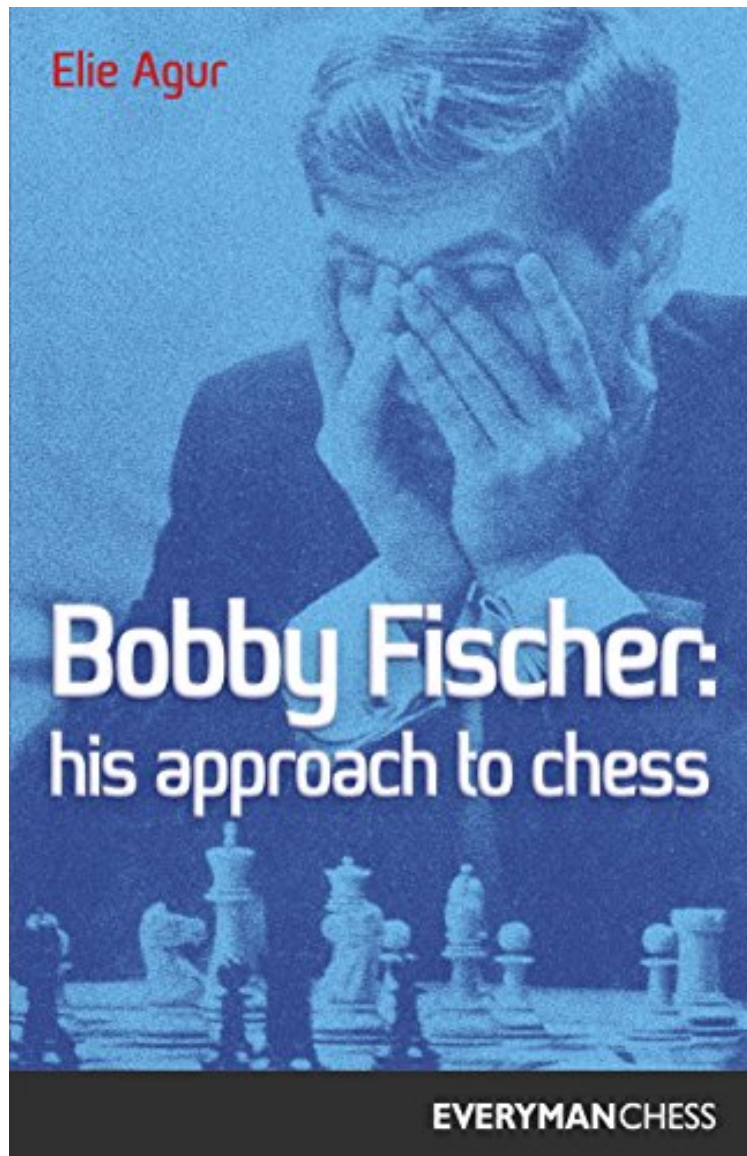


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Lucid Look at Fischer's Play By R. Tobias This is a remarkable book. It is not so much a games collection as it is an analysis primarily of the middlegame, and how Fischer approached a wide variety of chess positions. Also, some attention is paid to his meticulous endgame technique. This is a book that has been widely praised for the quality of its material. Agur looks at a wide variety of chess positions and concepts. For example, he looks at Fischer's handling of the King's Indian Center, various types of pawn chains that Fischer gravitated toward, his artful exchanges, how he switched from one advantage to another, his seizing of the initiative, and the clarity and straightforwardness of his play. Even some of his oversights and blunders are reviewed. The verbal explanations of Fischer's play are copious, and very clearly and expertly written. As Fischer's play was very complex, there is a fair amount of long analysis given, but it never degenerates into pages and pages of bare chess moves. This is a real classic of the literature, and as far as I know, the only book written by this mysterious author. (According to my ChessBase database, he was Israeli, played his last serious game in 1976, and had a modest rating well below 2400). One can only wish he had written more, but then again, it has been said that most authors have only one really worthwhile book in them, so we can be grateful that Agur did write his. Highly recommended as both a lucid exposition of many aspects of middlegame play and as an appreciation of one the greatest (if not the greatest) chess geniuses in history. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Gems of wisdom on every page By Nihal Mehta While reading Endgame (a recent book on the life of Bobby Fischer), I wanted to learn more about the genius of Fischer. I was not particularly interested about going through his every games as I am not one of those people that can follow 10-move variations in your head. I basically wanted to swoop into the middle of some game at the critical juncture and understand the spark of creativity that led Fischer to embark upon a line of play. Till I actually stumbled upon this book yesterday at the bookstore, I didn't think I could find anything. This book is perfect. Not only does it show you Fischer's line of thinking. It also compares the thoughts of other grandmasters. And, this is where you the reader is able to see the true genius of Fischer. Time and again, the author shows how grandmasters would play, and then contrast that of Fischer's. There are many positions where Fischer plays differently and the author explains why. The author doesn't belabor the entire game, just enough to show you the critical thought process. The book is organized as sets of positions organized under several themes. This makes it easy for you to simply open the book at random and read about any position for a page or two. You don't have to sit on a chessboard for hours at an end playing through an entire game when only a few positions are really of interest. So, you can enjoy the material in bite sized chunks, or longer if you have more time. But, whatever time you read it for, that time would be well worth it. As I mentioned earlier, I picked up the book yesterday, and I have been so impressed with it, that I was motivated to write this review even though I have not completed the book. In fact, I am in the middle of Endgame, but I find myself reading this one more.

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