

Bobby Fischer Remembered – Synopsis



Bobby Fischer was a true genius over the chessboard. He did much to improve the world of competitive chess. This exhibit hopes to share the game of chess and honor the memory of Bobby Fischer. However, Bobby's personal life and his political views were a disgrace to most Americans.

This exhibit very carefully avoids mention of Bobby's politics or his personal life, other than his age and perhaps where he was born and where he died, etc. The focus here is strictly on chess -- and Bobby Fischer as he has been honored and immortalized on postage stamps. Much of this exhibit consists of souvenir sheets, quite simply because there are so many of them issued to honor Bobby (and to sell 'postage' stamps as well).

The title page of this single-frame exhibit shows an event cover from the 1972 World Chess Championship, which was played in Reykjavik, Iceland. This cover was purchased via eBay from a friend of Sæmundur Pálsson (aka Saemi Rock), -- Bobby's personal bodyguard in 1972. Therefore the signature on this cover is rated as genuine, -- as belonging to Bobby Fischer. However, many forgeries have been known to exist, and this exhibitor has no claim of expertise in the area of philography, (autograph collecting) or handwriting analysis (graphology).

A vast amount of information about Bobby Fischer is readily available on the world wide web or Internet. Bobby's games are still analyzed, reviewed and re-played by chess enthusiasts around the world. Chess books abound with stories of Bobby's escapades -- how he challenged and defeated the Russians at their own game. He brought a certain popularity and aura to the game of chess in America at a time when this country needed a young 'hero' of sorts.

Listed below are some of the references and sources used in creating this exhibit --

- * **"Endgame"** by Frank Brady, Crown Publishers, New York, 2011.
- * **"Bobby Fischer Goes to War"** by David Edmonds and John Eidinow, HarperCollins Publishers, 2004.
- * **"Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess"** by Bobby Fischer, Learning International, Inc. Publishers, 1966 (Co-authored by Stuart Margulies and Donn Mosenfelder).
- * **"Bobby Fischer's Outrageous Chess Moves"** by Bruce Pandolfini, Simon and Schuster Publishers, 1985.
- * **"A Legend on the Road"** 1964 Simultaneous Tour, Donaldson, 2005, Russel
- * American Topical Association – Chess on Stamps Study Unit (COSSU) (Especially their "Chesstamp Review" publication.)
- * American Philatelic Society -- Manual of Philatelic Judging, Sixth Edition.

