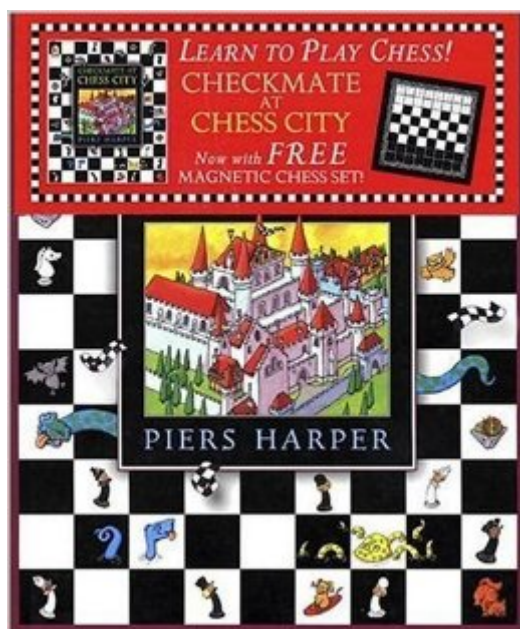


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# Checkmate At Chess City



## Synopsis

"The mazes are satisfyingly tricky . . . and puzzle-minded kids who are beyond WHERE'S WALDO? should enjoy this for hours." —BOOKLIST Chess City has been captured! The king and queen are missing, and it's up to readers to rescue them. As children learn how each chess piece moves, their task is to strategically maneuver knights, pawns, bishops, and rooks through mazes filled with hungry wolves, dangerous swamp monsters, and poisonous spiders. Each step leads them closer to the captive king and queen, in a perfect introduction to the challenges and excitement of a real game of chess. Now, with a compact chess board at their fingertips, they'll be eager to put their skills to the test!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

I teach chess at a local library and I've found this book to be an excellent resource. The library where I teach currently has four copies and these books are always checked out. I've found chess puzzles to be a good way to convey chess concepts to young players and this book uses chess puzzles in a creative way to teach young players how to move pawns and pieces correctly. The format reminds me of a Richard Scarry or a Where's Waldo book. Children have a lot of fun looking at little details on every page, just like looking for "Gold Bug" or Waldo. This book engages children's attention while introducing the basics of pawn and piece movement. It's a fun book for children and it accomplishes its purpose wonderfully.

I cannot say enough about how wonderful this book is for the K-3rd grade kids in my Chess Club! They are learning the moves of all pieces. The book may not be thick, but it is LONG in the hours of FASCINATION that it generates in kids. It is like a story book about a Chess King and Queen that need to be rescued from captivity out of the dungeon of a Castle surrounded by deserts, swamps, and other challenging areas through which the kids must navigate the other chess pieces. The kids do not even realize that they are learning how to move real chess pieces! I am asking all parents of my Chess Club members to get this book for their child. I love to read it myself!

Despite the fact that our 6-year-old already knows how to play chess, he loved this book! Every page is filled with detailed pictures and game boards -- it is entertaining just to look at everything that's "going on"! The theme of the book is actually a puzzle or a maze based on the movements the chess board pieces are permitted to make in the real game. The book helps children understand the game, or, if they already know how to play, helps them practice on their own. Not all of the puzzles are easy, either!

This fascinating and brightly illustrated picture book explains to beginners how the game of chess is played by using elaborately, colorful chessboard mazes within a castle setting. The object is to learn correct names and moves for each chess piece. Each page addresses a different chess piece, its moves and then has a maze with booby traps on the page to navigate through. With an almost arcade type feel to it, this book should fascinate youngsters or anyone needing a visual and simple explanation of how to play chess. Highly recommended.

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