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**Nathan Divinsky : Batsford Chess Encyclopaedia (Batsford chess book)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Batsford Chess Encyclopaedia (Batsford chess book):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very informative and interesting -- needs an update thoughBy Dr. J. SarfatiThis book has much interesting information about great players of the past and present, the history of chess, important tournament crosstables, epigrams and anecdotes. The author, himself an experienced chess player and administrator (and top pure mathematician), evidently knows a lot of the current players personally. There are a few minor quibbles -- there seems little point in including historic figures like King John and Queen Elizabeth I simply because there's an obscure chess connection. A better idea would be to have a "Chessplaying Celebrities" entry where they could be listed together. There is also a lack of Southern hemisphere greats, e.g. IM Ortvin Sarapu, 20 times New Zealand Champion, and GM Daryl Johanson of Australia (a strong IM when this book was published). Another problem is the age of the book, if one is looking for info on the current chess scene (of course this is not the author's fault). There is nothing on the great Shirov or current World Champion Kramnik, and only three lines on the great Anand. An update would also need a section on the Internet. These quibbles aside, the articles on historical top players are very good, there are good BW photos, and an amusing extract from the great annotator Marco. One thing that makes this encyclopedia stand out is the list of lifetime scores between various players. Divinsky also provides his Keene's assessment of "all-time greatness", which may be questionable but he provides the results so people can judge for themselves.

Features of this chess encyclopedia include up-dated information on every aspect of the game, from the players and tournaments, to the history, problems and technical terms. Also provided are complete tables of the tournaments and biographies of the players.