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The history of the World Chess Championship, begun with Pablo Morán's *World Chess Championship: Steinitz to Alekhine*, also published by Hardinge Simpole, continues in this volume with the epic struggles between Botvinnik, Bronstein, Smyslov, Tal and Petrosian, via the brief but spectacular advent of Bobby Fischer, and on to the modern superstars Karpov and Kasparov. All games from the matches are annotated and this book with its companion volume forms a valuable addition to the library of any chess enthusiast who wishes to possess a complete collection of games played at the very highest level.

All matches bar one in this book were played out between Soviet citizens, so the account here also serves as an anthology and exemplar of Soviet chess at its zenith.

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