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Bruce Pandolfini : Pandolfini's Chess Challenges: 111 Winning Endgames before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pandolfini's Chess Challenges: 111 Winning Endgames:

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Here are 111 instructive, quirky, surprising, and fun tactical chess problems to improve anyone's game, created by renowned chess teacher Bruce Pandolfini. Designed to promote creativity and imaginative play, all the problems are endgame miniatures, with seven or fewer pieces on the board. Every solution has two parts, the setup and the requisite tactic, each of which also reveal broader lessons on general game play Points are awarded with each solution, so

players can track their progress as they work through the book Answer pages offer descriptions and explanations of the winning procedure employed Problems are organized thematically, to reinforce the lessons they impart

About the Author Bruce Pandolfini is one of the best-known chess teachers in the world. He is a co-founder of Chess in the Schools, a program that has brought chess to thousands of New York City schoolchildren. Bruce was also a key figure in the book and movie Searching for Bobby Fischer. He lives in New York City.