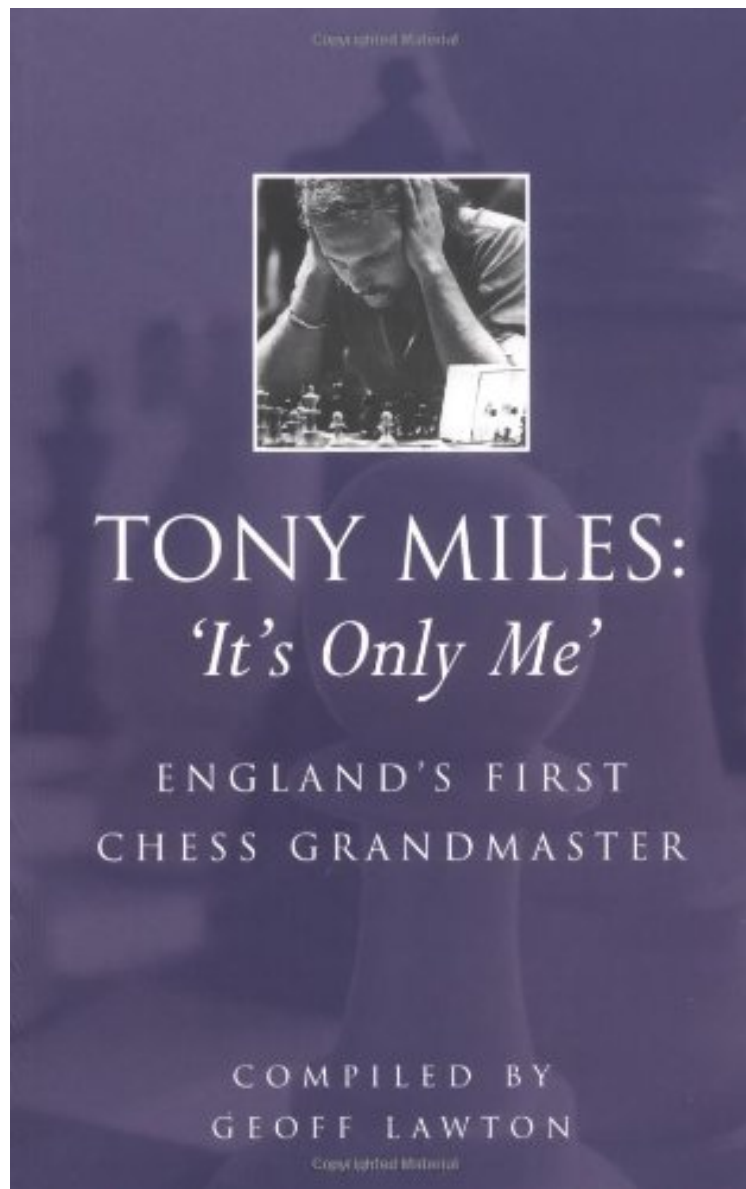


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By Gilles Benson
Tony Miles was (he died a few years ago) a magnificent player and among the strongest players in the world between 1980 and 1990. Although he was best remembered for his swift victories using the black side of the Sicilian dragon at the beginning of his career, he was in fact a player with a liking for strategic games and queenless middlegames; he was overshadowed in England by the rather less interesting (but extremely strong) player known as Nigel Short who was also his "bête noire" together with Tolya Karpov (i.e. most difficult opponent); a crushing match defeat against Garry Kasparov was also instrumental in leading him to a severe nervous breakdown which seriously impaired his chess level; the book tells the story of this well loved player through his most devoted friends; it gives us the chance to meet a very witty and entertaining player who fell prey to the pettiness and low tactics of some other English players much less talented in chess but surely much better connected to the then reigning powers in chess.

From the archives of Britain's first grandmaster comes a fascinating and entertaining collection of games, articles, annotations, and reviews. This is the book Tony Miles would have written had he not died so prematurely in 2001, compiled by three of his close friends, and it contains all of his most famous wins, some of his losses, and some hitherto unpublished games from his earlier years. Among the gems that will intrigue chess lovers: a full run-through of the famous match against Karpov with the St. George's opening 1 e4 a6, as well as a much less well-known victory over the then-world champion from a television tournament. Almost all of the games have commentary by Tony, in his own inimitable style. As well as being a great player, Tony Miles's notes prove that he was one of the funniest writers on the game.

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All three co-authors, from Birmingham, were personal friends of Tony Miles. Mike Fox, is co-author of the best-selling *The Complete Chess Addict* and *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*. Malcolm Hunt knew Tony Miles from schoolboy days to the time of his premature death from diabetes in 2001. Geoff Lawton is an International Master.