

Simon the chess player

Exciting chess adventures that show the youth chess is cool and fun.

Chess is all about fun! These books are funny, adventurous and a real page turner. And you don't have to know anything about chess. While reading Simon the Chess player children get excited about chess and are stimulated to play (more).

Co-operating with the Dutch chess federation, we have published now two parts of the Simon the chess player series "Awful Arnold" and "Granny's Treasure"



Simon the chess player "Awful Arnold"

Simon is a sporty boy of ten years old with a dream. He wants to become a top athlete, but not a striker at Manchester United, that's his dad's dream. Simon wants to become just as good a chess player as his uncle Arnold: the Dutch chess champion. Unfortunately his uncle is a very arrogant man who does not want to teach his nephew anything at all.

In between his football matches, Simon plays against the chess computer his grandmother gave him. The device is heavily aged and shakes all the time, because of that all the pieces move. One night Simon and his chess friend Nikita finally understand what is happening. The chess computer does not just move it's pieces, it makes brilliant moves. Who has programmed the computer? And why is his father so anti-chess?

Will Simon and Nikki manage to unravel the secret of the family treasure..?

Simon the chess Player "Granny's treasure"

After granny fell on her head she had to go to the hospital. For a moment grandma thought she was 35 years young again. Luckily she quickly becomes herself again. But nobody seems to see this except for Simon. Granny is put away in a place for old people who no longer know what their names are.

When nobody is looking, granny gives Simon an old piece of paper, or is it parchment? And why do the lights of the brilliant chess computer flicker every night when the clock strikes twelve? Simon and his chess friend Nikki try to unravel granny's secret and discover many more chess mysteries. Can they save granny from care home Alreadyforgot?

Simon the chess player - Granny's treasure is the second part of this adventurous and exciting series by Joyce van der Meijden.





About the author Joyce van der Meijden

My children have lots of fun playing chess. I wanted to use that joy in an adventurous children's book. When I imagined the chess computer, it came to life in my head. This book is the result. When I look at my children, I can see the advantages of playing chess. It felt only natural to donate part of the book's profits to support the Dutch chess union in its goals in children's chess.

In the Netherlands Simon the chess player was promoted by popular football professional (and chess player) Joel Veltman, captain of Ajax and player of the Dutch national team and the famous Dutch singer Nick Schilder.



In the second part Judit Polgar wrote the special preface:



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PREFACE

Playing chess is an extremely efficient tool for improving both emotional and cognitive skills in problem-solving, decision-making and logical thinking.

Chess is also great fun! Simon's story is full of inspiration, revealing the everlasting magical power of this ancient game. Simon encourages young readers to take on challenges and bravely pursue their dreams.

Just like great stories - chess connects us all.

Judit Polgar
Grandmaster and Founder of Chess Palace Education



Dharma Tjiam, director of the Royal Dutch Chess Federation

"School chess is one of the Royal Dutch Chess Federation's top priorities. Reading Simon the chess player is a fun way for children to get acquainted with chess. The Royal Dutch Chess Federation is very happy that part of the book's profit will benefit school chess in the Netherlands."