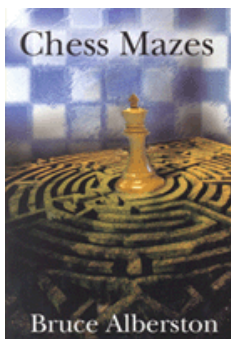




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In the fall of 2004, popular chess author Bruce Alberston released a book called [Chess Mazes](#), designed to help students to develop their visualization and planning skills. *Chess Mazes* was an instant success and **ChessCafe.com** was delighted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

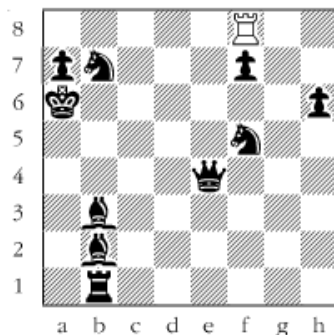
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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 Rook Maze

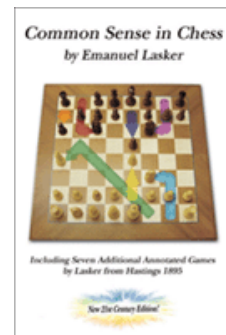
The object is to check the king with the white rook using the fastest route. The rook may not move to squares under enemy control.

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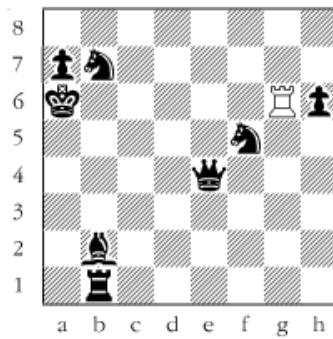
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1 Rc8 2 Rc7 3 Rd7 4 Rd2 5 Rh2 6 Rh3 7 Rxb3 8 Rh3 9 Rh2 10 Rd2 11
Rd7 12 Rxf7 13 Rf8 14 Rg8 15 Rg6+

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