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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.

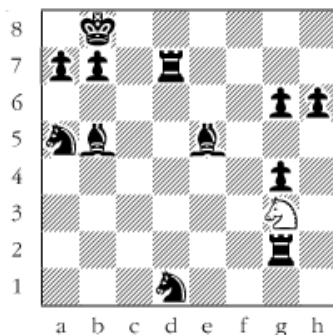
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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 Knight Maze

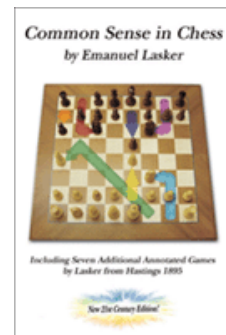
In order to check the black king the knight has to get to d7 without being captured. Even with the fastest route it takes a while.

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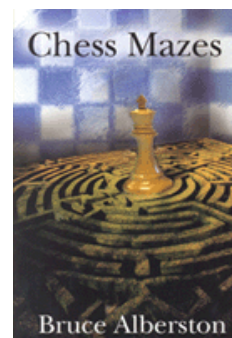
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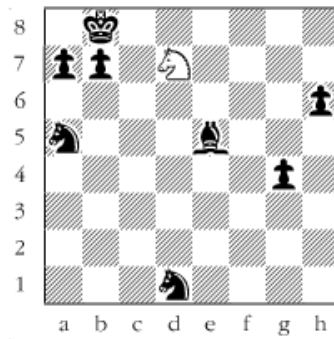
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1 Ne4 2 Nc5 3 Ne6 4 Nf8 5 Nxcg6 6 Nh4 7 Nxcg2 8 Ne1 9 Nc2 10 Na3 11  
Nxb5 12 Na3 13 Nc2 14 Ne1 15 Ng2 16 Nh4 17 Ng6 18 Nf8 (or 18  
Nxe5) 19 Nxd7+

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