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"She speaks playfully and provocatively on chess as meditation, as art and as philosophy ...how passion can be more interesting than genius, and the importance of sexy."—The Philadelphia Independent

About the Author

Jennifer Shahade, age 24, is an international chess icon. A chess master and two-time American Women's Chess Champion (2002, 2004), She has represented the U.S in international competitions in countries all over the world, including Spain, Russia, China, India, and Brazil. In 2002, Shahade received a degree in comparative literature from NYU, where she was an editor for the literary magazine Brio. Her writing has appeared in Chess Life Magazine, New In Chess, and the Los Angeles Times Book Review. Through the non-profit Chess-In-The Schools, she coaches inner-city youths, including a girls' class, and the three-time National Junior High Championship team, I.S. 318. Shahade is a member of the artist collective Mano/Damno, a group that aims to blur the boundaries between life and art, and has participated in performance art projects at New York's psychogeography festival, the Philadelphia Fringe Festival, and The Viewing Room Art Gallery. She lives in Brooklyn.

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