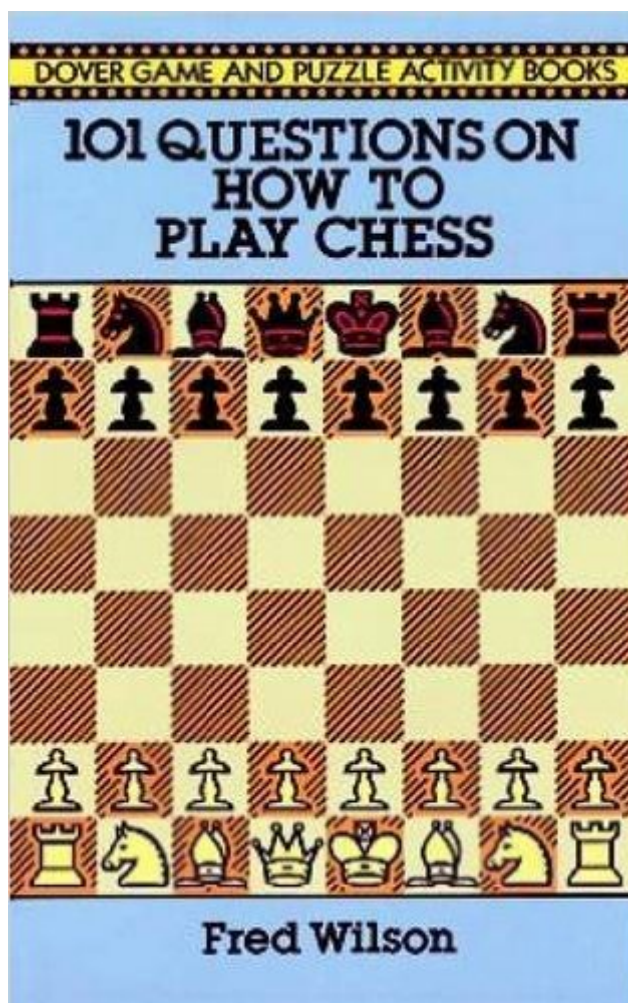


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# 101 Questions On How To Play Chess (Dover Chess)



## Synopsis

What is the object of the game of chess? What is chess notation? How does the King move and capture? These and a host of other chess questions are answered simply and clearly in this indispensable guide for beginning players. Chess expert Fred Wilson has distilled an enormous amount of information into an easy-to-follow question-and-answer format that not only explains the most basic rules and essentials of play, but also offers expert advice on openings, combinations, middle and endgame strategies, notation, castling, and other topics. Over 100 carefully chosen diagrams and illustrations demonstrate moves, positions, and strategy. With this inexpensive manual, would-be players can quickly and easily familiarize themselves with the fundamentals and begin enjoying the challenge and stimulation of one of the world's most fascinating and popular games. A noted chess writer, historian, and teacher, Fred Wilson has owned and operated Fred Wilson Chess Books in New York City's Greenwich Village since 1979. He is the author of *A Picture History of Chess*.

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This is an excellent beginner's book as well as a quick refresher for intermediate players. Fred

Wilson poses and answers 101 questions ranging from "4. Is there a special way the board should be placed?" and "26. How does the knight move?" to "73. What exactly throws off beginners in the endgame?" The book is only 76 pages and, as a Dover publication, costs about a dollar. I give one of these away to every friend and acquaintance I teach chess to, and so far I've always been thanked for it. Of course, I also keep one for myself, to help me remember the important points of endgames and what terms like "fianchetto" mean. Fred Wilson covers a great range of beginning chess topics in a very small and inexpensive volume. There's no reason not to buy a copy or two.

The usual definition of a classic is something that endures the test of time. By this criteria the game of chess, which originated in India nearly 1,500 years ago, with its millions of devoted players certainly qualifies. But, it is possessed of an intimidating learning curve that can throw off the potential newcomer. Fred Wilson's 101 Questions on How to Play Chess is an ideal primer. This thin volume capably explains the fundamentals and breaks down the walls of complexity-even suggesting titles for the reader reader who wishes to learn more and, more importantly, rates them by experience level. I would recommend it highly.

Fred Wilson's 101 QUESTIONS ON HOW TO PLAY CHESS is an explanation of the basics of the game in, as one can imagine from the title, question and answer format. Wilson starts from the very beginning, listing how the pieces move, how the board is arranged, and the rules of check and checkmate. He introduces the concept algebraic notation very early, and then proceeds to use it throughout. The book runs through some very basic strategy, and then ends with some guidance on periodicals and joining a club. If you are a total beginner at chess, this book may work as well as any other introduction to the game. However, you'll want to pick up Tim Harding's Better Chess for Average Players (New York: Dover, 1996) because Wilson's book doesn't really prepare you to hold your own against stronger players. If you are no longer a total novice at chess, this book may still be worth buying. There's a totally annotated game here that holds some interest, as well as a bibliography of various useful books for players from beginning to intermediate. Since the book was published priced as low as the Dover Thrift Editions, it may be worth it.

I got this book in combination with "Chess For Juniors". Wow! I really improved. These books go very good together for a new player or person who has been playing but has not read much on chess before.

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