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Capablanca Jose Raul A Chess Biography



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About the Book

This is the most complete and thorough biography of José Raúl Capablanca, one of the greatest players in the history of chess. Beginning with his family background, birth, childhood and introduction to the game in Cuba, it examines his life and play as a young man; follows his evolution as a player and rise to prominence, first as challenger and then world champion; his loss of the title to Alekhine and his efforts to recapture the championship in the last years of his too-short life. What emerges is a portrait of a complex man with far-ranging interests and concerns, in stark contrast to his robotic reputation as "the chess machine."

Meticulously researched, utilizing many sources available only in Capablanca's home country, it puts truth to legend regarding a man who stood astride the chess world in of its most dynamic and dramatic eras. Numerous games and diagrams complement the text, as do a wealth of photographs.

About the Author

Miguel A. Sanchez, a well known chess journalist and historian in Cuba, also wrote several other books about Cuban contemporary history. He lives in Bayside, New York.

Review

"provides a dramatic illustration of how chess scholarship has developed, in some fields, since the 1970s...has been expanded and improved beyond all recognition"--Chess History

"this biography from Miguel A Sanchez on the chess legend Jose Raul Capablanca is the best that I have ever seen on one of the greatest chess players of all time. Strongly recommended!"--John Elburg (Chessbooks.nl)

"a huge book in every sense of the word from its length to the wide range of material it covers...there are few aspects of Capablanca's life it doesn't cover. Sanchez, knows his subject well.... One area where Sanchez breaks new ground is Capablanca's health...meticulously researched...a welcome addition...first rate...highly recommended"--IM John Donaldson (JeremySilman.com).