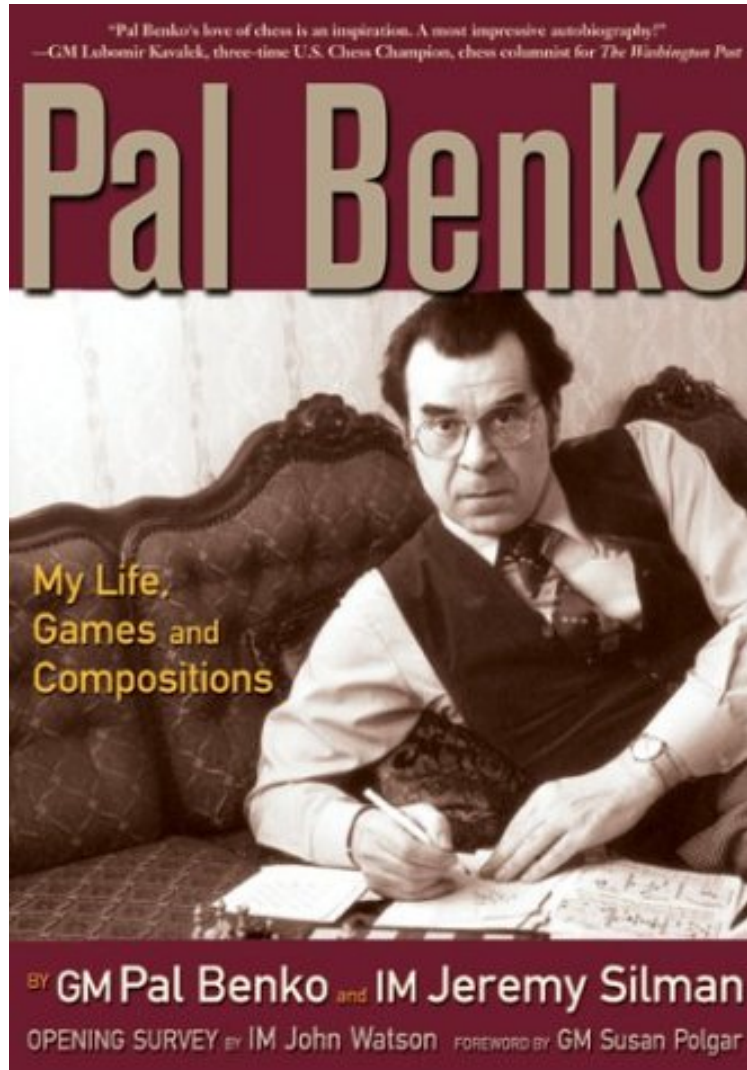


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From his early years in war-torn Hungary to his legendary chess competitions, this autobiography and game collection features details on the Grandmaster's myriad openings, middlegame positions, and strength in the endgame. Photos and game diagrams.

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About the Author: Pal Benko is a Grandmaster, a former World Championship Candidate, a winner of innumerable international competitions, the author of hundreds of articles and several chess books (including **WINNING WITH CHESS PSYCHOLOGY** and **CHESS ENDGAME LESSONS**). The most dominating open tournament player in American history, Benko's name is entwined in virtually every modern area of chess mythology and chess theory. Jeremy Silman is an International Master and a world-class teacher, writer, and player who has won the American Open, the National Open, and the U.S. Open. Considered by many to be the game's preeminent instructive writer, he is the author of over thirty-six highly popular books, including **HOW TO REASSESS** (universally accepted as a modern classic), **THE AMATEUR'S MIND**, **THE COMPLETE BOOK OF CHESS STRATEGY**, and **THE REASSESS YOUR CHESS WORKBOOK**. John Watson is an International Master whose groundbreaking four-volume study of the English Opening in the 1980s, followed by other opening treatises have firmly established his reputation as one of the world's great theoretical writers. His books **SECRETS OF MODERN CHESS STRATEGY** (winner of the 1999 British Chess Federation Book of the Year Award) and **CHESS STRATEGY IN ACTION** (2003) further catapulted his status to that of chess philosopher, with many experts now considering him to be one of the most profound thinkers in the game's history.