Fine withdrew, it was a travesty that he wasn't replaced by Najdorf, who had some brilliant results in the few years before the tournament, especially Prague that was meant to be a qualifier. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A landmark moment in chess history By Thomas Braun A landmark moment in chess history: a tournament fought by five top grandmasters to determine the world champion; and, the establishment of FIDE as the world chess organization. GM Euwe, both a participant and a former world champion, was one of the best chess writers and analysts of all time. Truly, a book that every serious chess student must own and study.

On March 24, 1946, the 4th world chess champion, Alexander Alekhine, passed away. He was the first and still the only champion to die while holding the title. To select a new champion, a powerful quintuple round-robin was held in The Hague and in Moscow. The 5 strongest players of the era took part in a grueling two-month, 25-round tournament, one of the most important events in the history of chess. It produced a new world champion, Mikhail Botvinnik, and was the start of a new FIDE regulated era. This splendid account of an epic championship includes a review of all previous encounters between the participants, background information, as well as all the games of the tournament, deeply annotated by Euwe. You are invited to follow Mikhail Botvinnik, Vasily Smyslov, Sam Reshevsky, Paul Keres and Max Euwe as they battle for the title and the chess world starts its journey through the post-World War II era and the beginning of the Soviet hegemony.

About the Author Max Euwe (1901-1981) was the fifth world chess champion. He won the title from Alekhine in 1935 but was defeated in the rematch two years later. He wrote extensively on chess theory and openings and was one of the most respected players of his day.