

Hallgeir Opedal

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Smart moves. Magnus carlsen - The world's best chess player
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At the age of only 19, Magnus Carlsen from Norway became the world's best chess player. In 2004, he was the youngest player to be awarded the title of Grandmaster (GM). In 2011, he received the "Peer Gynt Award", a distinction conferred by the Norwegian Parliament. The journalist and writer Hallgeir Opedal has followed him for a year, using flashbacks to trace his young but unique life from infant prodigy to present-day fame. In the book, the young chess player's life is described from marathon chess tournaments in sweaty gymnasiums in Norway to the catwalk in New York. And in particular, tournaments from Norway to Berlin, London, Monaco, Wijk aan Zee and New York.

This is a story of money, sponsors, tactics, a power struggle, quarrels and politics, of highs and lows, and of the difficult collaboration with the chess legend Garry Kasparov. But it is also a book about chess and chess history.

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Hallgeir Opedal was completely unfamiliar with the chess scene when he started to write his book. To his amazement, he discovered this parallel world of genius and insanity, a world he describes with enthusiasm, energy and great narrative zest.

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