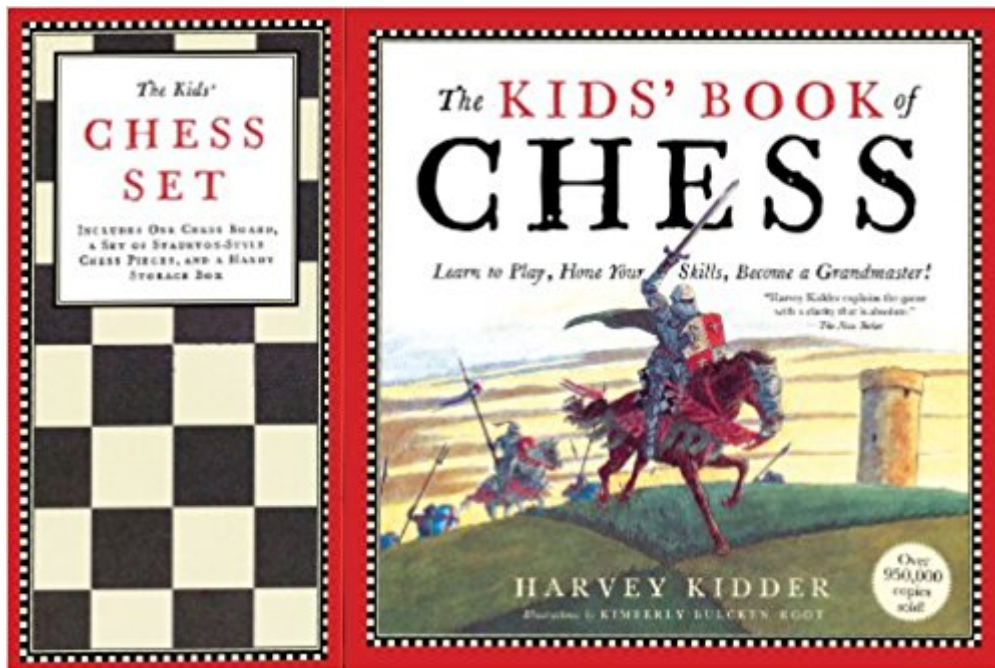




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# The Kids' Book Of Chess And Chess Set



## Synopsis

Illustrated Chess for Children was originally published in 1970. Now renamed, updated, newly illustrated, and presented with a custom-designed chess board and full set of chess pieces, the kids' book of chess and chess set introduces kids to the game that's inspired passion and challenge for over 900 years. Fantasy art captures the energy and excitement of chess's origins-the medieval battlefield-while a direct, lively text explains the game and its pieces in light of history. Readers are led through the fundamentals of beginning, middle, and end game, and shown winning strategies for offense and defense. Selection of the Book-of-the-Month and Trumpet Book clubs. Suitable for ages 8-12. 792,000 copies in print. Illustrations by Kimberly Bulcken Root.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 2 and up

## Customer Reviews

Grade 4 Up-- Instead of technical language and difficult diagrams, The Kids' Book of Chess explains all the basic elements of the game in a colorful, dramatic story of the medieval battlefield that the chessboard represents. All the pieces from pawn to king are introduced according to the role they play in the chess game and compared to their actual role in medieval life. How to begin the game, move the pieces, and develop a winning strategy are well described in clear, simple text; accurate diagrams; and delightful illustrations of medieval life. This a revision of Kidder's 1970 Illustrated Chess for Children (Doubleday; o.p.). New drawings, illustrations, and a slightly different format make this a welcome addition for novice and experienced chess lovers. --Pamela K. Bomboy, Chesterfield County Public Schools, VA  
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In the Middle Ages the knight was the ultimate warrior. In his suit of armor, on his spirited horse, he could overcome any resistance-as in the eleventh century, when it took only seventy knights to conquer the entire civilized kingdom of Sicily! Today the movements of medieval warriors are preserved in the moves of pieces on a chessboard; and by going back to the life and times of the Middle Ages, Harvey Kidder is able to explain the game of chess in an uncommonly exciting way.

I had this book for my son and he learned how to play chess at 5 years old, and had to buy it again for my nephew who is now learning to play chess at age 5 too. It won't be long and his 3 year-old brother will be ready to learn the game too. This book gives very clear explanations of what the chess pieces are and how and why they move the way they do -- it relates the game to the real life roles the chess pieces represent from medieval times. It is a great tool for anyone who wants to learn to play chess or have a better understanding of the game. I highly recommend this book. I won't lose track of this one; I'll hang on to it for my grandchildren.

This is my second purchase. Introduced my young son to chess with this many years ago. Bought it again for my 8 year old grand daughter.

My third grade reading students have mastered words and meanings of terms like diagonal, horizontal, vertical, castling, bishop, pawn, etc. Following strategy, rules and common courtesies have also been pluses for my young learners. I highly recommend this book and chess set as a great alternative to an electronic game. Win or lose, a lasting wonderful attribute of the book and game is great one on one conversation. I highly recommend this book. It is a simple, easy read for children filled with great illustrations.

This really is THE book of chess for kids (or adults who were too traumatized in childhood to learn but now want to teach their kids!). PLUS...it comes with a good starting board and pieces. But the explanation of WHY the pieces move the way they do really sticks, and teaches history and politics at the same time! I used the set 18 years ago to start my son off after he saw "Searching for Bobby Fischer." He was 7 then; he quickly wiped me off the Board, and went on to play competitive chess for a while. He still loves the game at 25 and plays it wherever he wants to, i.e. Washington Square Park and Union Sq., NYC. And, I am still buying THIS book (a great deal by the way WITH the set) as a gift for kids I know who want to learn, and beat their parents!.

This is the best Chess book for kids I ever came across. It explains all the pieces in a fun and easy way comparing them to their "function" in medieval times, so it's really easy for kids to remember why they move a certain way. Short and precise descriptions, smart images

The description says book AND chess set. I received only the book.

I expected a chess set but never got one. I tried three times and now I've given up. That chess set is never coming. The book is too simple, any beginner will quickly outgrow it. You would be better off if you -1. Buy a set recommended by the U.S. Chess Federation 2. Go to the library and check out a smattering of their books 3. Buy some other book for kids who want to learn chess I am disappointed. I am giving the books I got to a charity. I'm following my own advice and shopping for other products.

I really love the book that comes with it - but know it is more of an instruction manual than story. But it gives great hints on how to think about each player in real life so you can remember how they move. I only wish the board was a little more sturdy, my six year old often knocks things over as we play and the board is easy to giggle.

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