



# Chess Puzzles

Volume 3

Expert



**400 Puzzles + 50 Bonus Puzzles**

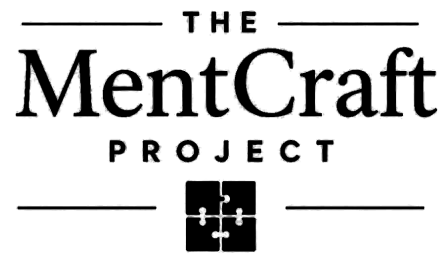
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Find the Best Move

**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.

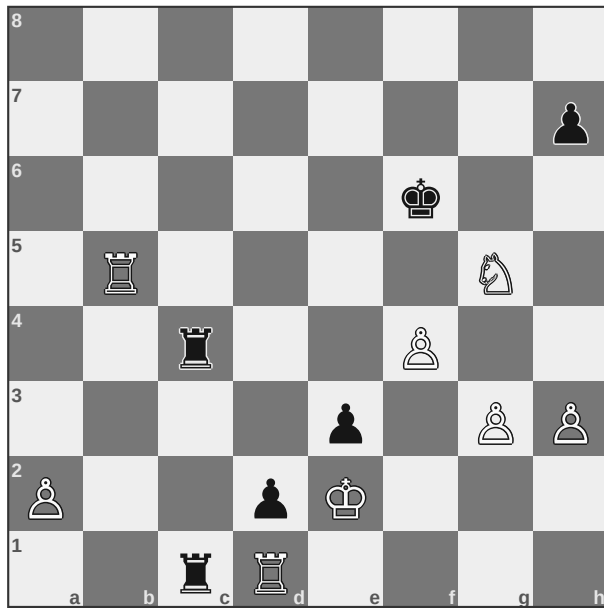
Each puzzle in this book asks one simple question: What is the best move? White is always shown at the bottom of the board, and the label beneath the diagram tells you whose turn it is. Before you turn to the solutions, give the position a little time. Look for checks, captures, threats, loose pieces,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

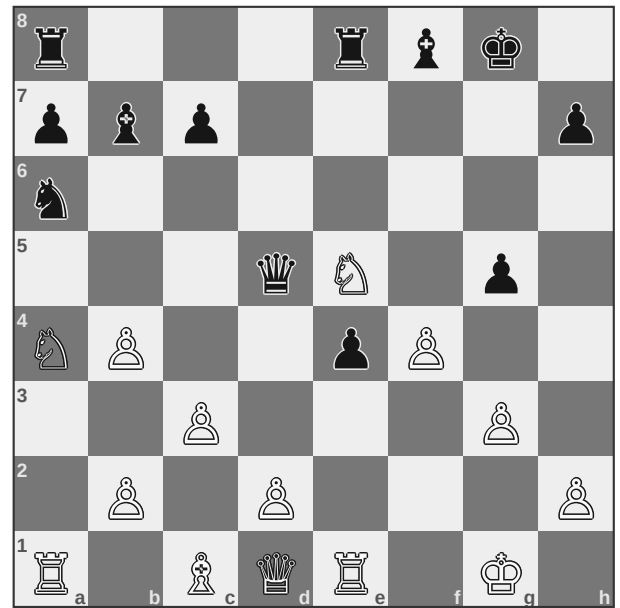
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Puzzle 002

EASY

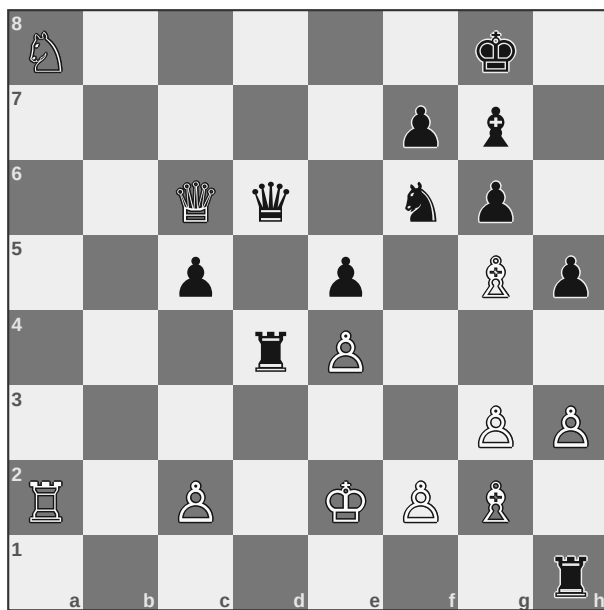
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Puzzle 003

EASY

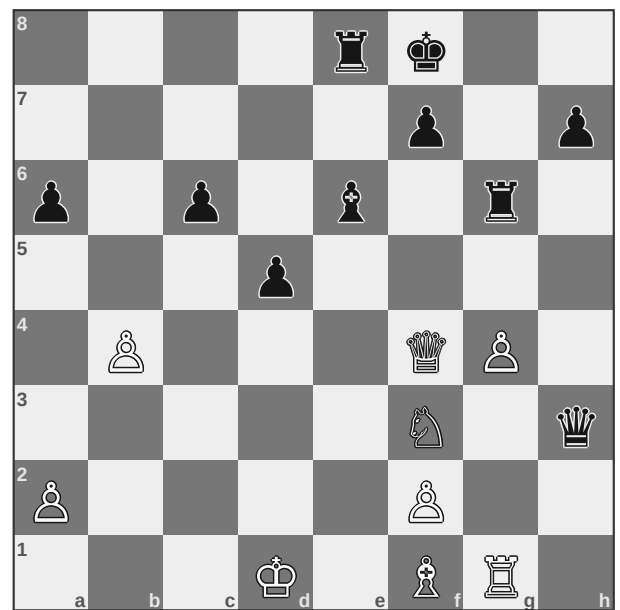
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Puzzle 004

EASY

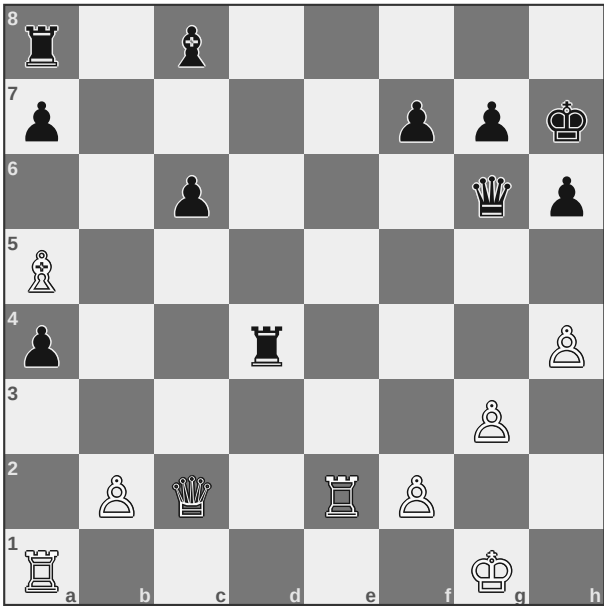
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Puzzle 005

EASY

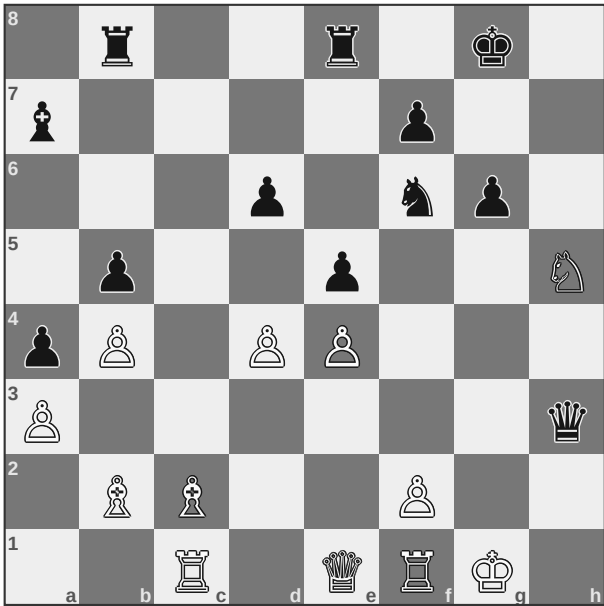


**BLACK TO MOVE**  
Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Puzzle 006

EASY

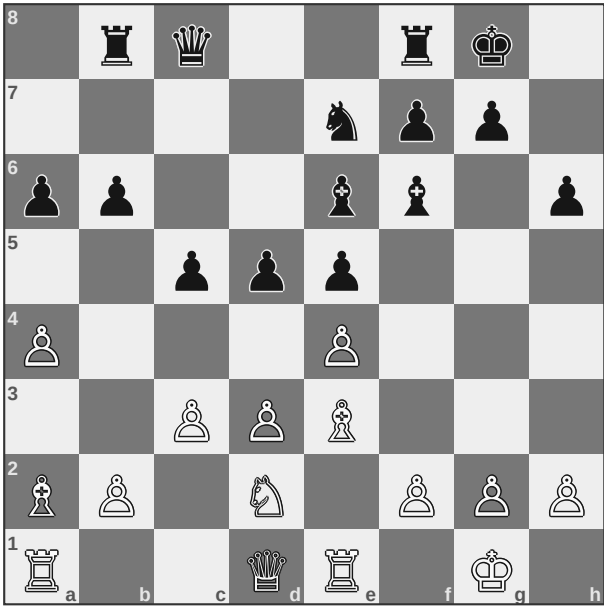


**BLACK TO MOVE**  
Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Puzzle 007

EASY

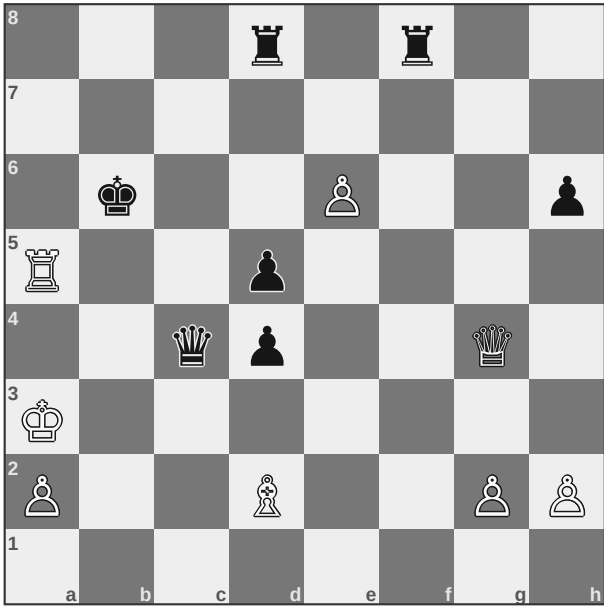


**BLACK TO MOVE**  
Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Puzzle 008

EASY



**WHITE TO MOVE**  
Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

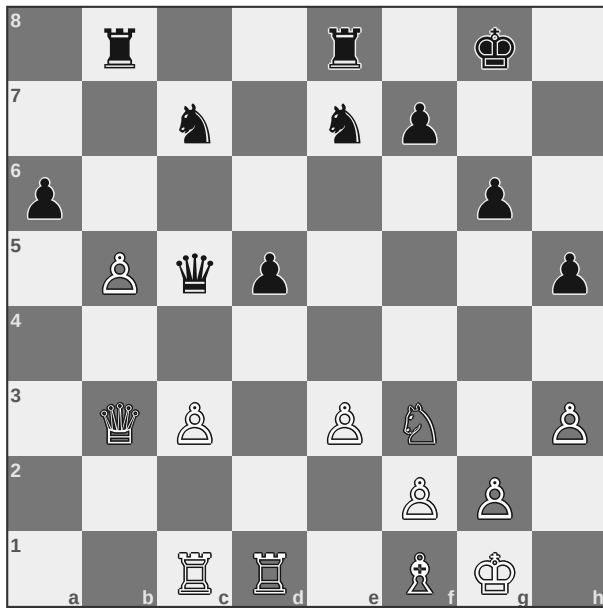
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# BONUS PUZZLES

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

## Puzzle 401

EASY

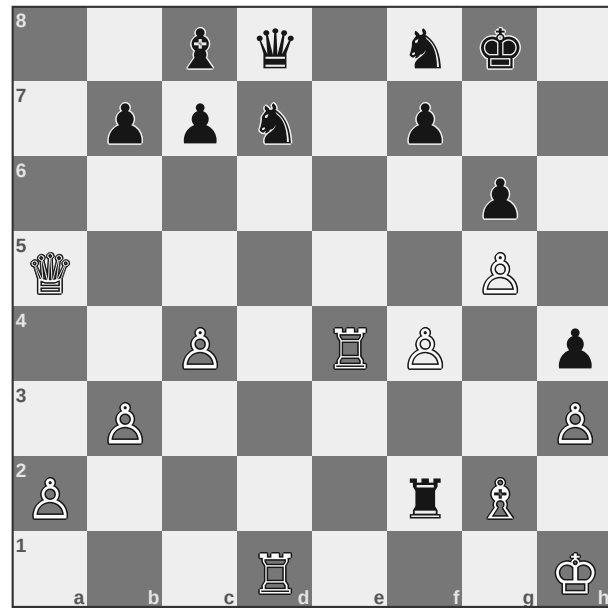
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Puzzle 402

EASY

**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Puzzle 403

EASY

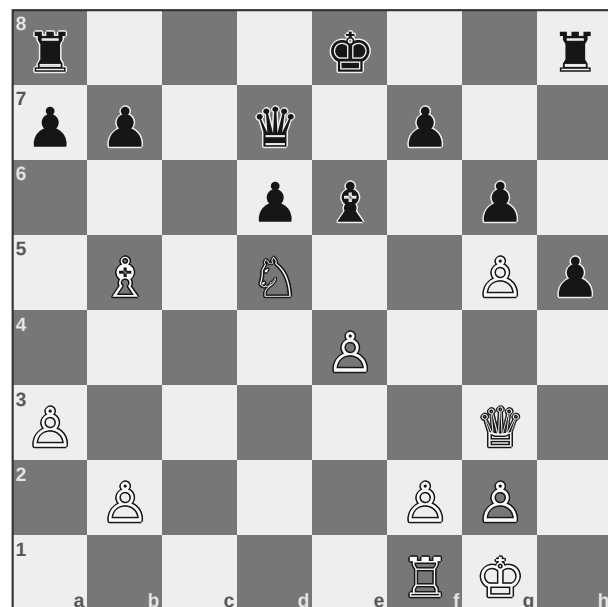
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Puzzle 404

EASY

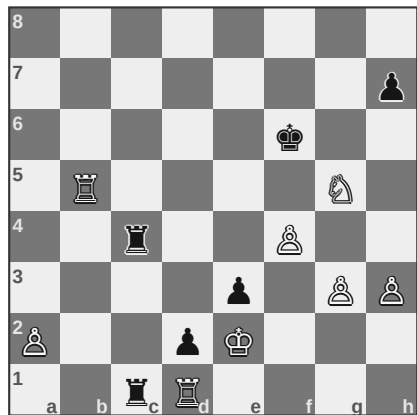
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Puzzle 001

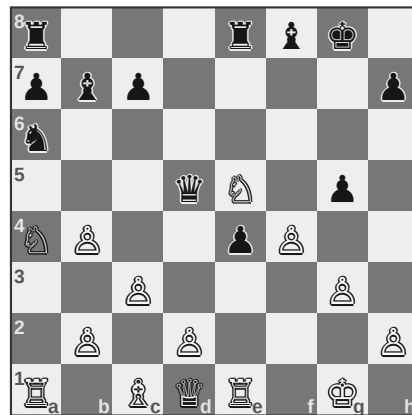
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32. Rb1 Rxb1 33. Rxb1 Rc1

Puzzle 002

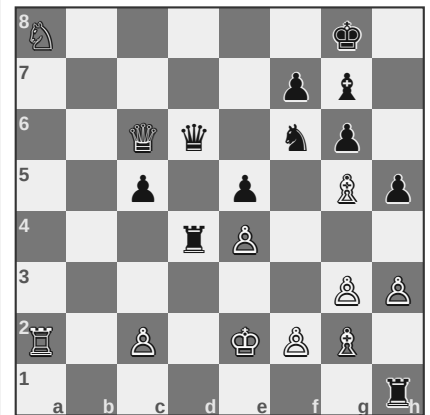
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19. Ng4

Puzzle 003

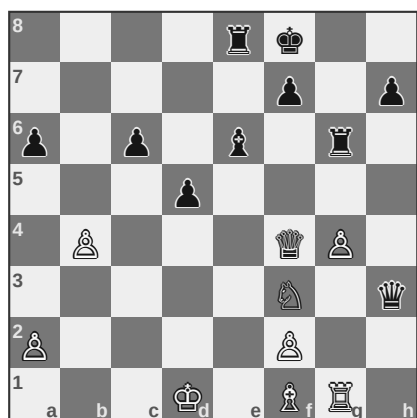
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28... Rxe4+ 29. Qxe4 Qd1+ 30. Ke3

Puzzle 004

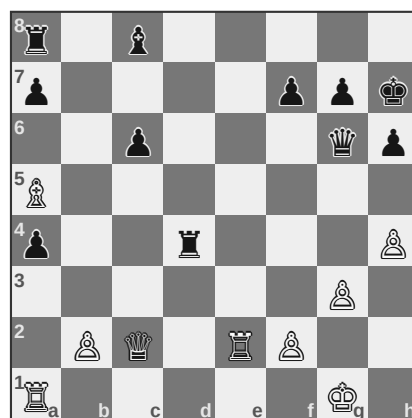
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26... Qh6 27. g5 Qg7 28. Bd3

Puzzle 005

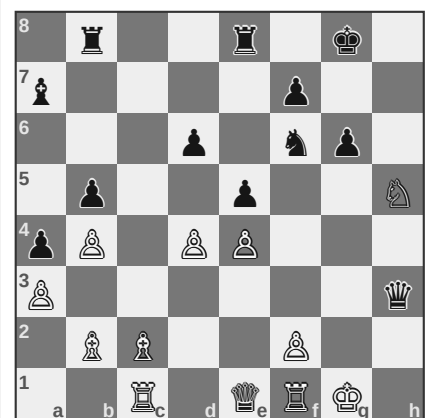
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28... Bf5 29. h5 Qxh5 30. Re5

Puzzle 006

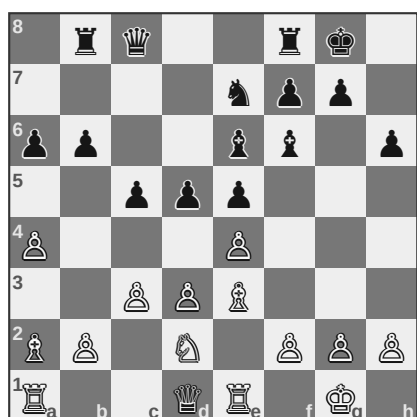
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26... Ng4 27. Nf6+ Kg7 28. Nxe8+

Puzzle 007

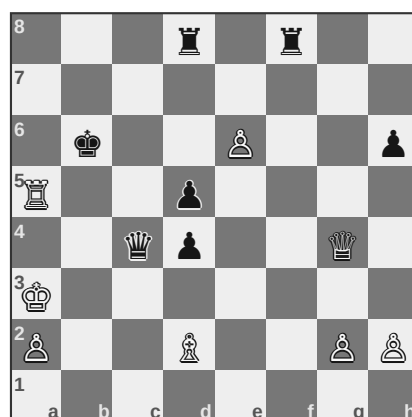
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17... d4 18. Bxe6 Qxe6 19. cxd4

Puzzle 008

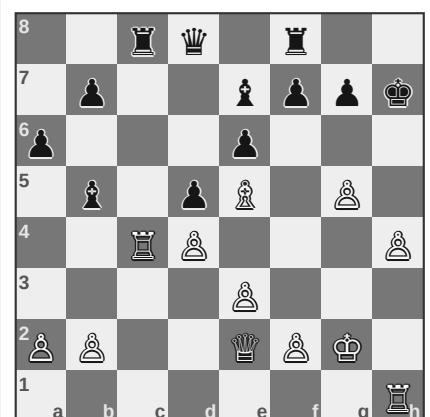
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38. Qg6 Rde8 39. e7+ Rf6

Puzzle 009

E

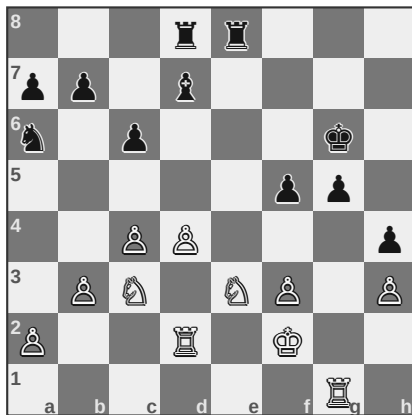


22... Kg8 23. Qh5 Be8 24. Rcc1



Puzzle 442

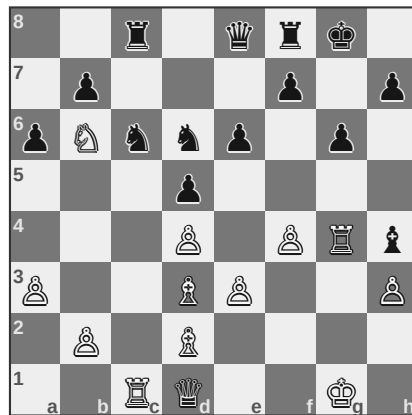
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34. f4 Rg8 35. Rxg5+ Kh6

Puzzle 443

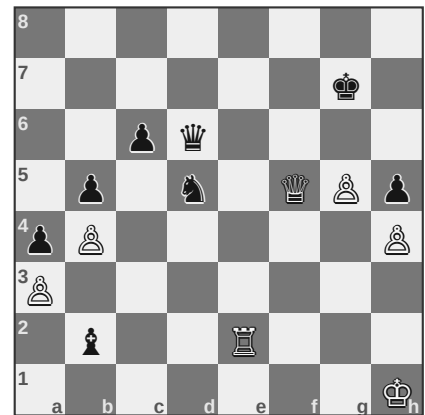
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24... Rb8 25. Qb3 Qe7 26. Kh1

Puzzle 444

E



53... Ne7 54. Qf3 Bxa3 55. Rxe7+

Puzzle 445

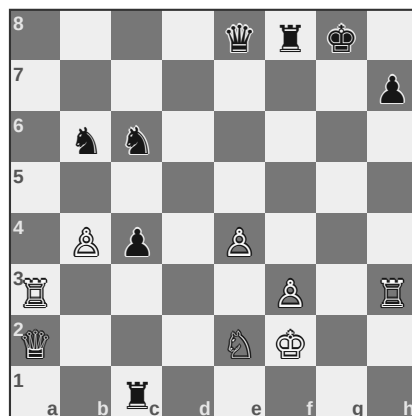
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27... Rh4 28. Kh2 Qf5 29. Bg4

Puzzle 446

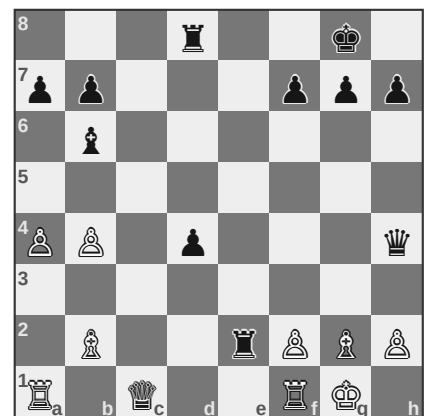
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36... Rd1 37. Ra6

Puzzle 447

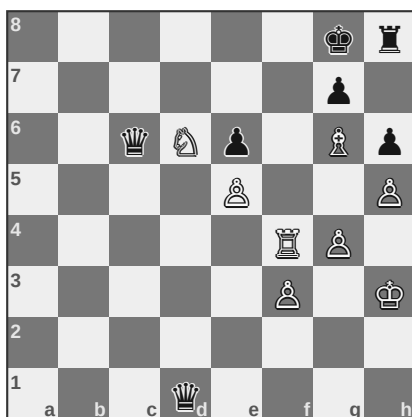
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22... d3 23. Rb1 Bxf2+ 24. Kh1

Puzzle 448

E



46... Qcc1 47. Bh7+ Kxh7 48. Rf8

Puzzle 449

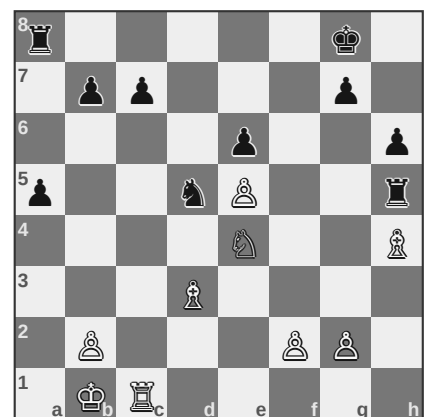
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18... Nc3 19. Kd2 Na2 20. b5

Puzzle 450

E



25. Bg3 Kf7 26. Be2 Rf5

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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