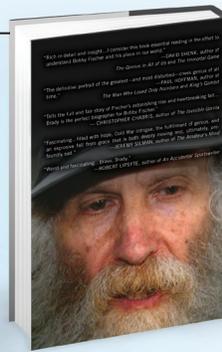
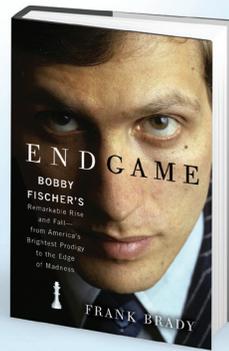


Fischer,
October 1972



Fischer,
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BIOGRAPHER FRANK BRADY'S RELATIONSHIP to BOBBY FISCHER

May 1956: Frank is a director of the U.S. Amateur Championship in Asbury Park, New Jersey, in which Bobby plays. Bobby almost always pursues each game to the bitter end, seldom resigning even if in a losing position. And he always attracts attention at his board. He is the youngest player in the tournament, and Frank is impressed by his steadfastness. Frank talks about the boy to his mother, Regina.

1958: Now executive director of the U.S. Chess Federation and editor of *Chess Life* magazine, Frank receives a visit from Bobby and Regina, who are seeking funds for Bobby to play in international tournaments overseas. Frank helps secure sponsors. More visits from the Fischers occur from 1958 to 1961.

1961: Bobby plays American grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky in a celebrated match, but forfeits over a dispute about the scheduling. Frank supports him with editorials in *Chess Life*, and as a result loses his job. Bobby and Frank bond as a result of the controversy.

1961-1964: Bobby visits Frank at his apartment once or twice a week and borrows copies of foreign chess magazines. The two often have dinner together, and afterward play speed chess in chess clubs in Greenwich Village. During this time Frank brings Bobby to dinner parties hosted by various chess players, and teaches him to play billiards.

1964: Bobby plays in the U.S. Championship and scores a historic 11-0 sweep. Frank is the Arbiter for the tournament and follows all of Bobby's games for weeks.

1965: Forbidden to travel to Cuba, Bobby is forced to play by teletype in the Havana International, and chooses Frank to be the referee. The two men are locked away in a closed room for ten to twelve hours each session. Ultimately, more referees are recruited to ease the strain.

1965: Frank publishes *Profiles of a Prodigy*, which discusses Bobby's games and includes biographical material. Bobby criticizes the book because it mentions that he is Jewish.

1972: Bobby plays for the World Championship, and Frank spends two months in Iceland covering the match for PBS and ABC's *Wide World of Sports*. He interviews dozens of players about Bobby's play and behavior, and in his zeal to get a unique angle on the match even crawls into the air-conditioning ducts above the players' table so he can get closer to the action than anyone but the arbiter and the competitors themselves.

1972-2007: During Bobby's "Wilderness Years" there is no contact between Bobby and Frank, although Frank is continually interviewed on television and in documentaries about the phenomenon of Bobby Fischer, and continues to collect articles, information, and interviews about him.

December 2007: Frank gives a lecture on Bobby at the Marshall Chess Club. It is carried on YouTube. Bobby, in Iceland and near death, sees the lecture and makes a nostalgic comment to a third party about one of the anecdotes Frank had related concerning an incident that Bobby shared with Frank years before. It is perceived to be an affectionate gesture from Bobby to Frank. Bobby dies in January 2008.

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