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Chess Mazes

Bruce Alberston



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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.

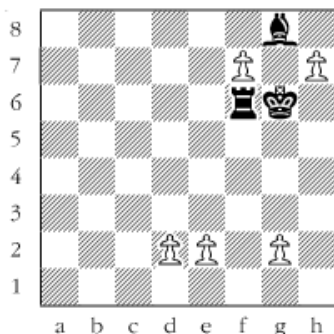
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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 Pawn Maze

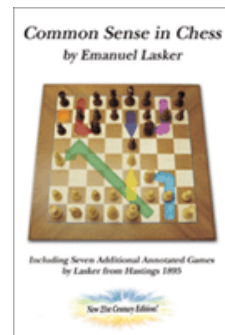
The object is mate (not check) moving the pawns in concert. Promoted pawns play their role but only from their promotion squares. And don't lose any pawns.

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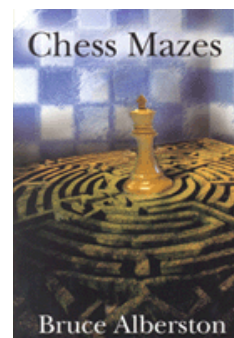
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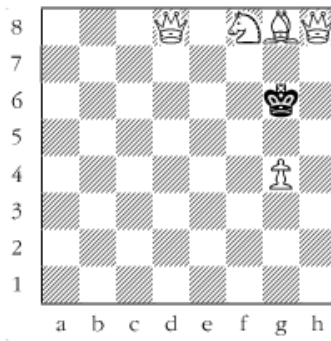
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1 fxg8/B 2 h8/Q 3 g4 4 e4 5 e5 6 exf6 7 d4 8 d5 9 d6 10 d7 11 d8/Q 12
f7 13 f8/N#

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