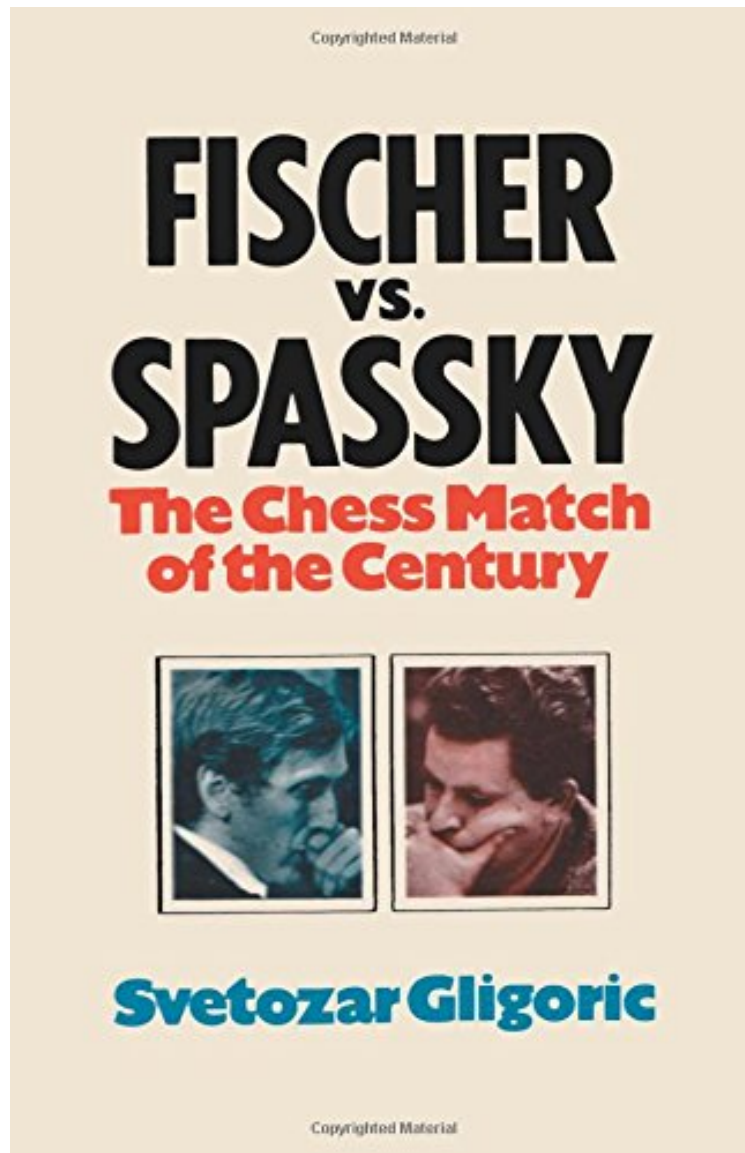


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About the AuthorSvetozar Gligoric was born in Belgrade in 1923. Like most grandmasters his interest in chess began at an early age. In 1939 he won the Yugoslav amateur championship and with it the title of Yugoslav Master. During the war, whilst serving with the partisans, for which he was decorated twice for bravery, he played little chess. Since the war though, Gligoric has competed in dozens of tournaments of the highest calibre all over the world. His travels have brought him first prizes in many different countries. For twenty-five years he has been the best player in one of the world's very strongest chess countries, but his prowess does not end with chess. A journalist by profession he has been current affairs correspondent for two leading Yugoslav newspapers and has done similar work for Belgrade Radio. Having fluent command of seven languages. he has often combined his two talents by writing stimulating and authoritative articles about chess and chess personalities for many of the world's leading chess magazines. Svetozar Gligoric died in Belgrade on August 14, 2012 from a stroke at age 89 years.