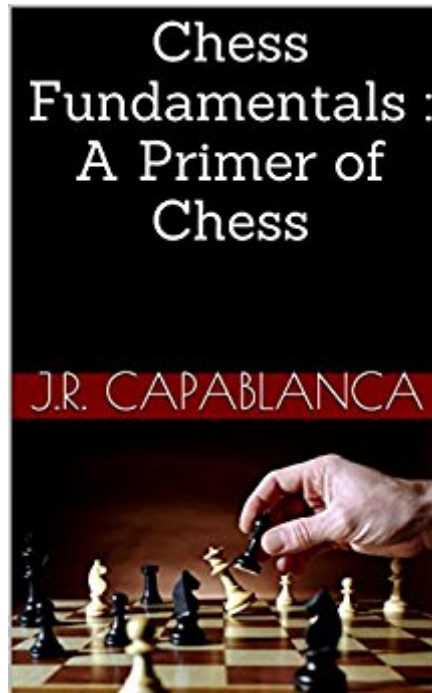




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# Chess Fundamentals : A Primer Of Chess



## Synopsis

J.R. Capablanca was a World Chess Champion and one of the greatest players in chess history, yet he wrote very little about the game. Chess Fundamentals, though normally for the beginning player, contains valuable insights that will benefit players at all levels of understanding, including masters. Capablanca explains:• How to obtain and nurture a passed pawn• How to get and keep the initiative• Cardinal rules for rook and pawn endings• How to attack using knight as the main force• How to cut off enemy piecesChess Fundamentals is one of the jewels of chess literature.

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## Customer Reviews

Finally! I found a Kindle version of a chess book that is truly outstanding in every way:

“Chess Fundamentals” by José Raúl Capablanca. It meets all my criteria for what an instructional chess book should be:1. A recognized authority on chess wrote it. Capablanca (1888-1942) was one of the greatest players of all time • an international Grandmaster and world chess champion from 1921 to 1927. It is said that, as an adult,

he only lost 34 competitive chess games during his career.<sup>2</sup> *Chess Fundamentals* is intended for players just like me: someone who may only possess average chess playing skills, but who is dedicated to improving my game. This book covers such topics as: simple mates, finding winning positions in the middle-game, general strategy of the opening, attacking with and without knights, end-game strategies, and many more. I find this book is excellent not only for beginners, but also for more experienced "club" players.<sup>3</sup>

*Chess Fundamentals* is a very well written book. Capablanca writes with an easygoing style that is clear, unambiguous, and easy to comprehend. He doesn't overload readers with confusing chess terminology or boring anecdotes about games he has either played or observed. He does provide many games that illustrate his points and serve as excellent examples of how to play better.<sup>4</sup> *Chess Fundamentals* has several features that are especially noteworthy. First, it incorporates algebraic notation, which didn't exist in Capablanca's day. This makes the book very easy to understand for current-day readers. Second, there are plenty of large, colorful, and easy-to-read diagrams throughout the book. (It's the first Kindle-based chess book I've seen with decent diagrams.) Third, the print is large and easy to read. Even though *Chess Fundamentals* was originally published in 1921, it never seems dated. In his writing, Capablanca stresses fundamentals of chess that are universal and timeless. In the short time I've had this book, I have learned a lot from it. I use it with my computer chess software in order to review and analyze the principles that Capablanca teaches. I think my game is already getting better as a result. *Chess Fundamentals* by José Raúl Capablanca is undoubtedly one of the best chess books I've ever read. Most highly recommended.

I have been playing chess for about 57 years. I discovered this book many years ago. It is written with a clarity that is very rare. Look into the mind of a genius and experience simplicity . . . I give this book to all my chess playing friends and those who only have some skill. It's a must have for all chess players at all levels of play. Raúl Capablanca known as the Chess machine as a International Grand master he lost 1 game in 10 years of tournament play. In my mind he might be the greatest chess player ever . . . I suggest learning all you can about the man he has a very interesting story to tell . From womanizer to a good husband who didn't even own a chess set . . . they don't make em like that any more . . . Look for his other book .. written by his wife and a

collaborator after his passing . ." Clarity is born from honesty "

Excellent content not only for beginners but also club players. Compared to other kindle books this has nice sized graphics which adjust to devices with different resolution unlike many other chess books with barely readable tiny boards.

Capablanca was right when he said that this book would be relevant as long as Chess is played. The information inside seems to be childishly simple and not useful, yet so many games have been marred by the inability of the player to spot a simple move. Capablanca does not spoon feed the reader. The reader has to apply himself since the annotations are brief without too many variations. The illustrative games while seemingly crude by modern standards are very instructive. What is refreshing is that Capablanca has included eight of his losses (all his losses when the book was first published). I suggest studying this book the old fashioned way, with a board and pieces. Mimic the exact tournament scenario. time yourself with a clock if you like. If you have this book and go through it carefully, you don't need hundreds of other books on strategy, endings etc.

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