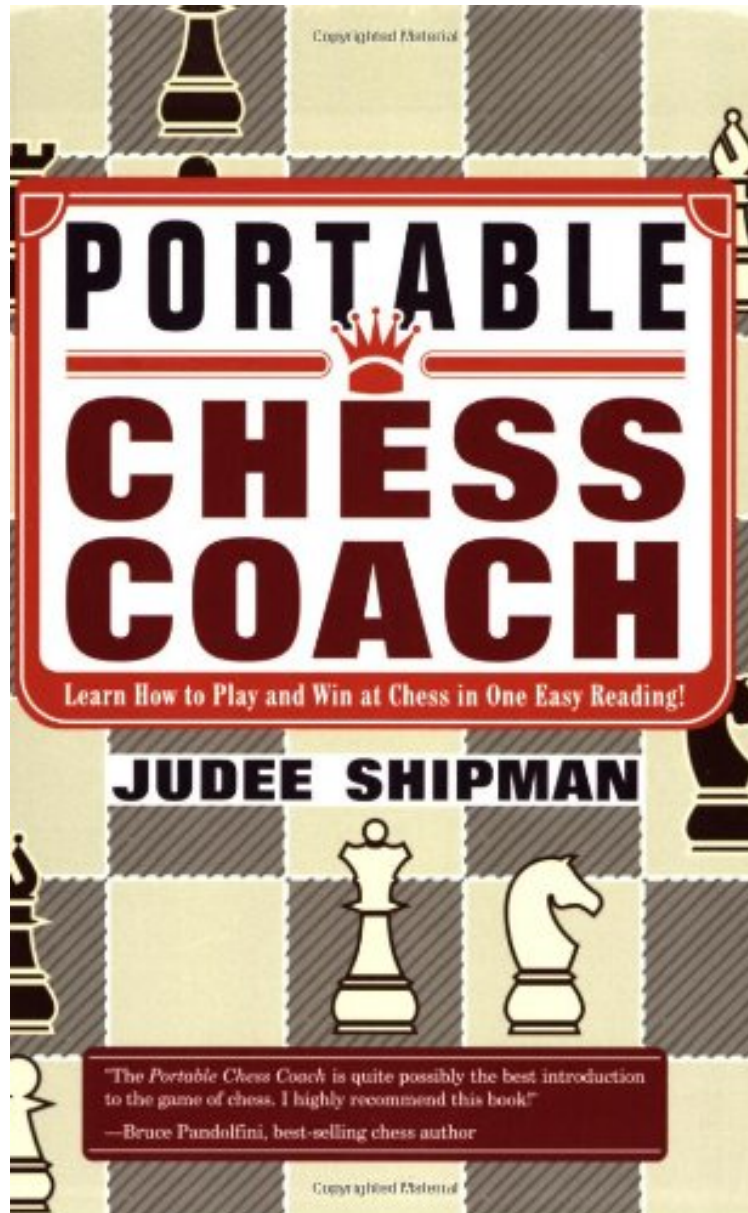


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In The Portable Chess Coach, Judith Shipman presents a fun but thorough primer to chess. Packed with diagrams and valuable instruction, this is the ideal book for beginners, who want a clear and concise introduction that will keep them interested and entertained.

About the Author Judith Shipman has been playing tournament chess for over 25 years. She has taught many after-school programs, as well as private lessons for all ages.