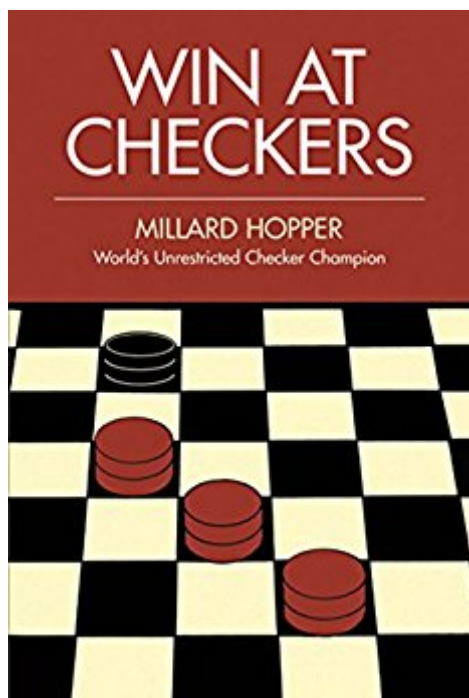


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Win At Checkers



Synopsis

Improve your game or learn checkers from Millard Hopper, the Unrestricted Checker Champion of the World. Here is a book that will appeal to all your questions – often even before you ask them – and impart many of the championship secrets of a perennially popular recreation. The book actually presents, in simple terms, a lifetime of checker experience by one of the greatest players of all time. Individual chapters discuss the basic principles of the game, experts' shots and traps, how the beginner loses, standard openings, locating your best move, the end game, opening "blitzkrieg" moves, ways to draw when you are one man less than your opponent, two and three-move restrictions, and the standard rules of checkers. In other words, here is a book that treats checkers as a game of skill, not just as the casual recreation or "kid's" game most people feel it is. Your questions are anticipated in more than 100 detailed questions and answers about both specific situations and general principles. A new Appendix, prepared specifically for this edition by the author, lists match, and tournament scores of recent years.

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Customer Reviews

Millard Hopper's "Win at Checkers" is a good book if not a great one. There are far more useful books for the rank beginner. As one of those rank beginners I consulted an excellent resource, Mr. Bob Newell of Checker Maven, who suggested the other books listed here. I have since devoured the four books and rank them in order from most to least useful and also in the order they should be read. Best to least: "Starting Out in Checkers" by Richard Pask "Checkers Made Easy" by Arthur Reisman "How to Win at Checkers" by Fred Reinfeld "Win at Checkers" by Millard Hopper. Order to be read: "Checkers Made Easy" by Arthur Reisman "Starting Out in Checkers" by Richard Pask "How to Win at Checkers" by Fred Reinfeld "Win at Checkers" by Millard Hopper. This is not to say that "Win at Checkers" is without merit, but for the beginner Mr. Hopper's approach is neither as methodical nor as comprehensive as the others. In these respects, Richard Pask's book excels and that's why I rank it first. Good work, Mr. Pask! Unfortunately, you may have a difficult time finding a new copy at a reasonable price. It originally sold for \$12.95 and now even used copies are going for around \$15 minimum, plus shipping. That said, get it; you won't be sorry. For the fundamental patterns of the game it is best to start with Arthur Reisman's "Checkers Made Easy." I enjoyed Mr. Reisman's writing style and his clever names for the various strategic maneuvers and tactical shots that comprise the elements of the game. This can also be said of names given in Mr. Pask's book. It makes learning enjoyable as well as memorable. Good news! Mr. Reisman's book is available as a free download at Mr. Newell's Checker Maven. Of course, not all is peaches and cream with these two works. "Checkers Made Easy" only tangentially touches upon the opening phase of the game in covering the Dyke formation and the Bridge. Mr. Pask's book is no better. There is so little about the opening in "Starting Out in Checkers" that this chapter could have been left out without too much notice. This is where Fred Reinfeld's "How to Win at Checkers" comes into its own. "How to Win at Checkers" is a useful if not error free overview of what was covered in Mr. Reisman's and Mr. Pask's books, but the heart of this work is its introduction to the major openings in Chapter 4 and traps to be found in those openings for the unwary in Chapter 3. The beginner familiar with the previously mentioned works will find these two chapters the most useful. Lastly, there is Mr. Hopper's "Win at Checkers" containing a little bit of this and a little bit of that: general principles, shots and traps, standard openings, opening traps (called Blitzkriegs here), exercises and very little on the endgame. It also includes a brief list of match and tournament scores from 1948 to 1955. Written in a question and answer format, it is a good refresher after the other three books have been digested. Where to go from here? I'd suggest Mr. Pask's advanced treatise titled "Play Better Checkers and Draughts." It is available for purchase as a PDF from Bob Newell for a mere

\$10. Collections and matches are great for understanding a game's progress from opening to endgame. Just two are "Checker Kings in Action" by Wiswell and Hopper and Alex Moiseyev's "Sixth," the latter being available for purchase from The American Checker Federation's online store. Lastly, "Basic Checkers: The First Twenty Moves" is a comprehensive opening guide and an invaluable resource for the serious player. Comparable to the "Encyclopedia of Chess Openings" for those familiar with chess, it is far from basic and not really for beginners. Originally self-published in seven parts from 1978 to 1983 by Richard L. Fortman, the book required hundreds of hours of work by editor-in-chief Bob Newell and co-editor Jim Loy to bring it up to date for the 2010 edition. You can purchase it from [Amazon](#) or from CreateSpace. Okay, now go play and keep those shots coming.

I was looking for a new game for my phone and tablet. When I found a checkers game, I thought that would go quickly for short periods of waiting. Well, it did go quickly - too quickly - the problem was that I was continually getting beat. I didn't seem to have as great a win percentage as I expected for what I thought was not a difficult game. Found out that it's really not so easy to play a great game of checkers. This book has provided great information, strategies and methods that have greatly improved my skills. Not a professional, by any means, but have learned a great deal and enjoyed putting the instruction to the test. It is a good ebook to take along on your day-to-day travels or longer times, as well. Enjoy -and don't forget to get the game, too.

Decent book

The following two paperback books: Play Winning Checkers by Robert W. Pike and Win At Checkers by Millard Hopper really helped me win at the game of checkers. Prior to reading both books, my neighbor would win the majority of checkers games we played together. After reading and digesting the material within these books, my checkers improved to the extent that my neighbor continued to lose most every game we played and therefore, he is no longer willing to compete.

As a child growing up, I always thought about ordering this book, because it was offered as a small paperback booklet edition for only a quarter (and I quote): ". . . twenty-five cents in coin to cover cost, mailing, and handling. DO NOT SEND STAMPS." from HALSAM PRODUCTS CO., Box C, 4114 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 13, ILL. This booklet offer was a small flyer enclosed with my brand new HALSAM Checkers Set purchased by my grandfather, circa 1952. I regret not having ordered the full-blown edition of this fine book sooner. Now my own grandkids will someday enjoy

reading and learning Checkers from this "World Checker King," Millard Hopper, a classic that should be in every family's table top game library.

I figure if you're buying a book about winning at checkers, you're getting serious about the game. This book isn't going to get you to beating Chinook, but it's going to make you a better player. Mr. Hopper does a really good job of helping you avoid the common mistakes the beginner makes. Be sure you have your checkers set out and that you follow the moves on the board. This isn't the first book I've read to improve my game, but it's the first that actually improved it. Well-written and clear.

Here is a book with diagrams that show you how to improve your game using basic checker plays. As you play against better players, implement one or two basic movement plays and watch your game improve! This is a short work that needs to be read over and over. In fact, I would suggest that you set up a board with pieces and play against yourself until you master these moves, especially the fundamental winning moves.

The strategies and tactics in this book are great; however, the writing style of the author is a little stiff and makes it a bit more difficult to follow through parts of the book. It should be noted that there are actually few good checkers books published at all. Chess is more complex, and therefore tomes upon tomes have been published about it. However, the relative simpleness of the game of checkers should then draw many more people to learn how to play this game. Becoming skilled at checkers, then, is one of the objectives the author has achieved (the book was first published in 1956 and is a revision of the work originally published by A.S. Barnes in 1941). This book, truly, is a classic.

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