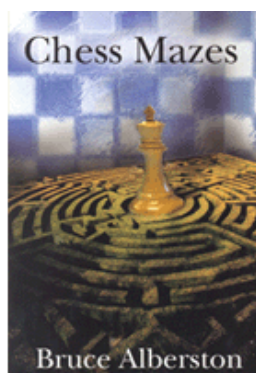




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Chess Mazes

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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.

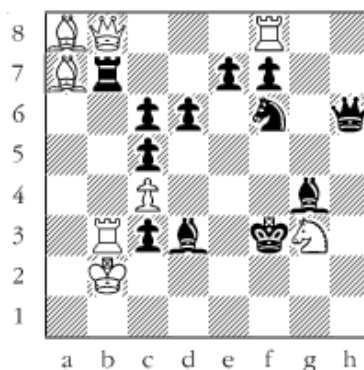
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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 King Maze

Construct a checkmate moving only the white king. Black cannot move and neither can the white helping units, which must be released from confinement. Check is not allowed. There is a shortest path for the king to take. Find it.

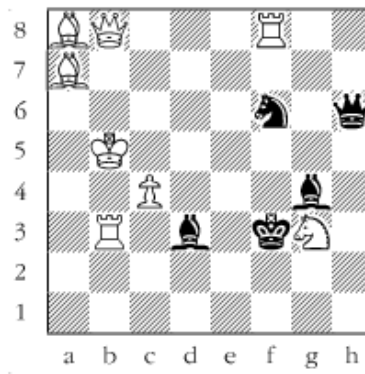
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1 Kxc3 2 Kb2 3 Ka3 4 Ka4 5 Ka5 6 Ka6 7 Kxb7 8 Kc7 9 Kd8 10 Kxe7 11 Kxf7 12 Ke7 13 Kxd6 14 Kxc5 15 Kxc6 16 Kb5#.

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