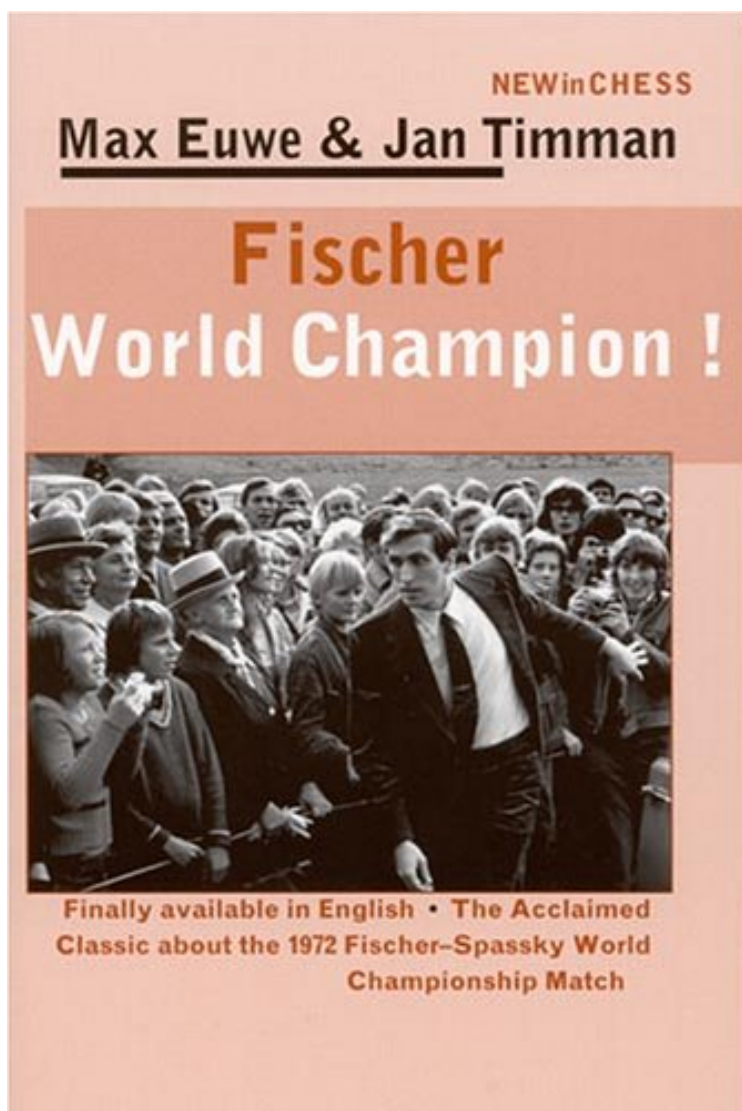


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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Pre-Computer Analysis By Sindbad I don't know why this should be the 'acclaimed classic about the 1972 Spassky-Fischer Match' when it was available only in Dutch language until recently... Did so many people read this book in Dutch? However, the thing I like best about the book is the photo section which gives some BW photos of Fischer and Spassky showing them over the board during the match. This shouldn't be so unusual for a match book, but actually it is, as other books about the match rarely give a photo from this event. The rest of the book unfortunately consists only of (old) analysis by Timman where he may have put much effort in, but I think it's too little for a book covering the 'chess-match of the century'. One would expect some behind-the-scenes stories by co-author and FIDE president Euwe, but nothing of this can be found in this book. In summary this is only a book with analysis of the 1972 match-games but definitely NOT a book about the match itself. You are far better off reading for example Gligoric's account of the match which is available on (used) for a few bucks... P.S. Even the 'highly acclaimed' analysis by Timman is far from accurate; in his annotations to the 6th game Timman missed a simple reply for Black and playing the White side of the board one year after the 1972 match Timman lost quite quickly against Geller who obviously had analyzed the game much better ..... so it's only one star for the photo section. 4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not modified since 72 By Chess Book Addict I was hoping for more thorough analysis like in Timman's Art of Chess Analysis, or that it might be updated with computers. Also the Euwe part is quite boringly written. It is still interesting with notes by the strongest player to annotate 72 match apart from Kasparov Vol 4 On Fischer.

In 1972 a boy from Brooklyn broke the hegemony of Soviet chess. Bobby Fischer, the greatest genius the game had ever seen, completed his crusade against 'the commie cheaters' by defeating Boris Spassky in Reyjavik. The match of the Century electrified the world. Chess was front page news everywhere. No one wanted to miss a word, a move or even the slightest detail about the struggle of Bobby Fischer against the terrifying superpower that for decades had exploited its superiority in chess as an irrefutable justification of communism. The Cold War was still an everyday reality, and Fischer appealed to the masses. Bobby was handsome but lonely, brilliant but strange. Almost a year before the first move was made at the board, the infighting started. Fischer stood firm in his whims and wishes. The world looked on in anxiety and anticipation as Bobby quarreled about the venue, the number of games, the prize-fund, the television rights, the cameras, the lighting, the chairs. Would the match be played at all? The acclaimed classic Fischer World Champion conveys the full drama of the Fischer-Spassky clash, both on and off the board. Finally available in an English edition, it is a blow-by-blow account of the perplexing prelude to the match by the late Max Euwe, the then FIDE President. Euwe's diplomatic skills and iron will saved the match against incredible odds. Fischer World Champion! features the original analyses of the games by Jan Timman, one of the world's finest analysts. Fischer World Champion! will allow the reader to relive one of the great moments in chess history.