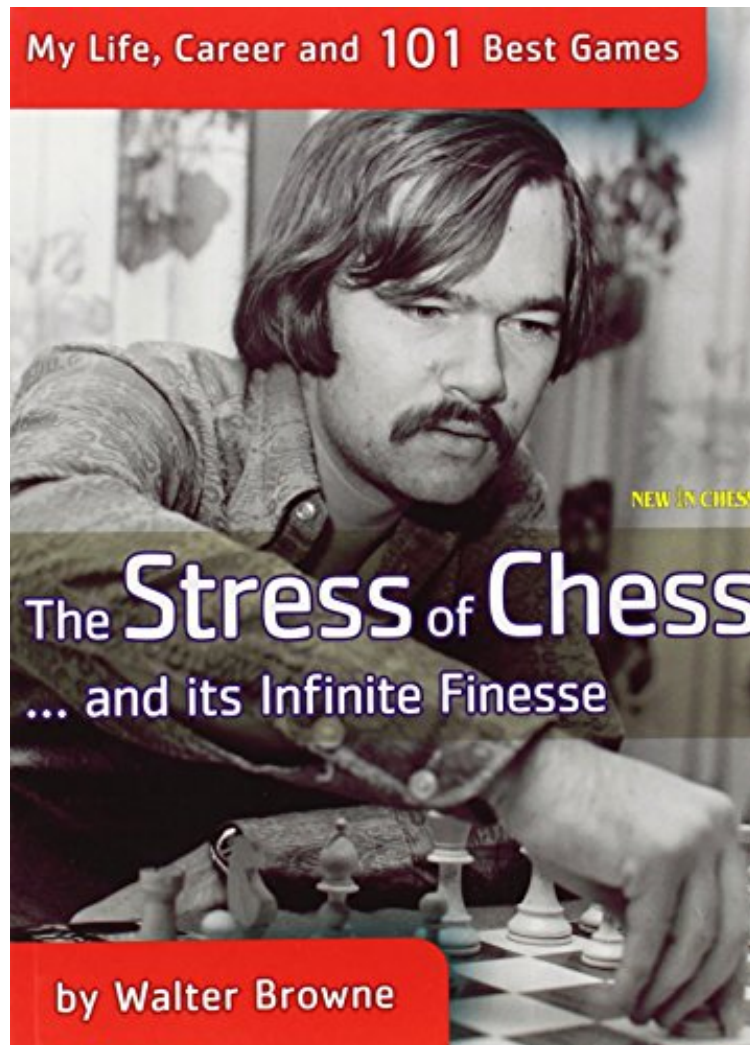


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. This book should be in every serious players' library of chess game collectionsBy Peter SnowThis autobiography is entertaining, highly informational though a little disjointed as a biography/game collection. Despite this last point, I am very glad I bought the book.Brownes' candid honesty about his struggles to make a living at chess are both personal and even painful to read. He has a willingness to spare others by not always naming names, but does name them on the bigger issues he had to deal with.I like Walter a bit more after having finished the book. He writes that playing poker only uses about 5% of the energy chess does, loved it!The

games are very well annotated, but the stories about the games and tournaments are separated into the four separate biographical-only sections, so they cannot be easily followed in relation to the annotated games. Brownes' writing style is very clear and concise, which may be due to good editing, or just a different talent Walter has. I learned about other GMs from this book too. Finally, Browne, though focused on self (then again it is an autobiography) reveals a very human side to him and comes off as having a great deal of normalcy about him which is rare for top U.S. players. Despite his controversial nature and past professional chess disputes, Browne (unlike lots of other GMs) seems to still have many good relationships with many others in the chess world. This is easy to forget or overlook when reading what others have written about him in the past. Anyone interested in U.S. chess history and what pre-technology chess was like for a very top American GM trying to make his way in the world on his own terms, should buy this book. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Exciting games and deep annotations By Paul Cornelius In his prime, Walter Browne was a superb tactician, an uncompromising competitor and an outstanding endgame player. The analytical skill he displayed in his battles over the board are now brought to bear on the task of annotation. The games in this collection are fascinating in themselves, but it is the thorough notes that really bring them to life. The text supplements the games with some good stories and anecdotes. There is a lot of depth here, and you should expect to take a long time to read and enjoy this book. A true labor of love, and an immortal contribution to chess literature. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I never knew there was so much stress in a grandmaster's life By Ronald S. Smith Walter Browne is a colorful chess player. He has led a great life. But now he takes you behind the scenes of his many travels and explains to you the background of his play. A fast and enjoyable read-even if you don't play chess like a grandmaster.

Walter Browne is a living legend of chess. A hurricane of a player with a daredevil approach of the game, he was and is famous for ending up in hair-raising time-trouble. During the peak of his career, in the 1970's and 80's, he won the US. championship six times as well as countless national and international tournaments. In this memoir Walter Browne recounts his formative years, how he befriended and played Bobby Fischer in New York City, how he travelled the world and made his name. He annotates his best games from over four decades, great attacking games full of sacrifices and fireworks, in a clear style that is accessible for amateur players. Chess is not the only game Browne excels in. He is also an avid backgammon and scrabble player. His career in poker is almost as impressive as his chess feats. Having started to play long before the recent surge in popularity of the game, he is a regular competitor in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, and has pocketed hundreds of thousands of dollars in poker wins. The Stress of Chess is the fascinating story of the life and career of a unique and unorthodox player. Photographs throughout.

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