



Chess Puzzles

Volume 1

Expert



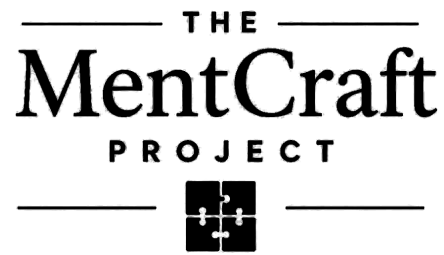
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Find the Best Move - Complete Answer Key

Legal Positions - Carefully Graded

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450 Puzzles Including 50 Bonus Puzzles

For David

My son, you have a wonderful mind.
Always remain curious and never assume you know everything.

How to Get the Most Out of This Book

Every MentCraft collection starts from a simple idea: different minds grow stronger in different ways. Chess has a special place in that family. A single position can ask you to notice a hidden threat, compare tempting ideas, calculate a few moves ahead, and then trust the line that survives your own questions. It brings together pattern recognition, calculation, imagination, and the quiet satisfaction of seeing a position clearly.

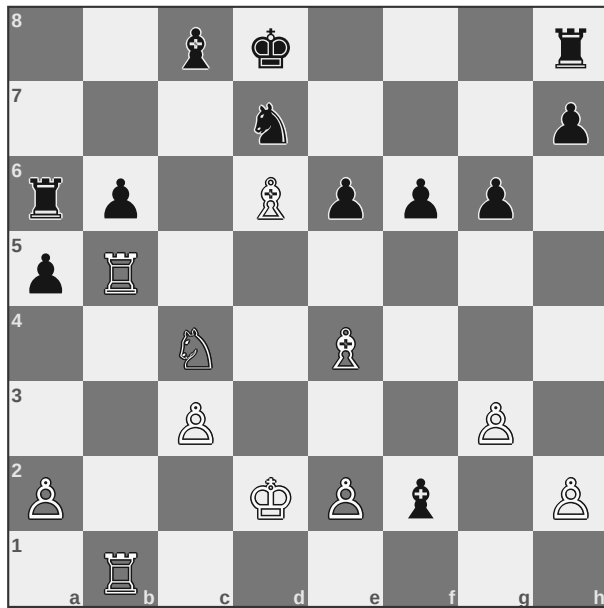
Each puzzle in this book asks one simple question: What is the best move? White is always shown at the bottom of the board, and the label beneath the diagram tells you whose turn it is. Before you turn to the solutions, give the position a little time. Look for checks, captures, threats, loose pieces, vulnerable kings, and tactical patterns - but don't stop at the first move that looks good. Ask what your opponent would play next.

This Expert volume is designed for positions where the decisive idea may be quiet, delayed, or hidden behind several credible alternatives. You may need to calculate deeper, challenge the move that first attracts you, and keep multiple candidate lines alive before the position finally resolves. The aim is precision under uncertainty: noticing subtle resources, resisting premature conclusions, and trusting only the line that survives the strongest reply you can find. Take your time. Difficulty here is intentional, and the work of finding clarity is the training.

You'll find 400 main puzzles and 50 bonus puzzles, followed by complete solutions in standard algebraic notation. In the solutions, x marks a capture, + a check, # checkmate, and O-O / O-O-O castling. Every published position is carefully checked for legality and a clear best move. Use the My Notes line whenever it helps you compare ideas, remember a pattern, or capture the reason a move works. Take your time, enjoy the process, and let every position make the next one a little easier to see.

Puzzle 001

EASY

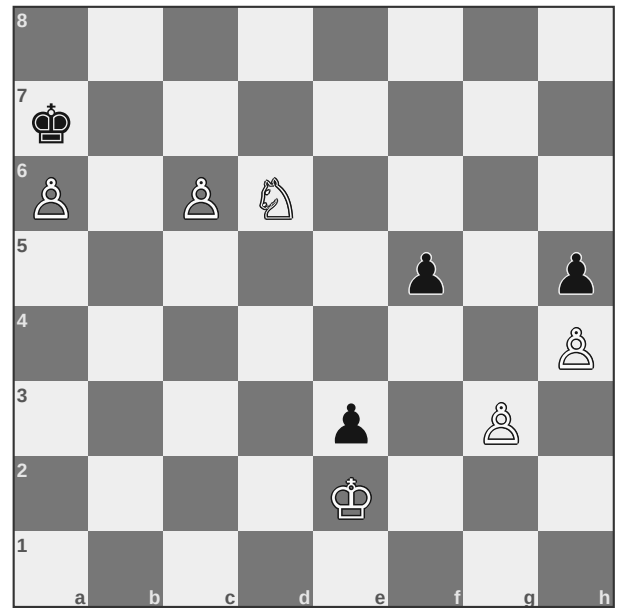
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 002

EASY

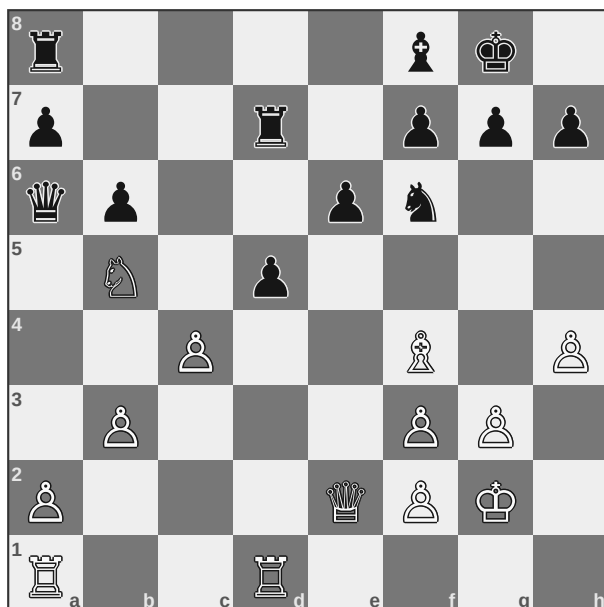
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 003

EASY

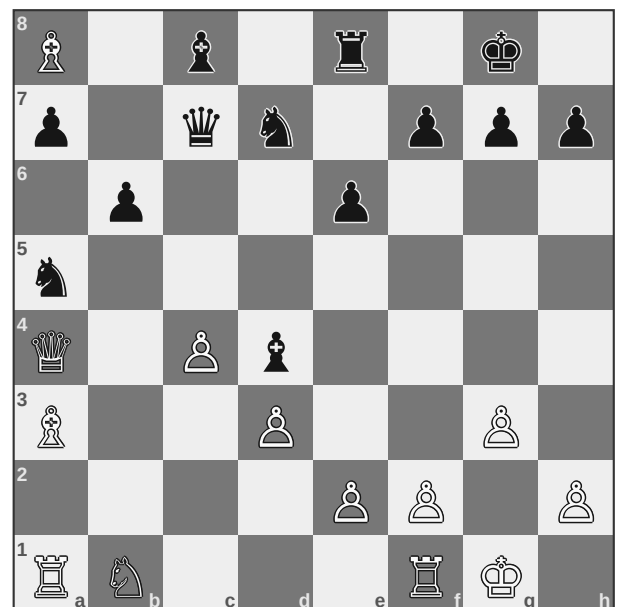
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 004

EASY

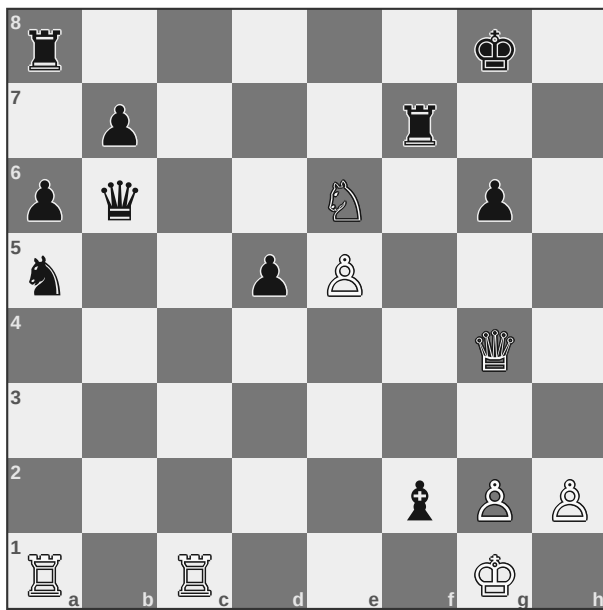
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 005

EASY

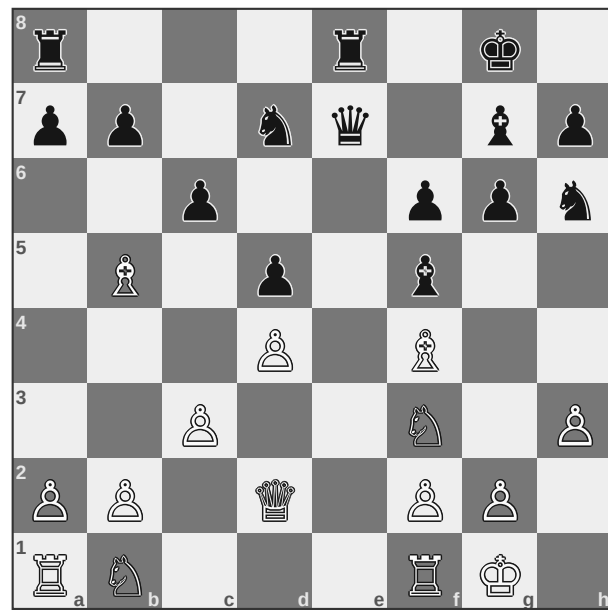
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 006

EASY

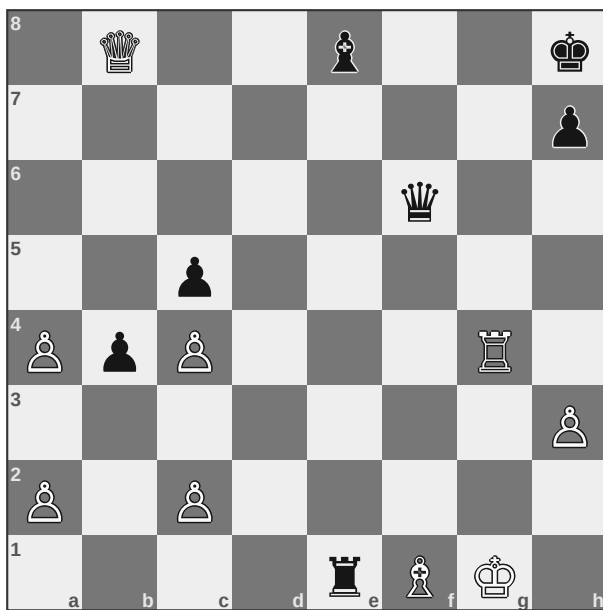
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 007

EASY

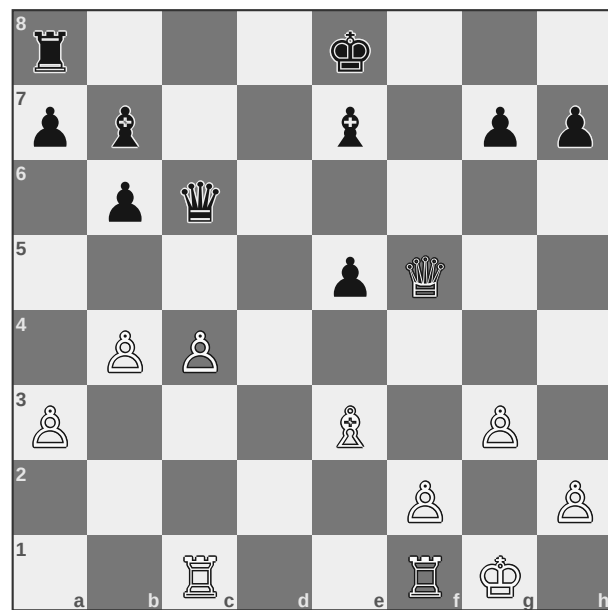
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 008

EASY

**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

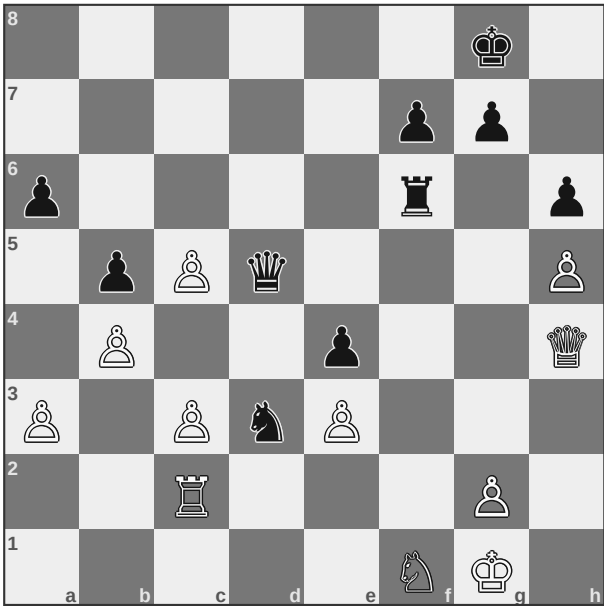
My Notes: _____

BONUS PUZZLES

Our gift to you for choosing this book.
50 extra Expert positions to keep your momentum going.

Puzzle 401

EASY

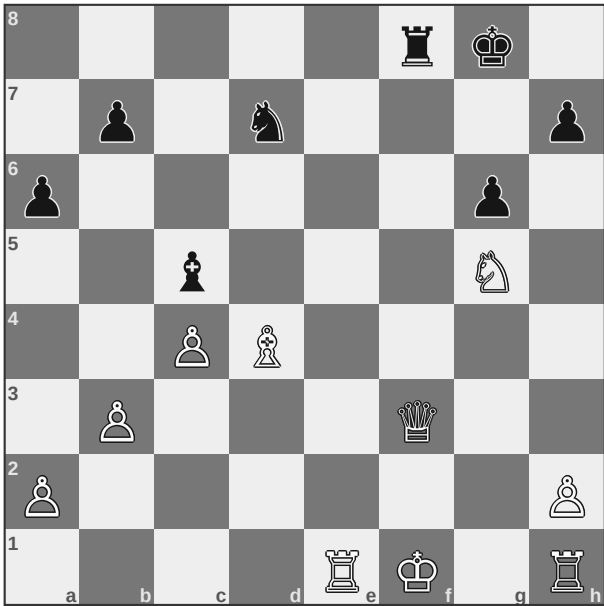


BLACK TO MOVE
Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 402

EASY

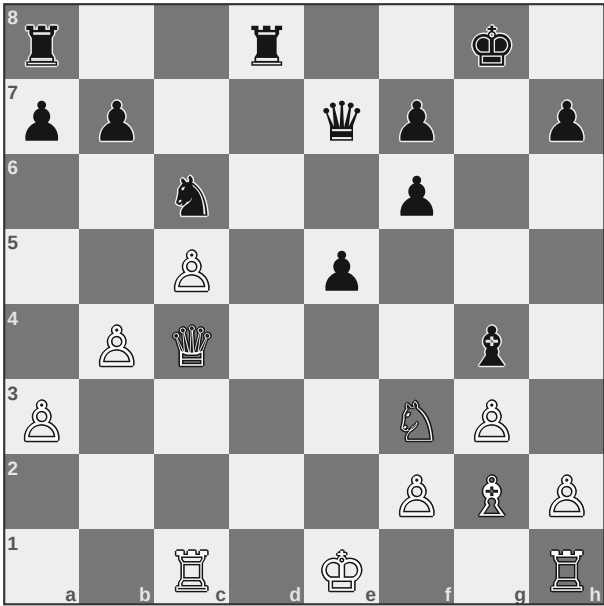


WHITE TO MOVE
Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 403

EASY

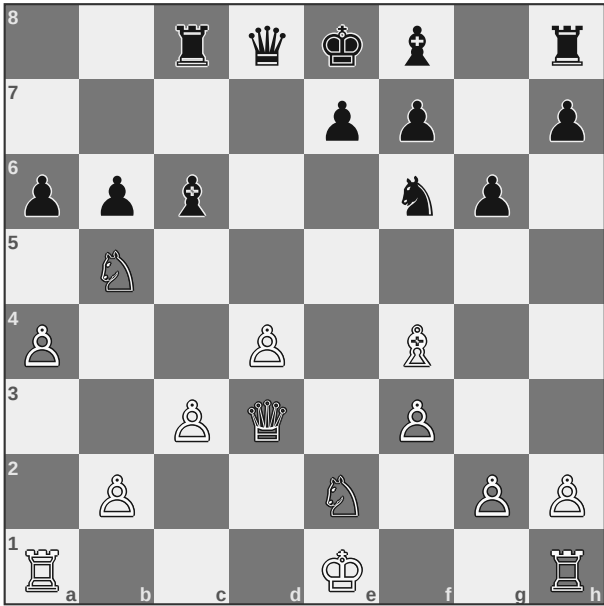


BLACK TO MOVE
Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 404

EASY

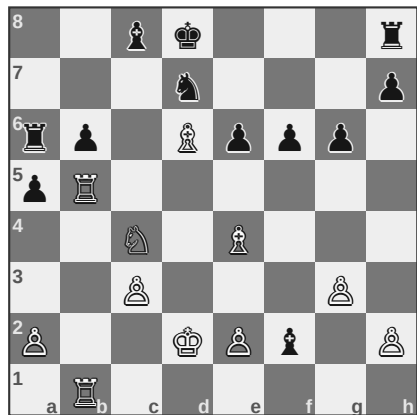


WHITE TO MOVE
Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 001

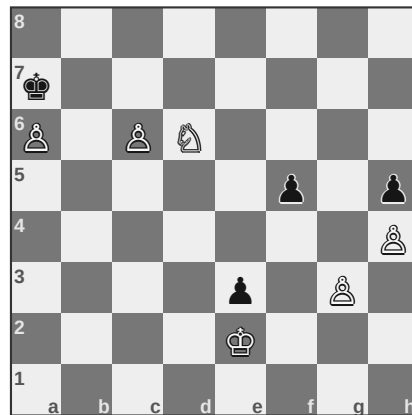
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22. e3 h5 23. Ke2 Bxg3

Puzzle 002

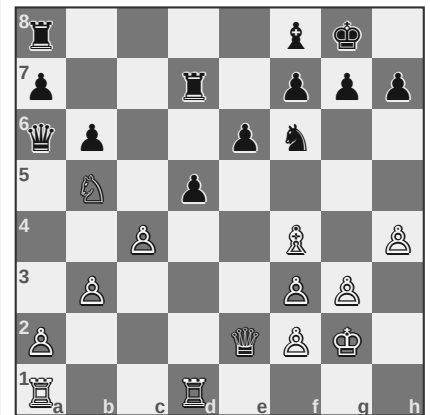
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47. c7 Kxa6 48. c8=Q+ Kb6

Puzzle 003

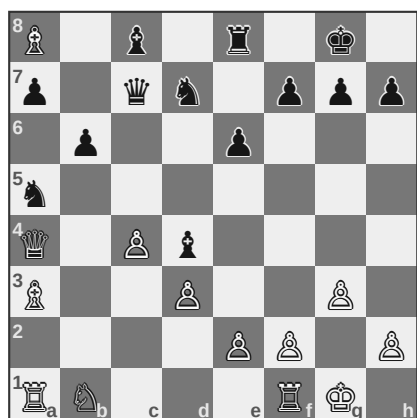
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20. Nc7 Rxc7 21. Bxc7 Rc8

Puzzle 004

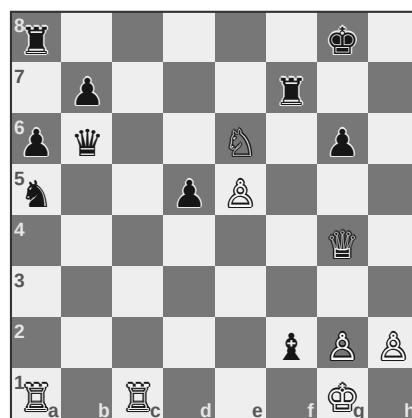
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16. Ra2 h5 17. Nd2 Nf6

Puzzle 005

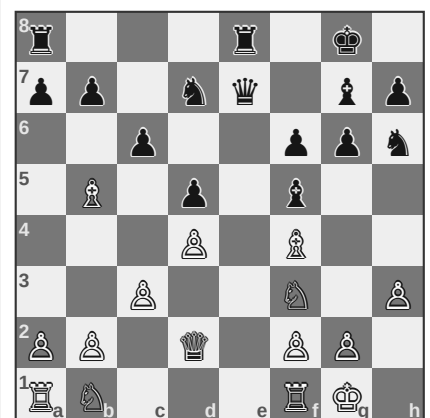
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27. Kh1 Rg7 28. Rab1 Qe3

Puzzle 006

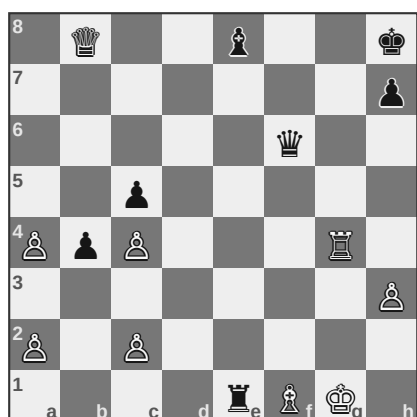
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15... g5 16. Nxg5 fxg5 17. Bxg5

Puzzle 007

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46. Rf4 Qe7

Puzzle 008

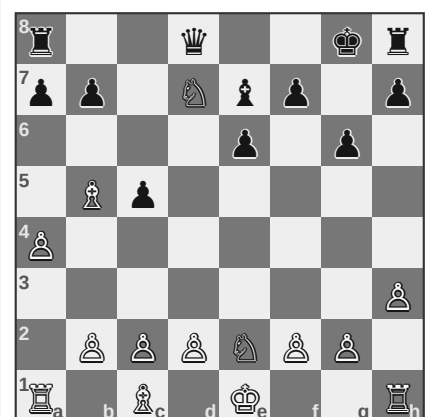
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26. f3 Qf6 27. Qxf6 gxf6

Puzzle 009

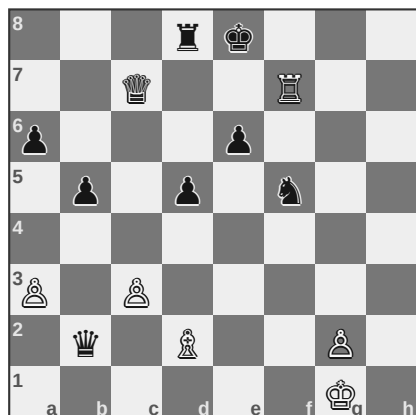
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14. Ne5 Qc7 15. Nf3 c4

Puzzle 442

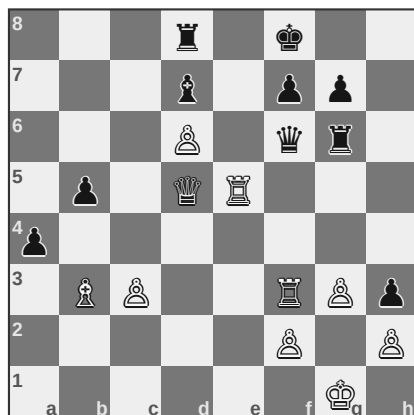
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41. Rh7 Qa1+ 42. Kf2 Qf1+

Puzzle 443

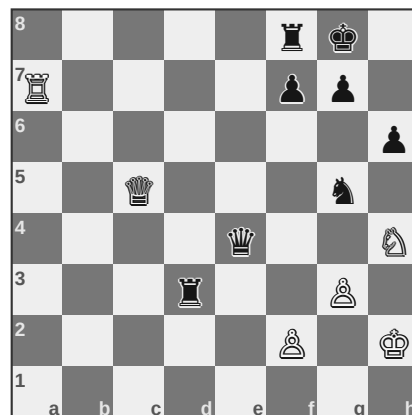
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33. Rh5 Rh6 34. Rxf6 Be8

Puzzle 444

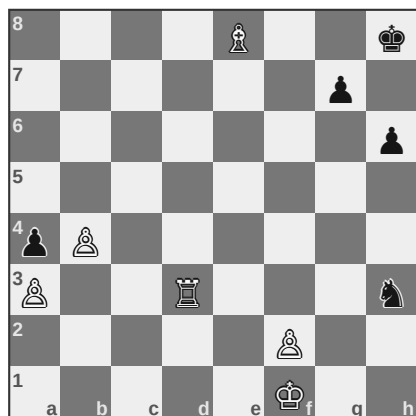
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41... Rd1 42. Qxf8+ Kxf8 43. Ra8+

Puzzle 445

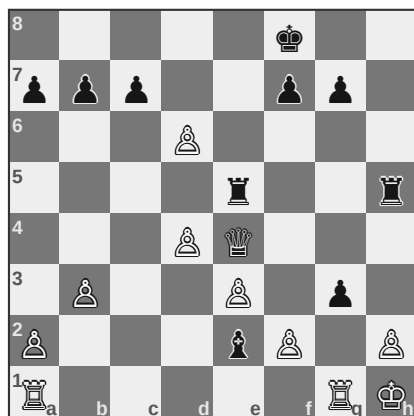
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49. Bg6 h5 50. Rd8#

Puzzle 446

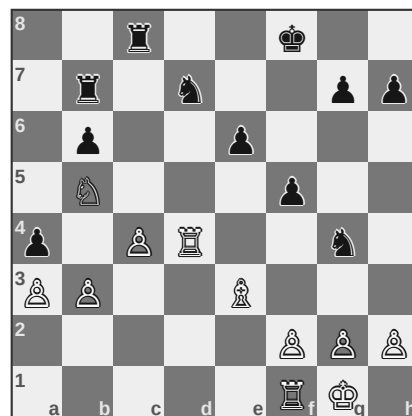
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27. Qg2 Bf3 28. fxf3 Bxf2+

Puzzle 447

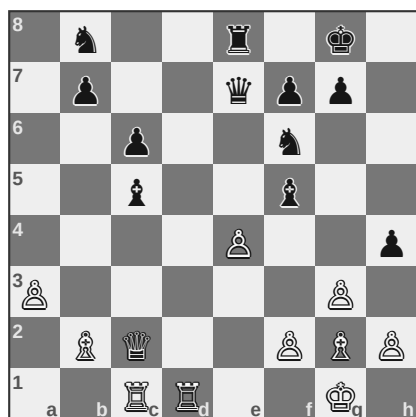
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28. Nd6 Nxe3 29. fxe3 Rcb8

Puzzle 448

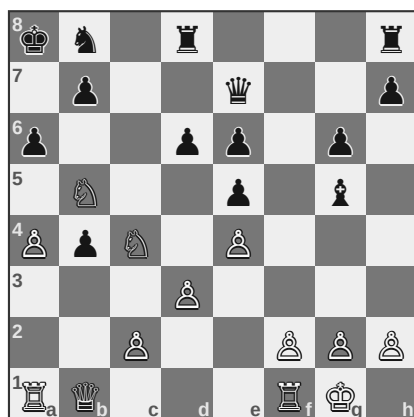
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23... Bg4 24. Bxf6 gxf6 25. Rd3

Puzzle 449

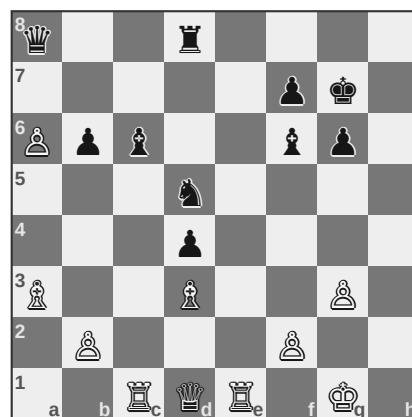
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21... Nc6 22. Nb6+ Kb8 23. Qb3

Puzzle 450

E



37... Nc3 38. Rxc3 dxc3 39. Be7

The MentCraft Project starts from a simple idea: a mind that's exercised regularly stays sharper, more curious, and more capable — but not every mind sharpens the same way. Some people think best in words, others in numbers, others in shapes and spatial patterns, others in sequences of logical steps. That's why MentCraft builds puzzle collections across many different formats, each one training a different kind of mental muscle.

Chess rewards the player who can pause, notice what matters, and calculate one move further. This Expert volume is designed to build that habit one position at a time.

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