


Psychology in Chess

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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A "deep think" bookBy Keith HalonenUsed but in tip-top condition. Prompt delivery much appreciated. This cool book intensely scrutinizes typical psychological oversights made by players at nearly every skill level. The author is a psychologist chess champ of considerable reknown. This book is the "parent" companion to other books dealing with judgement errors in chess play, most notably Andy Soltis' fine book, "Catalog of Chess Mistakes."UPDATE 12 August 2013 -- I should point out that both these books are annotated in the old-style "English Descriptive Notation" and both would be well-served by re-release in the modern "Algebraic Notation," though there's nothing truly algebraic about it! It's just that the chess publishing world has been using Algebraic Notation for a century or more, while the U.S. lingered until the late 1990s with the older notation system. Still, the nexus of the book is its categorical treatment of psychological "errors" during chess play, and even the dated gamescore notation serves well enough to illustrate these ideas by way of examples from actual games.11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. The epitome of Soviet chess psychologyBy markThis book is useful for all players from club standard upwards.Krogius's book on psychology discusses such area's as attention and time trouble. Krogius was Karpov's trainer in 78, I believe when Karpov played Korchnoi in the candidates matches. Although this book is somewhat dated having read most if not all of the considered important books on chess, I do not believe that there is a better book on the subject.No reader that manages to consult this book will fail to add an extra dimension to their game that would be probably have been missing before hand.Although I sold most of my collection a copy of this and a few

other gems were kept, even though I am now retired from the game, I still regularly review this book for its sheer quality on the subject. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Dated material By Just Reader I have first edition of this book. This book was written before computers learned to play real chess. Don't waste your money, very dry like your statistics manual. Here is a paragraph from this book to help you make your mind. "However, the success of scholars creating chess programs for play by electronically computing machinery, is, for the time being, not very great. The reason is that until recent times the composers of these programs ignored the specifically human methods of play (the role of emotional and volitional moments, intuition), being busy merely with the analysis of chess theory.