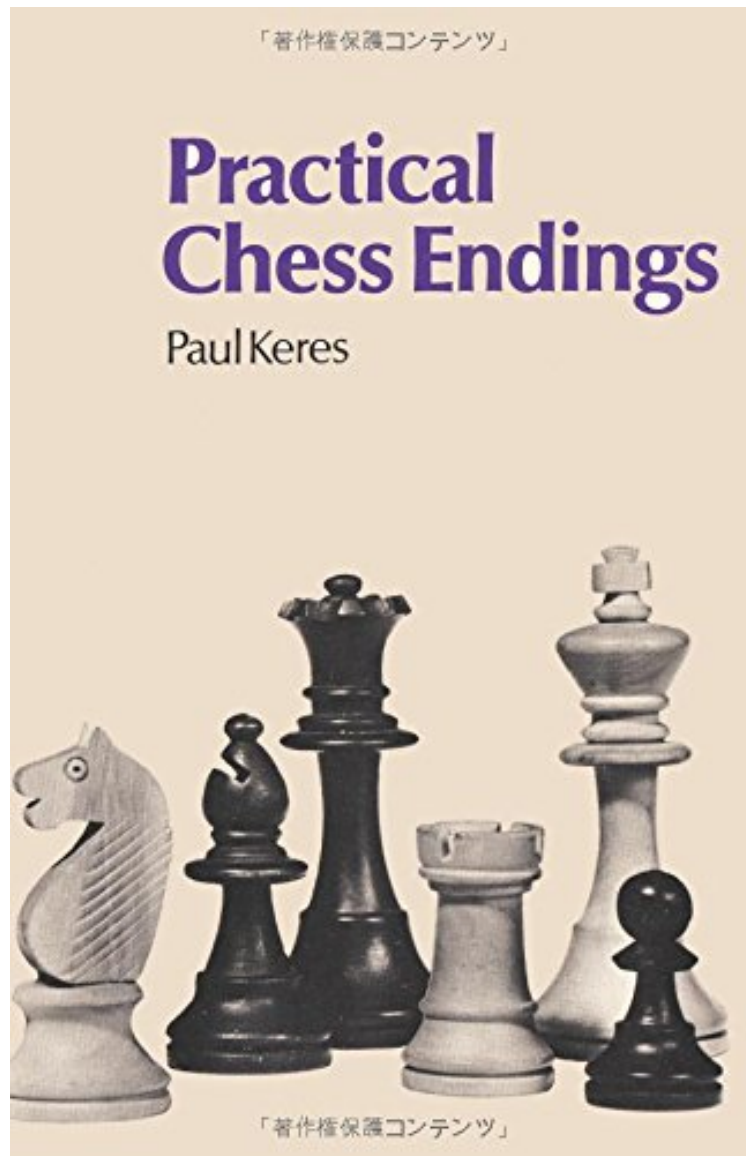


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**Paul Keres : Practical Chess Endings by Keres** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Practical Chess Endings by Keres:

5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Five-Star Book in a Three-Star Edition By David Milliern This is an excellent book. The EDITION, NOT THE BOOK ITSELF, receives four stars instead of five because of the fact that I can't stand the descriptive notation and Keres seems to be equally inefficient in the notation, give all of the errors in the

text, which is the major reason I could not give the text five stars. Keres does a great job of supplying rules and theory, then giving concrete and very practical games where the theory and rules are applicable. I think this is one of three books you need if you are U2200, the others being Silmans Complete Endgame Course and 100 Endgames You Must Know by de la Villa. (Reuben Fines book might be added.) The strength of this book is that it has a lot of the most important content that Silman and de la Villa are missing, but that is needed as a basis of endgame knowledge. I have played countless decent club players (USCF 1500), who were able to play very savvy middlegames, and then not know that the middlegame was either drawn or lost for them. This book rectifies those issues of basic knowledge. I highly advise doing Silmans manual, then doing de la Villa and Keres simultaneously. Silmans manual explains why this book is not as effective on its own, stating in his introduction that grouping all pawn endings and all rook endings, etc., is not very effective, because you are lumping all sorts of levels of information together, some remedial, some very complex, when doing so. All in all, I think this is one of the must-have/must-read texts. I only wish they'd come out with a new edition. Great book, sub-mediocre edition. 1 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By On a hot summer night Why is this guy Sam Sloan writing an introduction for this book?

This is an essential practical book, for all chess players, from one of the world's greatest grandmasters. Rather than attempting to cover every theoretical possible endgame position, Paul Keres deals with the really basic types of position into which all other endgames will eventually be resolved. He examines these in great detail and, in so doing, reveals the fundamental principles of the endgame and the main ideas for each player. It is not by memorizing moves but by understanding the basic positions that a player, of whatever rating, will most improve his endgame play. For this reason, Keres does not simply point out the best move; rather he explains the positions in such a way that the reader's understanding will lead, almost automatically, to the best move. Paul Keres who lived in Tallin Estonia is one of the greatest chess players of all time. From 1937 to 1965 he was a serious contender for the World Championship title, coming third in the 1948 World Championship Tournament. He has also been placed second in no less than four of the Candidate's' events. John Littlewood, the translator of this book, was a leading British player.

About the Author Paul Keres was one of the five or six strongest players in the world from 1935 when he emerged as a sensational 19-year-old at the 1935 World Chess Olympics in Warsaw until his untimely death by heart attack at the time of an international airplane flight from Vancouver to Helsinki in 1975. During most of his life, Keres was the number three player in the world. This unfortunate circumstance led to the top two players in the world playing repeated matches for the World Chess Championship, whereas Keres who was usually number three never got a shot at the World Championship. John Littlewood, the translator of this book, was a leading British player. Never quite the British Champion, he was in the elite for many years. He was born in Sheffield, Yorkshire England on 25 May 1931. He took up chess relatively late in life and perhaps for this reason never became a grandmaster. His first major tournament was the 1959 British Championship at the old age of 28. He lost a sensational game against World Champion Botvinnik the following year. After that, he was in the elite of British players. He defeated Gligoric, Bisguier, Wade, Cafferty, Barden and many other masters in tournament games in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a regular columnist for British Chess Magazine and contributed hundreds of articles and comments about chess. He won the British Senior Championship in 2006. He died on 16 September 2009.