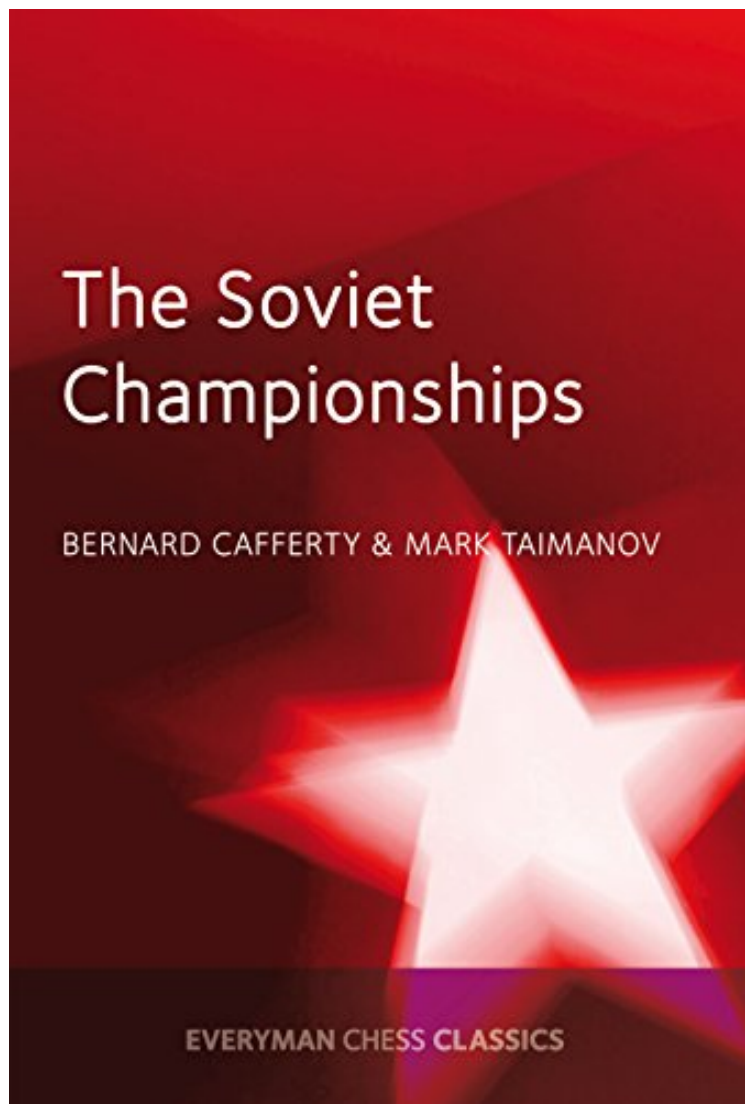


(Ebook free) The Soviet Championships (Everyman Chess Classics)

The Soviet Championships (Everyman Chess Classics)

Bernard Lafferty, Mark Taimanov
audiobook / *ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#2872466 in Books The House of Staunton, Inc. 2016-06-01 Original language: English 9.77 x .50 x 6.69l, .92 #File Name: 1781943389224 pages Author: Bernard Cafferty, Mark Taimanov Pages: 222 pages Publication Years: 2016 | File size: 19.Mb

Bernard Lafferty, Mark Taimanov : The Soviet Championships (Everyman Chess Classics) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Soviet Championships (Everyman Chess Classics):

13 of 18 people found the following review helpful. A piece of chess history By A Customer Bernard Cafferty is an expert about soviet chess, and here he presents the history of Soviet Chess Championships: from the beginnings (after the revolution) to the "fall of the wall". Each tournament is described, reporting also the crosstable. In the

commentaries the main author is helped by Mark Taimanov, a leading GM for long times, extremely well know for his opening theory books, and one of the players in many of that tournaments as well. A book for everybody, especially people interested in the chess history.

Starting in 1920, and running through to the early 1990's, when the political break up of the USSR meant the end of the competition, the prestigious Soviet Championships were truly representative events with all of the top Soviet layers participating. Because of the enormous State support for the game in the old USSR, the Championships were usually gladiatorial, all-play-all contests lasting weeks, and the Grandmasters represented the elite of the World Chess. Alekhine, Botvinnik, Keres, Bronstein, Tal, Petrosian, Korchnoi, Geller, Stein, Spassky, Karpov and Kasparov were all winners at least once, and the tournaments have gone down in legend for the quality, and creative inspiration for the games. This book is a permanent record of those extraordinary times. It encompasses every single Championship, giving a report and the full crosstable of results, as well as a carefully chosen selection of the finest and most memorable games. The annotations bring these extraordinary and instructive struggles to life; many important chess ideas and concepts were first discovered in these games. The introductions to each Championship are equally fascinating, as the majority of these tournaments were played against the oppressive political backdrop of communism. Revered chess masters could get away with more than most, but veiled threats by the authorities were always there for those who might consider stepping out of line.

From the Back Cover Starting in 1920 and running through to the early 1990s, when the political break-up of the USSR meant the end of the competition, the prestigious Soviet Championships were truly representative events with all of the top Soviet players participating. Because of the enormous State support for the game in the old USSR, these Championships were usually gladiatorial, all-play-all contests lasting weeks, and the Grandmasters represented the elite of World Chess. Alekhine, Botvinnik, Keres, Bronstein, Tal, Petrosian, Korchnoi, Geller, Stein, Spassky, Karpov, and Kasparov were all winners at least once, and the tournaments have gone down in legend for the quality and creative inspiration of the games. This book is a permanent record of those extraordinary times. it encompasses every single Championship, giving a report and the full crosstable of results, as well as a carefully chosen selection of the finest and most memorable games. The annotations bring these extraordinary and instructive struggles to life; many important chess ideas and concepts were first discovered in these games. The introductions to each Championship are equally fascinating, as the majority of these tournaments were played against the oppressive political backdrop of communism. Revered chess masters could get away with more than most, but veiled threats by the authorities were always there for those who might consider stepping out of line.