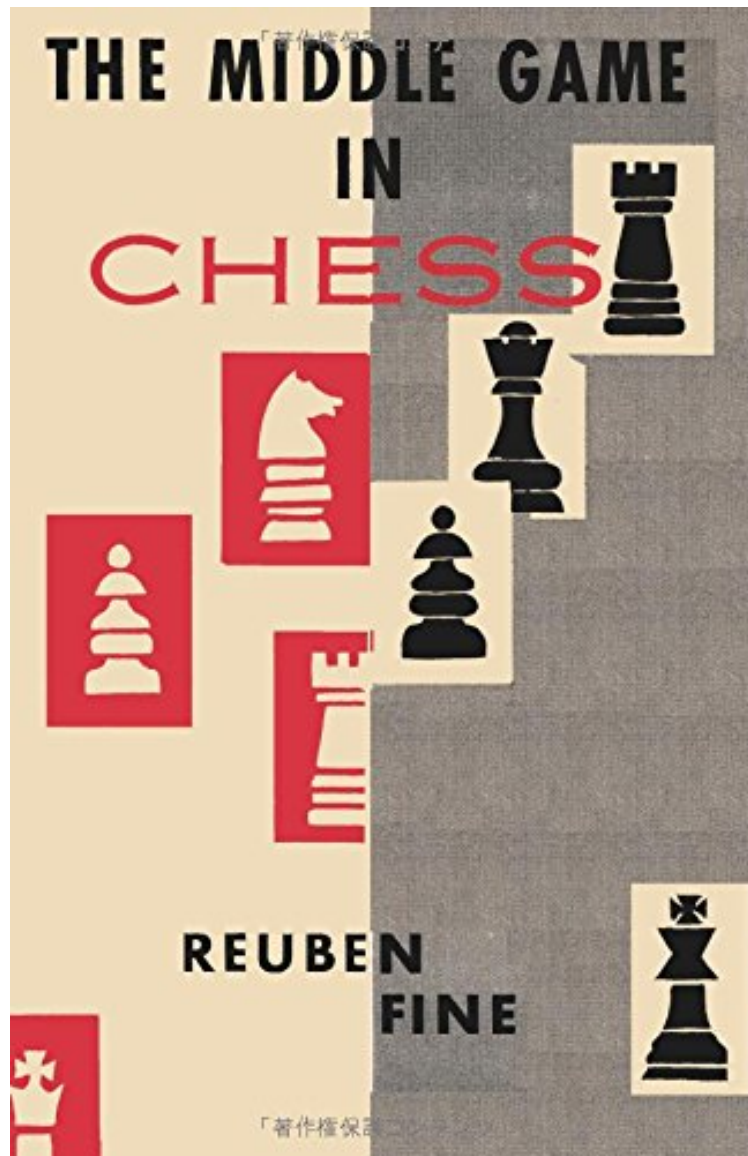


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**Reuben Fine : The Middle Game in Chess Reuben Fine** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Middle Game in Chess Reuben Fine:

The Middle Game in Chess by Reuben Fine completes the trilogy between Practical Chess Openings and Basic Chess Endings, both by Fine, so that the three major aspects of chess are discussed. The Middle Game, it has been said, is the heart of chess. Here is the field of battle on which victory or defeat is decided. In this book the world's leading authority turns his talents to the Middle Game. A system for improving practical skill is carefully elaborated; tedious variations are avoided. The emphasis throughout is on developing in the player the ability to analyze a position and to proceed accordingly. There are sections on mating attacks, combination play; how to handle superior positions, even positions and inferior positions; continuation of the openings and transition to the end game. The author has become famous for the accuracy and clarity with which he can convey the profound knowledge of the grand master to the average person. This work is a companion piece to his famous books on openings, end games and end game positions.

About the Author Reuben Fine was born on October 11, 1914 was still only 23 at the time of his victory at AVRO 1938. There is little doubt that he could have and probably would have become the World Chess Champion, except that World War II intervened. Reuben Fine was both one of the world's strongest grandmasters of chess and one of the world's leading authorities on psychoanalysis. Reuben Fine was remarkable not merely for having two successful careers, but for achieving top levels and being world renowned in both fields. Fine took up chess in his youth, became a master as a teenager and at age 17 won his first of seven US Open Chess Championships. He was invited to the great masters tournament in Pasadena 1932, won by World Champion Alekhine, one of the strongest tournaments ever held in the United States. Fine's victories in a series of European tournaments in 1936 and 1937 established Fine as a top contender for the World Chess Championship. This led to his greatest result ever, his tie for first in the strongest chess tournament ever played, AVRO 1938, a double round-robin tournament to determine who would be the next challenger to World Champion Alexander Alekhine. Fine tied with Paul Keres, won more games than anybody, and finished ahead of future champion Mikhail Botvinnik, current champion Alekhine, former world champions Max Euwe and Capablanca, and Grandmasters Samuel Reshevsky and Salo Flohr. Fine won both of his games against Alekhine. During the war, Fine could not travel to Europe, so he concentrated on writing chess books. His books covered all aspects of the game. After World War II, Fine realized that he could never make a decent living writing chess books and playing in chess tournaments, so he had to get a real profession. He chose psychology and became a psycho-analyst. He played in a few tournaments after World War II, but not many. Most famously, he was invited to play in the 1948 World Chess Championship tournament, but he declined to play. This has been controversial to this day and is still often discussed. At different times, Fine has given different reasons for his refusal to play for the world championship. His most convincing explanation was that he was studying for his PhD in psychology at the time and did not wish to take one year off to study, prepare for and play in the World Chess Championship tournament. He died on March 26, 1993.