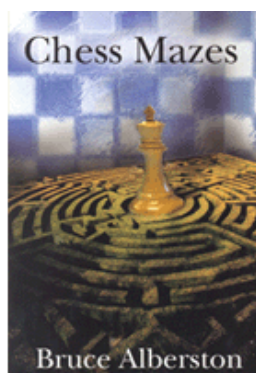




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Chess Mazes

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In the fall of 2004, popular chess author Bruce Alberston released a book called [Chess Mazes](#), designed to help students to develop their visualization and planning skills. *Chess Mazes* was an instant success and [ChessCafe.com](#) was delighted when Bruce agreed to offer a new *Chess Maze* puzzle each week.

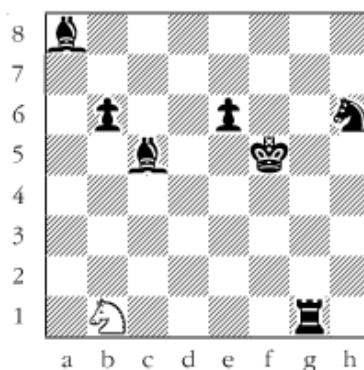
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

For those who may be interested in a more detailed introduction and overview to these puzzles, we invite you to take a look at the introduction from Bruce's book. Click [here](#) to read more, otherwise, we hope you enjoy this week's *Chess Maze* puzzle...

A Knight Maze

Move the white knight around and place the black king in check. Don't put it where it can be taken and aim for the quickest route.

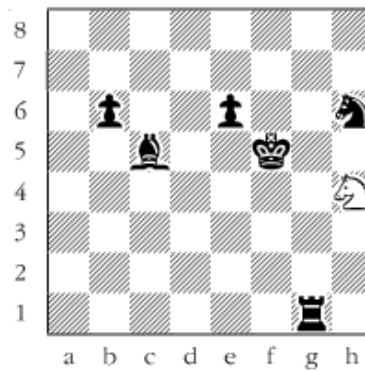
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The first step is to get rid of the a8-bishop. Then f3 opens up. 1 Nc3 2 Nb5 3 Nc7 4 Nxa8 5 Nc7 6 Nb5 7 Nc3 8 Na4 9 Nb2 10 Nc4 11 Nd2 12 Nf3 13 Nh4+.

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