



Chess Puzzles

Volume 2

Expert



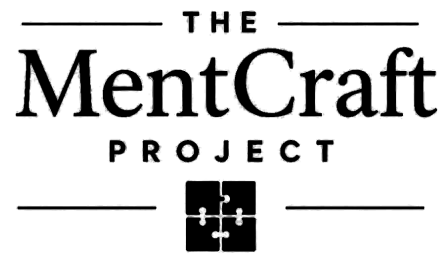
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For David

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.

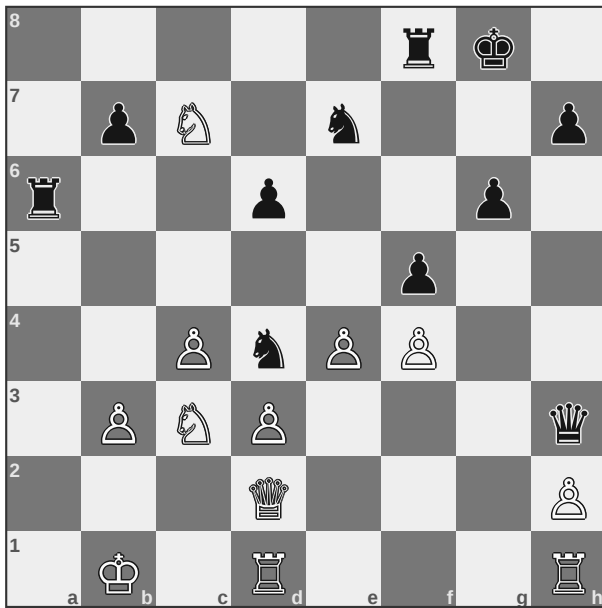
Each puzzle in this book asks one simple question: What is the best move? White is always shown at the bottom of the board, and the label beneath the diagram tells you whose turn it is. Before you turn to the solutions, give the position a little time. Look for checks, captures, threats, loose pieces, 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



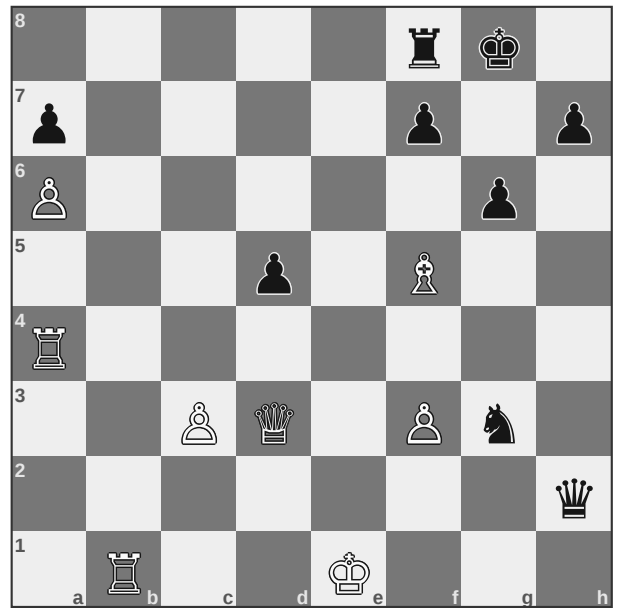
BLACK TO MOVE

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 002

EASY



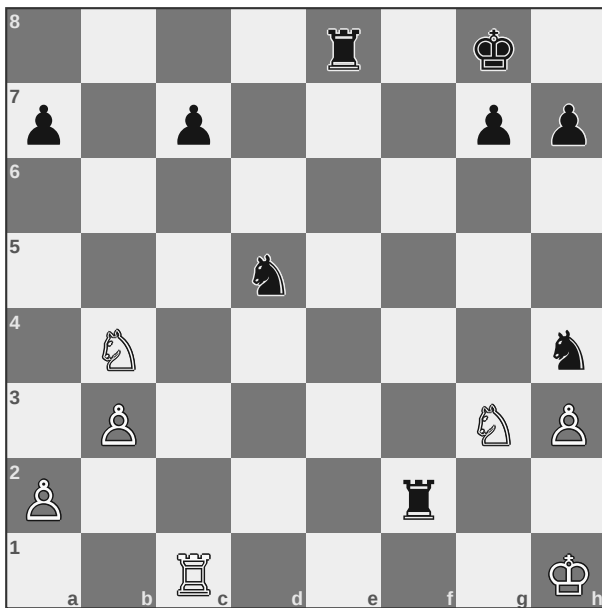
WHITE TO MOVE

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 003

EASY



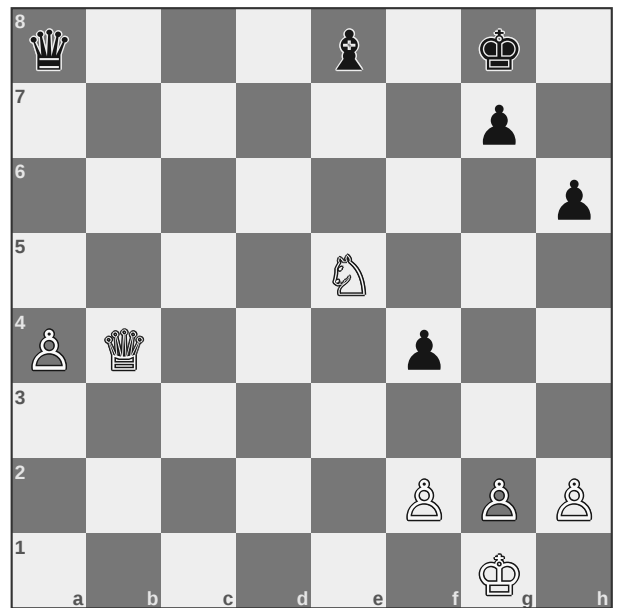
BLACK TO MOVE

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 004

EASY



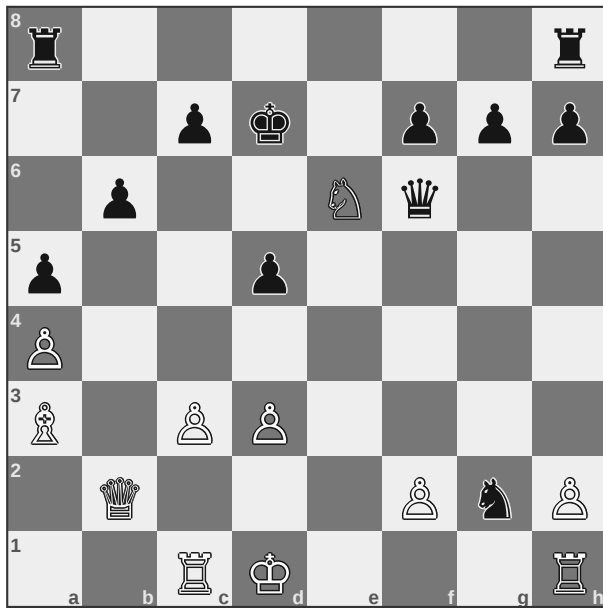
WHITE TO MOVE

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 005

EASY

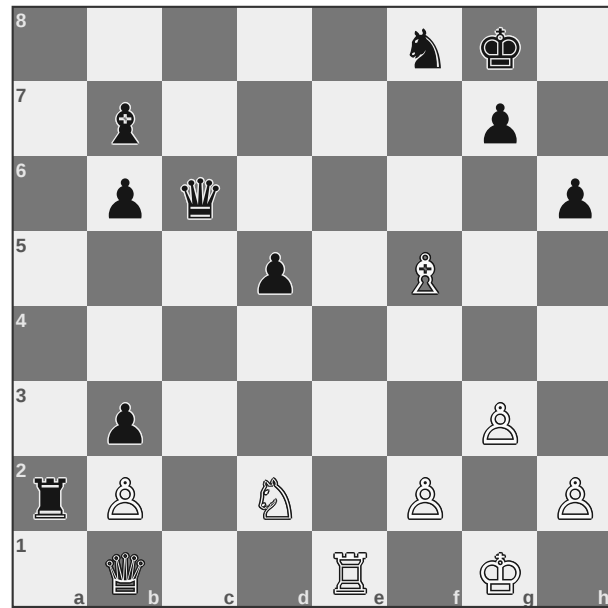
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 006

EASY

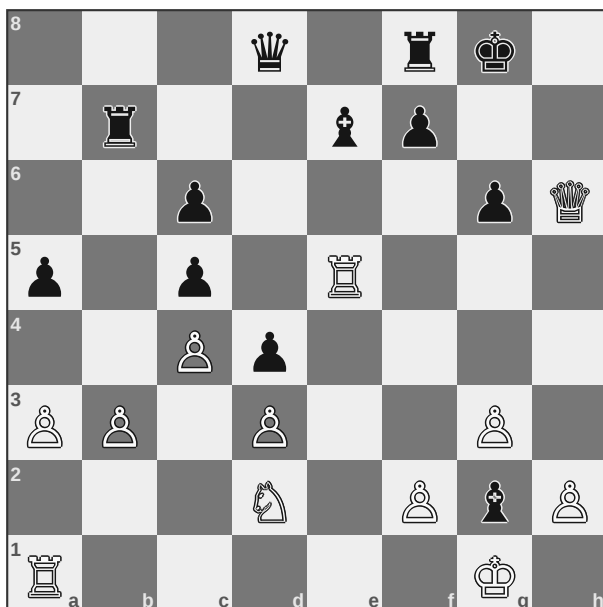
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 007

EASY

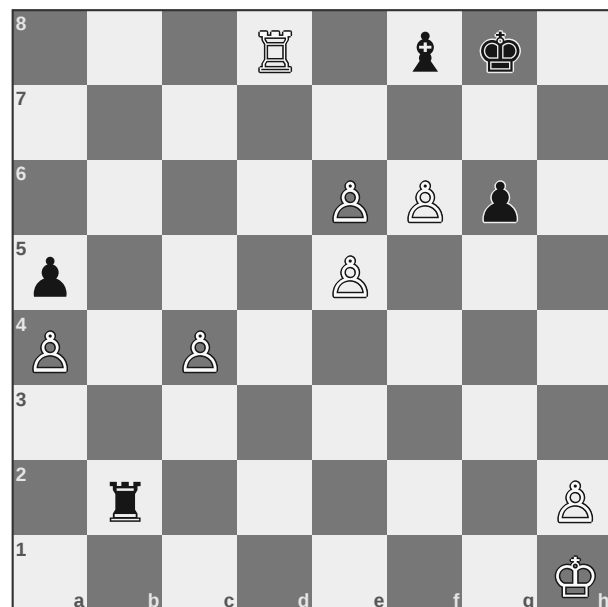
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 008

EASY

**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

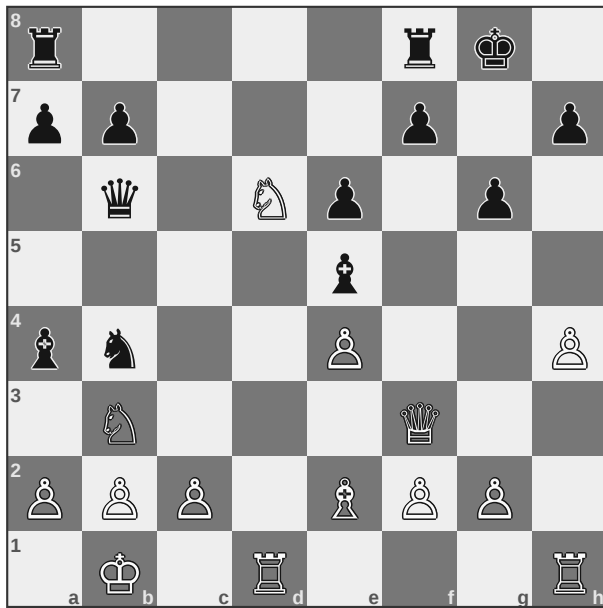
My Notes: _____

BONUS PUZZLES

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

Puzzle 401

EASY

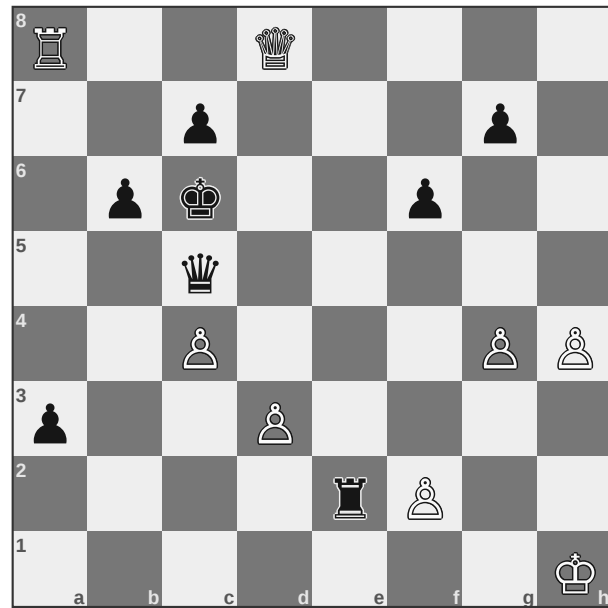
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 402

EASY

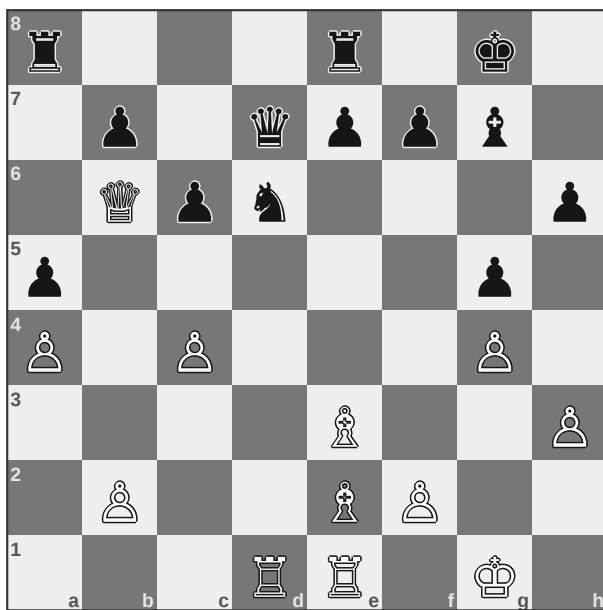
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 403

EASY

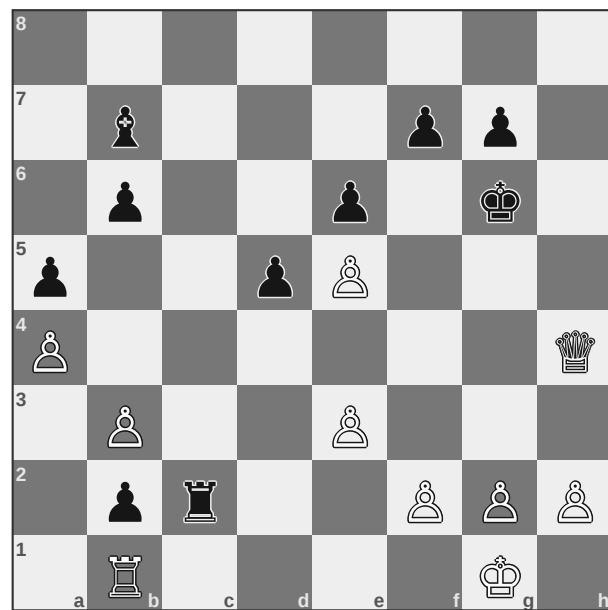
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 404

EASY

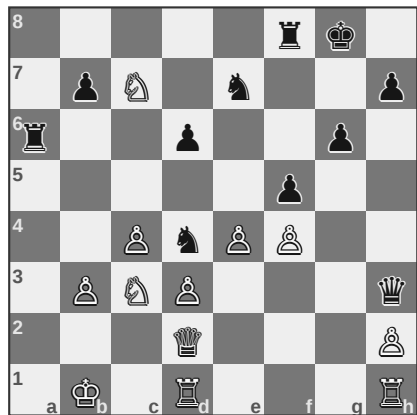
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 001

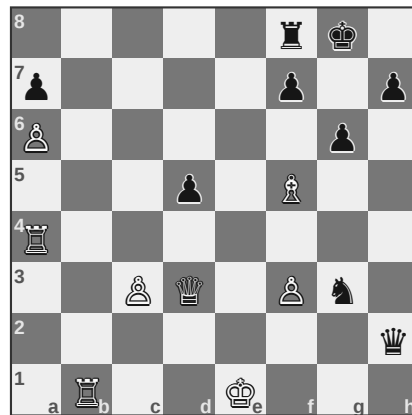
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24... Ra3 25. Rhe1 Rc8 26. Re3

Puzzle 002

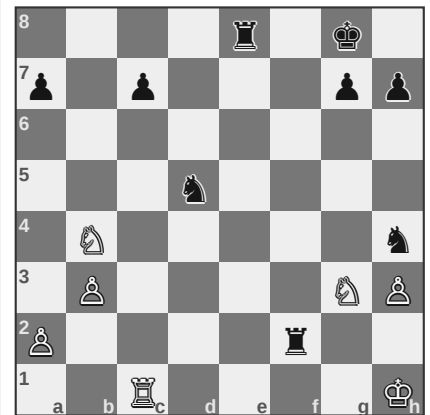
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31. Bd7 Rd8 32. Rb7 Qg1+

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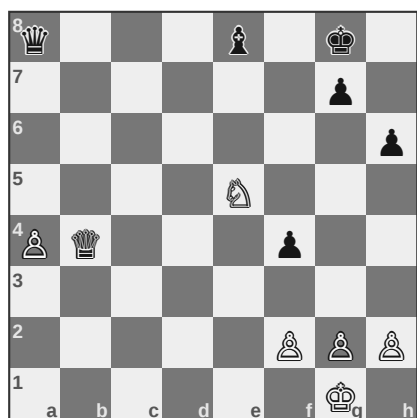
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30... Nf3 31. Nf1 Ree2 32. Nxd5

Puzzle 004

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47. a5 Bc6 48. f3 Bb7

Puzzle 005

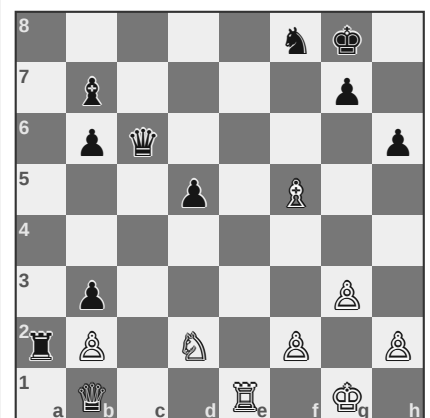
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19. Nd4 Rab8 20. Rg1 Nf4

Puzzle 006

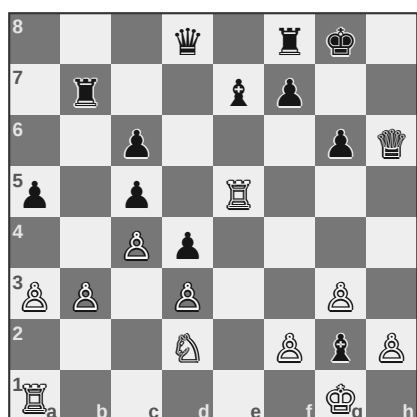
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23... Qf6 24. Qd3 Rxb2 25. Rd1

Puzzle 007

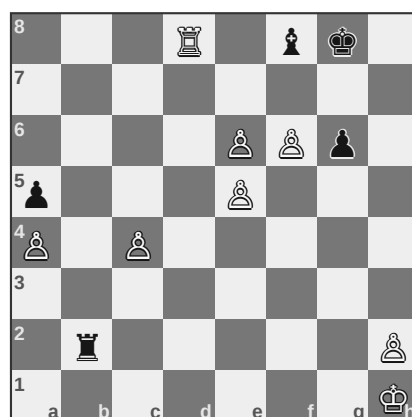
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22... Bf6 23. Rxc5 Bg7 24. Qf4

Puzzle 008

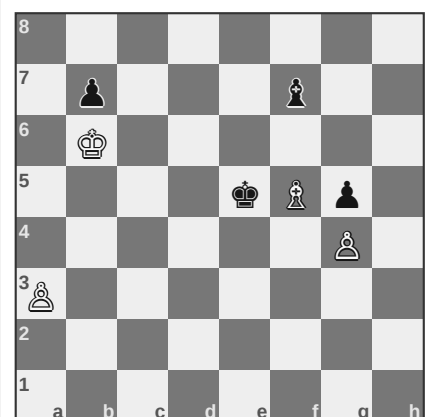
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43. e7 Rb1+ 44. Kg2 Rb2+

Puzzle 009

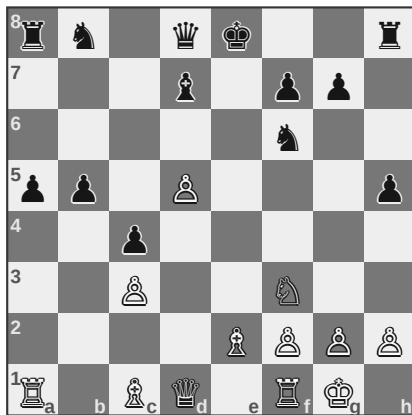
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44. a4 Kf6 45. a5 Ke5

Puzzle 442

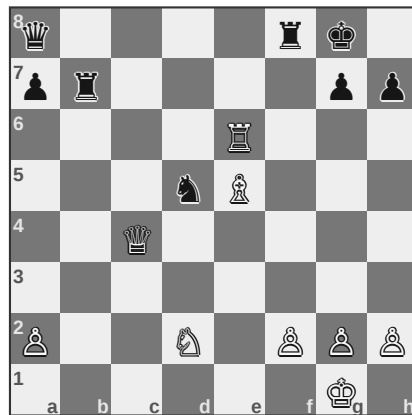
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14. Ba3 Ne4 15. Re1 Qb6

Puzzle 443

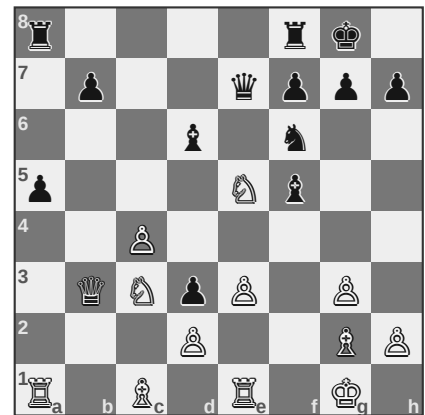
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28. Rd6 Rc7 29. Qxd5+ Qxd5

Puzzle 444

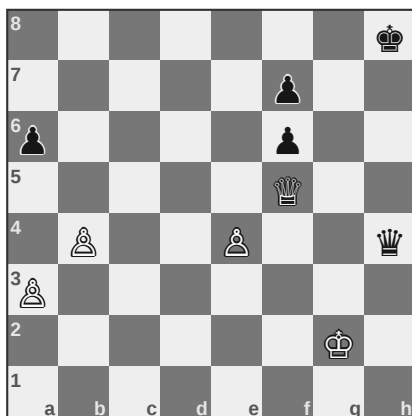
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19. Nf3 b5 20. cxb5 a4

Puzzle 445

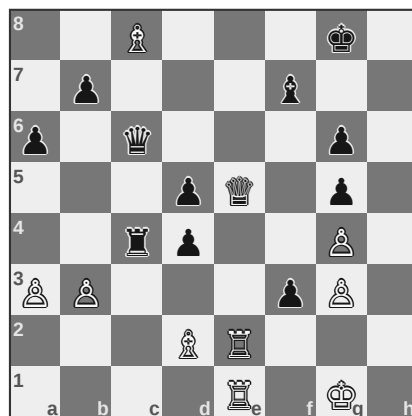
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49. Qh3 Qxh3+ 50. Kxh3 Kg7

Puzzle 446

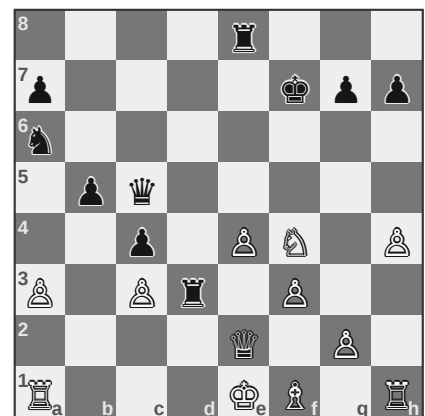
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37. Rh2 Qf6 38. Qxf6 f2+

Puzzle 447

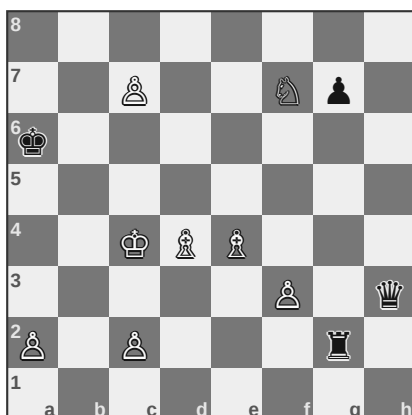
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20... Re3 21. g3 Rd8 22. h5

Puzzle 448

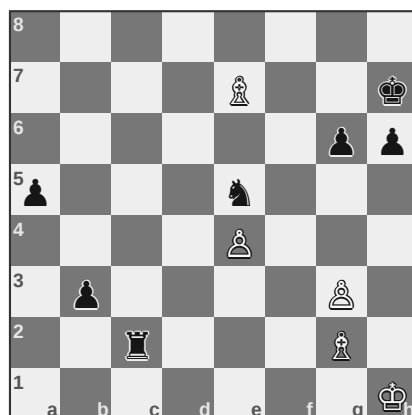
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38. Nd6 Rg5 39. c8=B+ Qxc8+

Puzzle 449

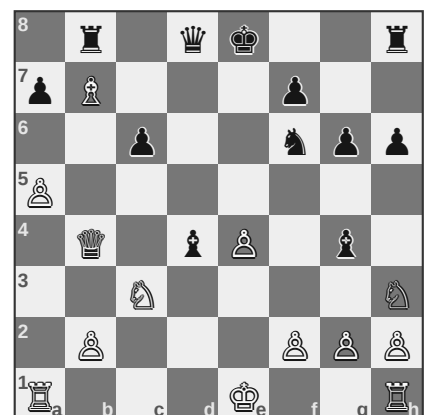
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53... b2 54. Bc5 b1=Q+ 55. Bg1

Puzzle 450

E



17... c5 18. Qb5+ Bd7 19. Qa6

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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