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This is the autobiography of Paul Keres. It is the second volume in a series of three books. The other two volumes are The Early Games of Paul Keres Grandmaster of Chess ISBN 4871875407 and The Later Years of Paul Keres

Grandmaster of Chess ISBN 4871875423. This, the second volume of the best games of Paul Keres, Presents the mature grandmaster - the man who, during the period covered by this book, was the acknowledged challenger for the World Chess Championship. His style, without losing one iota of its initial freshness and brilliance, had deepened and broadened; and his career in the field of international chess had become one of the most successful of all time. He won first prize after first prize in great tournaments, and included in this volume are some of his resounding victories over the world's leading players - such giants as Botvinnik, Bronstein, Fine, Najdorf, Smyslov, Euwe, Bogoljuboff, Geller and Petrosian. Readers of Grandmaster of Chess: The Early Games of Paul Keres will already be acquainted with the remarkable nature and quality of Keres' annotations: and in this respect the present volume is equally outstanding. Notes and games are, without doubt, of so distinguished a style as to make this work one of the finest individual collections ever to appear in print. Paul Keres was born on January 7, 1916 in Narva in what is now Estonia. In this, the second volume, he covers the period from after his great victory at AVRO 1938, through the war years and the World Championship tournament in 1948 and other events through 1951. This period covers the great controversies in the life of Keres. He went to the 1939 Chess Olympiad in Argentina and while there World War II broke out. Rather than sitting out the war in the comfort of Argentina as did Najdorf and several other grandmasters, Keres returned to Europe. There his native country of Estonia fell under the control of first the Soviets, then the Nazis. Meanwhile, Keres was playing chess, first in Moscow, then in Nazi Germany.

About the Author Paul Keres was born on January 7, 1916 in Narva in what is now Estonia. Paul Keres was one of the five or six strongest players in the world from 1935 when he emerged as a sensational 19-year-old at the 1935 World Chess Olympics in Warsaw until his untimely death by heart attack at the time of an international airplane flight from Vancouver to Helsinki in 1975. During most of his life, Keres was the number three player in the world. This unfortunate circumstance led to the top two players in the world playing repeated matches for the World Chess Championship, whereas Keres who was usually number three never got a shot at the World Championship. Paul Keres died on June 5, 1975 by heart attack at the time of an international airplane flight from Vancouver Canada to Helsinki Finland. It appears that he may have died on the airplane flight, as his death has been reported as having occurred in both Vancouver and Helsinki. Harry Golombek, the translator and editor, was a British Chess International Master and honorary grandmaster, chess arbiter, and chess author. He was three times British chess champion, in 1947, 1949, and 1955 and finished second in 1948. He became a grandmaster in 1985. Harry Golombek OBE was born on 1 March 1911. Although a strong player, Golombek is best remembered as a writer about chess and as a chess organizer and official. He was the chess correspondent of The Times newspaper from 1945 to 1989. He was an official of the FIDE and served as Arbiter for several important events, including the Candidates' Tournament of 1959 in Yugoslavia, and the World Chess Championship match 1963 between Mikhail Botvinnik and Tigran Petrosian. He was also editor of some well-known collections of games such as Capablanca's and Rti's, and was a well-respected author. He was editor of British Chess Magazine from 1938 to 1940, and its overseas editor throughout the 1960s and 1970s. Golombek translated several chess books from Russian into English. Golombek represented England nine times in chess Olympiads. He earned the title of International Master in 1950 and was made a GME (Grandmaster Emeritus) in 1985. He was the first British player to qualify for an Interzonal tournament. Harry Golombek died on 7 January 1995 in Lambeth, London, England.