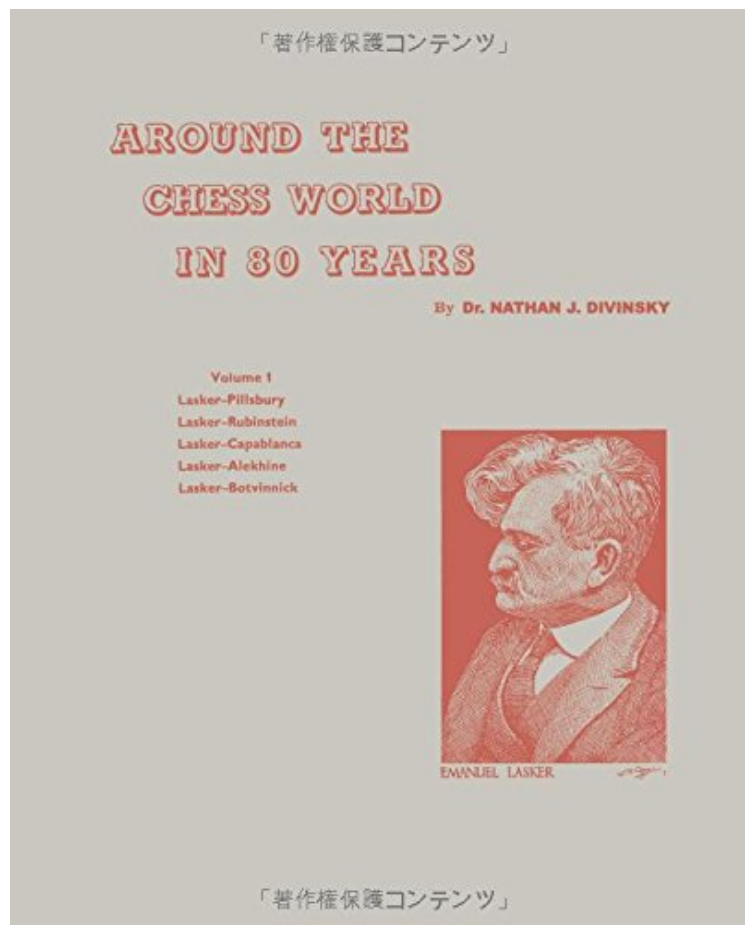


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About the Author Nathan Joseph Harry Divinsky was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 29, 1925. He was a Canadian mathematician, university professor, chess master, chess writer, and chess official. Divinsky was also known for being the former husband of the 19th Prime Minister of Canada, Kim Campbell, who was prime minister in 1993. Divinsky and Campbell were married from 1972 to 1983. He wrote the following books: Rings and Radicals, University of Toronto Press, 1965. Linear Algebra, 1975. Around the Chess World in 80 Years. ISBN 4-87187-990-9 The Batsford Encyclopedia of Chess, 1990. ISBN 0-7134-6214-0 Life Maps of the Great Chess Masters, 1994, Seattle, International Chess Enterprises. Warriors of the Mind: A Quest for the Supreme Genius of the Chess Board (with Raymond Keene), 1989, 2002. Divinsky received a PhD in Mathematics in 1950 from the University of Chicago after which he returned to Winnipeg and was on the staff of the Mathematics Department of the University of Manitoba. Divinsky moved to Vancouver where he served as a mathematics professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. He was featured in many segments relating to mathematics and chess on the Discovery Channel Canada program. Divinsky tied for 3rd/4th places in the Closed Canadian Chess Championship, held at Saskatoon 1945, with 9.5/12. He represented Canada twice at the Chess Olympiads, in 1954 at Amsterdam and in 1966 at Havana. Divinsky served as playing captain for both teams, and was the non-playing captain for the 1988 Canadian Olympiad team. Divinsky received the title of International Master. Divinsky was the Canadian delegate to the 1990 FIDE General Assembly in Thessaloniki Greece where he was instrumental in defeating the proposal for a FIDE Ethics Committee which would have had the power to impose international sanctions on those who wrote published remarks critical of FIDE. Divinsky served for 15 years, from 1959/1974, as editor of the magazine Canadian Chess Chat. He first served as Canada's representative to FIDE (the World Chess Federation), from 1987/1994. He is a member of the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame, served as President of the Chess Federation of Canada in 1954. In Divinsky and Raymond Keene's book Warriors of the Mind, the authors compared great chess champions throughout history using an advanced mathematical treatment. Divinsky died on June 17, 2012 at aged 86, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.