



The Chess Players, a Novel of the Cold War at Sea

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Navy Log LLC. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 389 pages. The Chess Players is an exciting naval story and an involving love story and opens with an audacious, espionage mission, a Soviet submarine penetration of Stavanger, Norway, and closes with a thrilling, bizarre episode between a missile-equipped, Russian nuclear submarine and a US Navy destroyer escort in the Mediterranean Sea. Commander Pebbles, Operations Officer of anti-submarine carrier, Essex, on a career track for admiral, mentors the well-educated and competent, but inexperienced young Ensign Cannon. Based in part on untold, historical events typical of the Cold War at sea, their task group encounters several provocative incidents at the hands of the Russian Bear above the Arctic Circle and in the Mediterranean Sea prior to and after the 1967 Six Day Arab-Israeli War. The love story begins when beautiful Laetitia Martin, a graduate student in art history, meets Ensign Cannon, both members of a wedding on Marthas Vineyard, shortly before Essex deploys for NATO exercises in the Eastern Atlantic. She is a consummate believer with a growth motive and catches a whiff of the women's movement and begins to find her upper-class life stifling. Her research into the turbulent life of the...



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