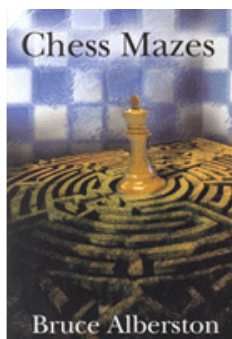




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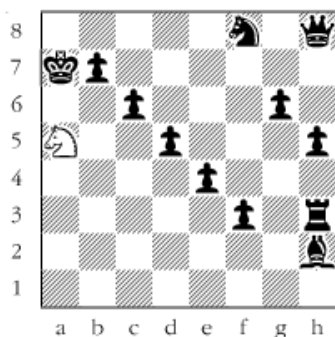
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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

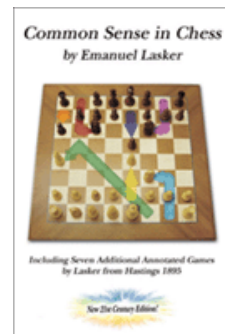
The object is to check the king. If your knight gets captured you can't do it, so don't put the knight where it can be taken. The shortest solution is best.

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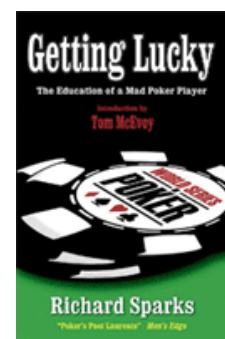


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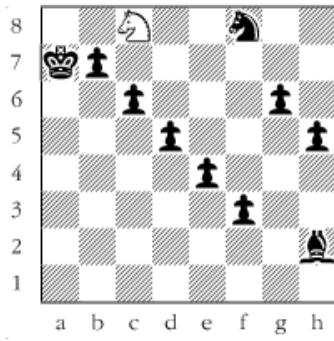


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1 Nb3 2 Nd2 3 Nf1 4 Ne3 5 Nd1 6 Nf2 7 Nxh3 8 Ng5 9 Nf7 10 Nxh8 11 Nf7  
12 Nh6 13 Ng8 14 Ne7 15 Nc8+.

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