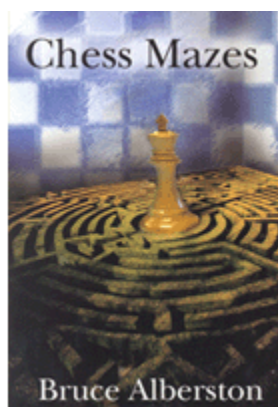




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In the fall of 2004, popular chess author Bruce Alberston released a book called [Chess Mazes](#), designed to help students to develop their visualization and planning skills. *Chess Mazes* was an instant success and [ChessCafe.com](#) was delighted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

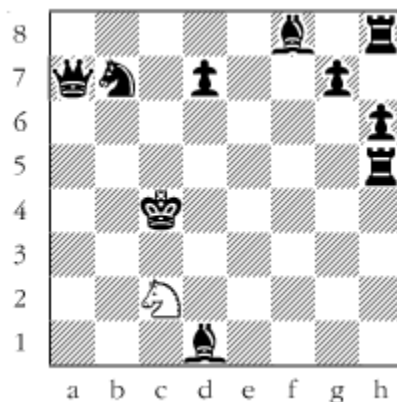
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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

Check the king with the maze knight (the one on c2) using the fastest route. Don't let the knight get captured.

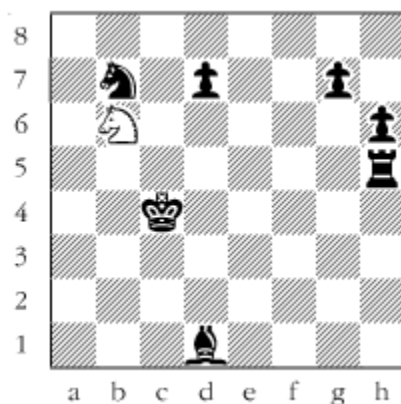
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1 Ne1 2 Ng2 3 Nf4 4 Ng6 5 Nxh8 6 Ng6 7 Nxf8 8 Ng6 9 Ne7 10 Nc8 11 Nxa7 12 Nc8 13 Nb6+.

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