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Nothing more clearly separates chess master from chess *wannabee* than winning endgame play. Accurate opening play can be satisfying, and combinations in the middlegame are exciting. But for most chess players, victory is the real finish line. And the endgame is the last lap of the race.

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Just the Facts! is the seventh and final volume of the best-selling *Comprehensive Chess Course*, the series that brings English readers the once strictly guarded and time-tested Soviet training methods, the key to the 50-year Russian dominance of the chess world. The *Comprehensive Chess Course* can take you from beginner to master.

Grandmaster Lev Alburt, three-time US Champion and former European Champion is one of the world's most sought-after chess teachers, famous for providing aspiring players easy access to master-level ideas. He is the only top-echelon GM to develop time-efficient, maximum-impact lessons for those below master strength.

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