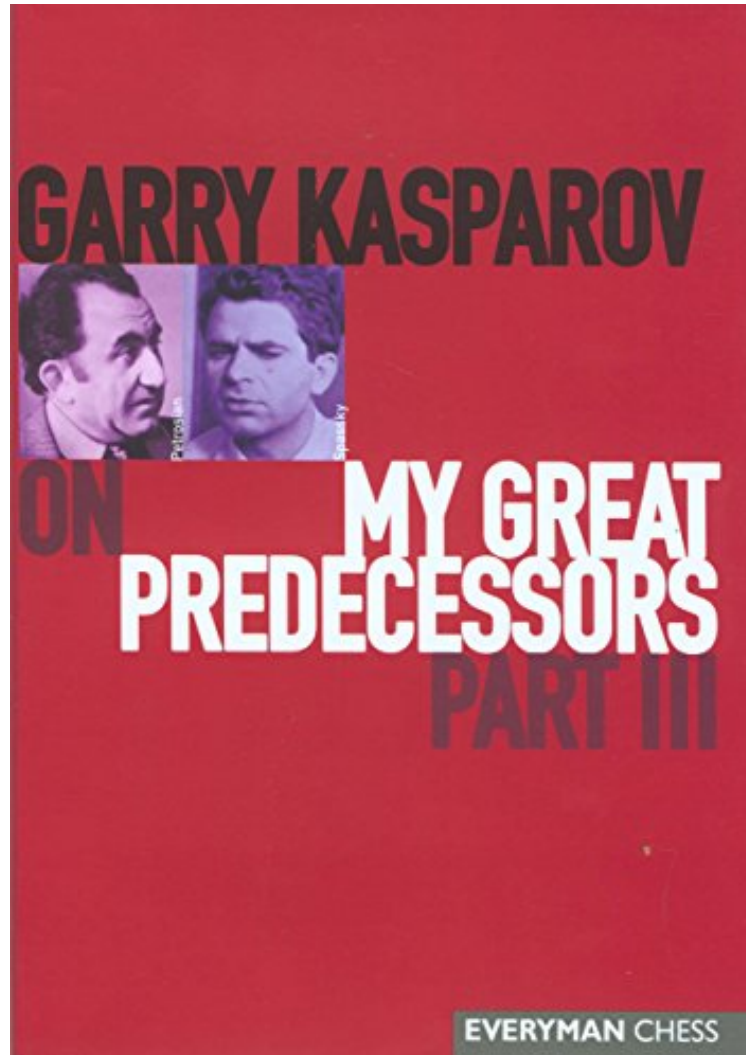


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Garry Kasparov : Garry Kasparov on My Great Predecessors, Part 3 before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Garry Kasparov on My Great Predecessors, Part 3:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Qualified SuccessBy Customer This book provides an excellent discussion of the development and rise of these two champions. There is a lot of narrative history and illustrative games annotated (quite deeply) by Kasparov with help from computer software. The games are a who's who of the greats in history, including the two principals and Tal, Korchnoi, Portisch, Fischer, Polugayevsky, Stein, Geller, Kasparov himself, and Larsen et al. Interestingly, both Spassky and Petrosian defeated Kasparov twice in tournament play (something I was unaware of) and all these games are presented. As with all of Kasparov's books, the print quality is excellent, and there are a lot of diagrams presented within each game. Where the book is deficient, however, is what

it leaves out. There is no discussion at all about Spassky's world title match with Fischer in 1972 (or their match in 1992)-you have to buy his book on Fischer for that. Even so, Kasparov should have included and annotated games 15 and/or 18 from the 1972 match (which are not included in the Fischer book), and a couple of Spassky's games from the 1992 match. Likewise, there is no coverage of Spassky's 1977 Candidate's match with Korchnoi-you have to buy his book on Korchnoi/Karpov for that; even so he should have included a couple of games from this match that are not in the Korchnoi/Karpov book (there are plenty to choose from, it was an epic battle). Also missing in the Petrosian section is any game coverage of his Candidate's matches with Korchnoi in 1977 and 1980, which is curious, since none of these games is in the Korchnoi/Karpov book either.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. I was stunned
By Harvey Reed
I initially bought this book because I wanted to acquire a collection of Petrosian games that were well annotated. I figured Kasparov would be a good annotator :-)
What I found out is that the section on Petrosian (181 pages) is one long story, where Kasparov shows how ideas were formed, tested adopted, refuted and so on. Throughout the weaving of the progression of chess ideas during Petrosian's time, he incrementally adds to Petrosian's life to give the reader a complete picture of him. This is unlike any other chess book I've purchased, and I was amazed once I figured out what I was reading. I was stunned at how readable it is at one level, although you could spend hours on each game if you delve into all of the analysis. I highly recommend it!

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent five-volume set
By J. Howard
This is Volume Three of the five-volume set of My Great Predecessors. I had to do a lot of shopping around to find each volume at a price I could afford, but if you are serious about developing an understanding of chess strategy, this set is an excellent resource. The books cover the history of great chessmasters, detailing many of their games. I don't start at page one and read through them sequentially; rather, I look up a particular strategy and lay out the game on my chessboard to move through it. One game usually leads to another, and I can spend hours going through the volumes this way. [NOTE that this review is authored by my 19-year-old son.]

The battle for the World Chess Championship has witnessed numerous titanic struggles which have engaged the interest not only of the chess enthusiasts but also of the public at large. The chessboard is the ultimate mental battleground and the world champions themselves are supreme intellectual gladiators. This magnificent compilation of play from the 1960s through to the 1970s forms the basis of the third part of Garry Kasparov's long-awaited definitive history of the World Chess Championship. Garry Kasparov, who is universally acclaimed as the greatest chess player ever, subjects the play from this era to a rigorous analysis--the examination being enhanced by the use of the latest chess software. This volume features the play of champions Tigran Petrosian (1963-1969) and Boris Spassky (1969-1972). However, this book is more than just a compilation of play from the greats of this era. Kasparov's biographies of these champions place them in a fascinating historical, political, and cultural context. Kasparov explains how each champion brought his own distinctive style to the chessboard and enriched the theory of the game with new ideas.

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