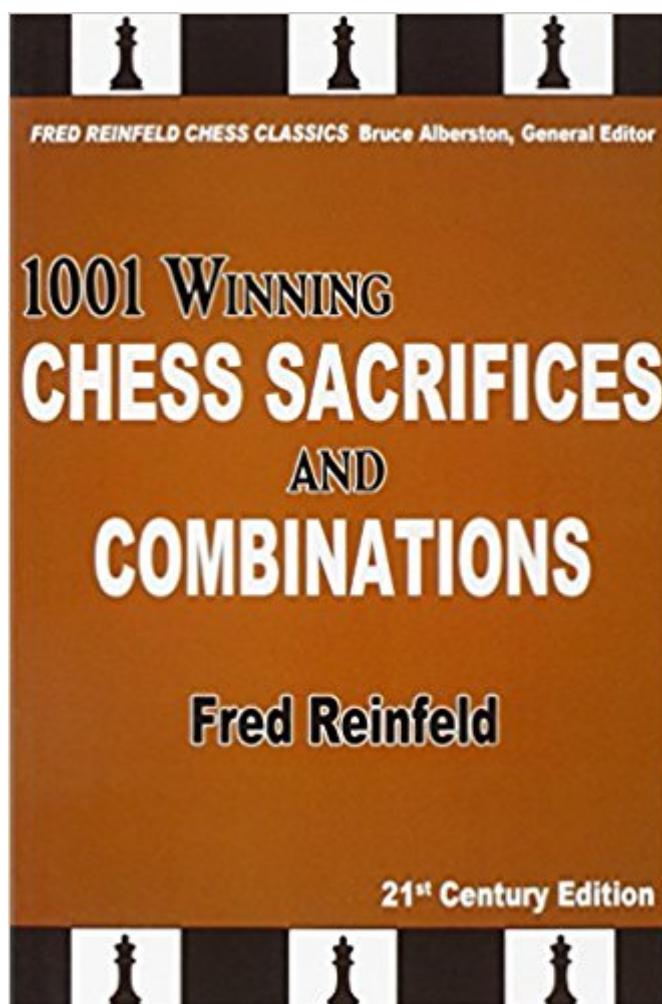


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Synopsis

Enhance Your Tactical Weapons! 1001 Winning Chess Sacrifices and Combinations is the companion volume to Reinfeld's 1001 Brilliant Ways to Checkmate. Of course each book can be taken on its own, but together they make a wonderful collection, and cover the full range of tactical chess. And they are now both available in 21st-century editions, using modern algebraic notation. Reinfeld has arranged his quiz positions so that they fall into orderly chapters, each with a common theme. Still, the degree of difficulty varies widely. Easiest are one move shots, suitable for players starting out. Most difficult are the examples that run seven moves and more; some of these may even stump an ordinary master. Most of all, this a book of combinative ideas, all designed to enhance your arsenal of weapons. The first step toward mastery is to become familiar with the different types of tactical motifs. The second step is to study a great many examples of these tactical themes. So, the object of this book is to add to your knowledge, to make you a strong chessplayer, and (last but not least) to delight you with some of the most beautiful moves ever played on the chessboard.

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Customer Reviews

Fred Reinfeld (1910-1964) was for many years among the strongest chess players in the country. Even now as an author, he stands alone, the most successful and prolific chess writer of all time, with over one hundred books to his credit.

Editor Bruce Alberston and Russell Enterprises have done us a great favor by updating this classic work and its companion volume, 1001 Brilliant ways to Checkmate. It seems that all the little flaws of the originals from the 1950s have finally been corrected: The original binding was poor, now it's good and the books open comfortably without stressing the binding. The originals had many diagrams that were overinked and barely legible, now they're all clear. The chess notation has been updated to the current "algebraic" style. The few typos in the solutions have been corrected, and some important alternate lines have been supplied by the editor. One feature of the originals that seemed an irritation to some readers was that the theme of the problems was printed on each page, so that you had to cover that up if you wanted to solve the positions without the clue that the theme revealed. The positions are still grouped in thematic chapters, but you can now open the book to a random page without seeing what the theme is. That's a good improvement. With so many flaws, why bother resurrecting this book? Because 1001 Winning Chess Sacrifices and Combinations is a great book for learning and practicing the ideas that underlie combinations. All the great themes are here: pins, forks, double attack & double check, discovered attack & discovered check, interference, overworked piece, removing the guard (decoy, deflection), clearance, skewer ("x-ray attack"), zugzwang, and more. While the book is fine to use just as a puzzle book, the best way to use it is as Reinfeld intended: take one chapter/theme at a time, with the goal of thoroughly learning the technique of that chapter. Spend a little time trying to solve the positions, then go to the solutions and study the various patterns that make up that theme. By such study the tactical patterns become imprinted on your mind, and you'll have those necessary resources when needed in a game. Without knowledge of these tactical tools you can't play effective chess.

Great tactics study for the post-beginner. I'm combining this with Heisman's "Back to Basics" and Chernev's "Logical Chess" and "Winning Chess--How to Perfect Your Attacking Play" to get a good foundation.

A great trip down memory lane. I grew up with Reinfeld books and this was the last publication of my life-long friend Bruce Alberston,

Some very beautiful moves to be found.

It's ok for practicing tactical motifs. I personally prefer the CT Art ones. They seem more practical.

Or the ones in the encyclopedia of chess combinations.

Haven't finished it yet but I like it

Great for improving tactics.

A faithful update of the original; Mr. Pandolfini exercised admirable restraint in leaving Reinfeld's original text intact, and limiting himself to converting the descriptive notation to algebraic. Given that the material is outdated by half a century, it's probably not a good choice for a competitive player. But for a casual player, the discipline of organizing one's moves to accomplish an objective is often weak or non-existent, and such a player (me) is not keeping up with the latest-and-greatest theory anyhow. So, even outdated material will sharpen our skills in recognizing opportunities and then executing the tactical plans to seize those opportunities.

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