

Jaques And British Chess Company Chess Sets - A Classic Battle of Elegance and Craftsmanship

Chess is a game that has captivated minds for centuries. Its strategic nature and intellectual appeal have made it one of the most popular board games in the world. While the game itself is captivating, the chess sets used to play it can be equally as fascinating.

In the world of chess, two companies stand out for their exceptional craftsmanship and dedication to creating exquisite chess sets - Jaques of London and British Chess Company. Their chess sets are synonymous with elegance, precision, and history.

The Legendary Jaques Chess Sets

Jaques of London has a storied history that dates back to the 19th century. The company was founded in 1795 and quickly gained a reputation for its superior quality chess sets. The Jaques chess sets became the standard for tournament play and were highly sought after by chess enthusiasts.

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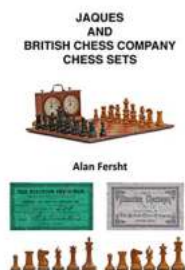
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It was Howard Staunton, a prominent chess player, who commissioned Jaques to create the iconic Staunton chess set in 1849. This set has become the benchmark for chess pieces worldwide. The Staunton design features elegant and easily recognizable pieces, with a perfect balance between functionality and aesthetics.

Jaques chess sets are known for their exquisite craftsmanship. Each piece is meticulously handcrafted using the finest materials, such as boxwood and ebony. The level of detail and precision that goes into creating a Jaques chess set is truly remarkable. The pieces are perfectly weighted, ensuring a satisfying feel and balance during gameplay.

These sets have stood the test of time and have remained a symbol of excellence in the world of chess. Many of their vintage sets are now collector's items, commanding high prices at auctions around the globe.

The Legacy of the British Chess Company

Founded in 1891, the British Chess Company was created with the aim of challenging Jaques' monopoly in the chess set market. The company produced a wide range of chess sets, catering to different tastes and budgets. The British Chess Company quickly gained popularity for their innovative designs and affordability.

One of the noteworthy chess sets produced by the British Chess Company is the Dubrovnik chess set. This set was made famous during the historic 1970 World Chess Championship match between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky. The

Dubrovnik set features a distinct and elegant design, with weighted pieces that provide a satisfying tactile experience.

The British Chess Company also introduced the legendary Circa 1850 Reproduction chess set, which pays homage to the antique chess sets from the 19th century. These sets are crafted with precision and attention to detail, replicating the charm and craftsmanship of the original pieces.

An Unending Battle

The battle between Jaques and the British Chess Company for supremacy in the chess set market has been ongoing for over a century. Each company has carved its own niche and has fervent supporters. While Jaques is often associated with tradition and timeless elegance, the British Chess Company is known for its distinctive designs and affordable options.

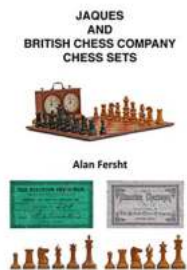
Both companies share a passion for the game and a commitment to creating chess sets of exceptional quality. Their constant pursuit of perfection has made the chess sets they produce highly sought after by collectors, enthusiasts, and professional players alike.

Chess sets from Jaques of London and the British Chess Company are more than just gaming accessories. They are works of art that showcase the craftsmanship, tradition, and elegance associated with the game of chess. Whether you choose a Jaques chess set for its timeless beauty or a British Chess Company set for its innovative designs, both will undoubtedly enhance your chess-playing experience.

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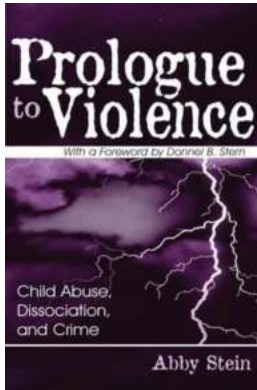
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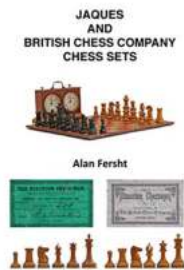
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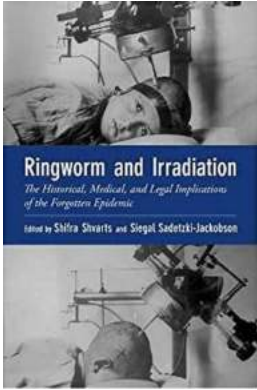
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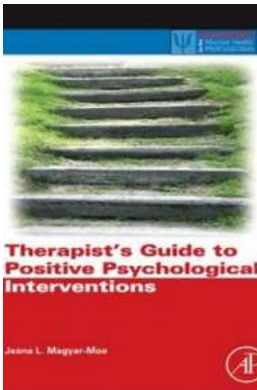
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