

A NEW BOOK ABOUT THE OLD SWEDISH CHESS LITERATURE

”Svensk schacklitteratur i bokform före år 1900” is the title of the newly published book that describes all Swedish chess books published before the year 1900, and two unique chess book manuscripts from about 1760 and 1810, respectively. All books are illustrated by new colour pictures, and the reader is given the opportunity to get acquainted with unique and very rare books that otherwise very few get the chance to see. A considerable amount of material is also given about the authors of these books, and an in-depth description is included, with many new facts about the destiny of the author of the first printed Swedish chess book.

The author of the unique manuscript from the mid 18th century had a very interesting back-

ground and life, with some coupling to the king Gustavus III. The present book (in Swedish) comprises 79 pages and treats the Swedish chess literature up until the first edition of the tutorial chess book of the Collijn brothers that appeared in 1898 and marked the start of an intensive period of publication of Swedish chess literature.

The author of the present book is Arne V. Johansson, chairman of the Swedish chess history society (”Schackets Kulturhistoriska Sällskap”). The book can be ordered directly from the author by sending a note by mail, including name and address, to fv33aj@telia.com. The price is 200 SEK plus postage.

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