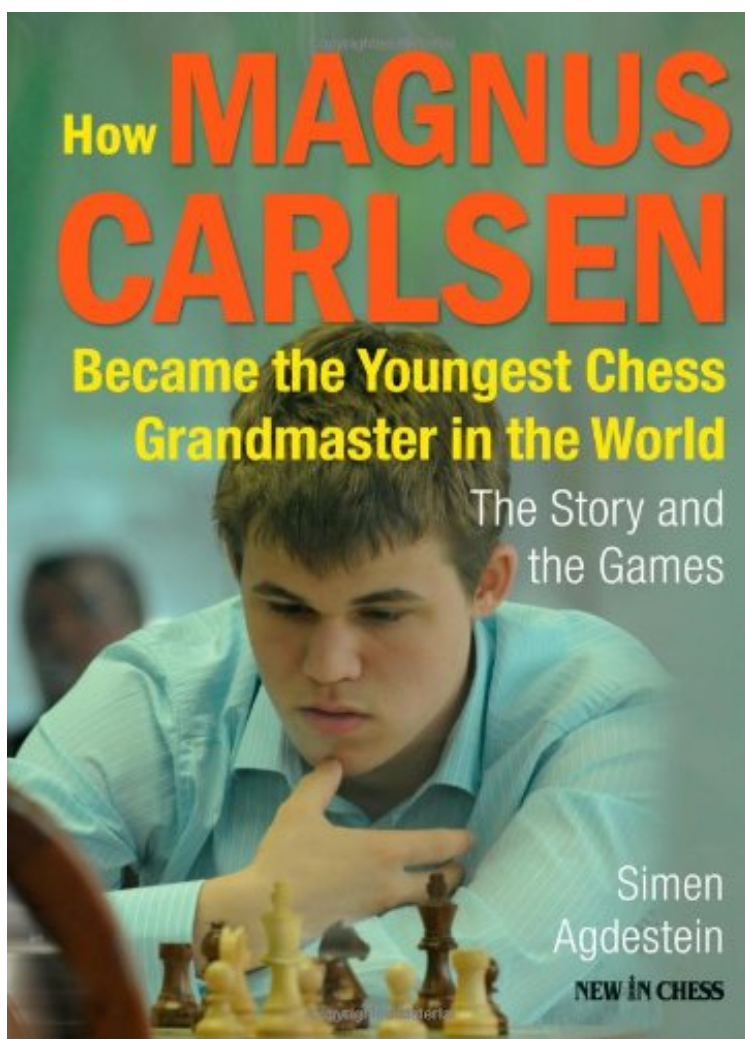


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importance of Magnus' tournaments and victories. The feeling that it seemed important for Magnus to play everywhere in Europe that he could as a child, whether it was an affordable vacation stop or whatnot, added some monotony to the prose. Magnus Carlsen is a superb defender, and obviously the best one in the world now, but even as a kid he really shined at it even though his opening play seemed more ambitious then. His openings repertoire was flexible, even as a child. Agdestein does a really great job with this book, with the prose and the game analysis, but more importantly more so with the prose. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I was a little disappointed. The games were great and that in itself ...By Larry M. I was a little disappointed. The games were great and that in itself was obviously worth the money and the time. My issue was the lack of real content. I learned very little about Magnus Carlsen beyond the chess. I think a better writer would have dug into more of the background story. The book drifts into a travel agenda format - its just very dry. Magnus is very sheltered and rightly so but as a world champion or even as a great player fans want to know him better. This isn't the book for that but I know there will be many written in the years to come. I have watched Magnus do a countless number of interviews and frankly this entire book comes across just like his on camera personality - lacking energy and enthusiasm. It seemed to me Simen Agdestein would have been the perfect person to write this but he also seems to hold back. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Jim Ainslie Best chess book ever.

At the age of 13 years, 4 months and 26 days, Magnus Carlsen became the youngest chess grandmaster in the world. The international press raved about the Norwegian prodigy. The Washington Post even called him the Mozart of chess. Ten years on Magnus Carlsen is the number one in the world rankings and a household name far beyond chess circles. Time Magazine listed him as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2013. How Magnus Carlsen Became the Youngest Chess Grandmaster in the World is the fairy-tale-like story of his rise. The story-teller could not have been better qualified. Simen Agdestein trained Magnus in the years leading up to his grandmaster title, repeatedly pinching himself in amazement at his pupils lightning progress. While you follow Magnus on his wonderful journey, Agdestein is your guide, providing insights into the Carlsen family life and explaining the secrets of Magnus play in clear and instructive comments. This is an inspiring book for any chess player. It will fascinate parents and help gifted children to realize their full potential.

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