



The Queen's Gambit: A Netflix Series Where the Chess Is Done Right

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The Queen's Gambit is a seven-episode series, debuting October 23 on Netflix. Set in the Cold War-era, it is a coming-of-age story that explores the true cost of genius: that of Beth Harmon, a highly talented female chess player. [...]

The two creators shared the wish to make the series powerfully emotional. Allan Scott: "It's about a child growing up, interrupted by this brilliant talent that she has. It's very difficult to have a normal life if you have an extra normal ability in almost any area, so this story is much more about her demons than it is about her obsession with chess. In fact, there's nothing you need to know about chess." [...]

Many chess fans will be wondering: what about the chess? Was the board set right? Are they messing up, as they do in so many other movies and commercials? The answer is: absolutely not—the chess is done right. [...]

Anya Taylor-Joy, who plays the main character, said: "Even though it's such a mental game, I think what we've done with the show is choreograph all of the chess sequences with a different understanding. Some of them are a bit sexier, some of them are really intense when she's deeply upset, and then because she also struggles with addiction, that can add a whole other element to them as well. They are played out like action sequences. It's actually my favourite part of the show." [...]

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The plot: l'intrigue
The story is set in...
The story takes place in
the USA / in 1968...
The main events...

The main character =
the protagonist
Secondary characters
Qualities / Flaws
Scenes

The most interesting aspect about this show is...
*This show is **the best** TV series because...*
***The greatest character** on TV is...*
*This show has **the best setting** because...*
*This TV series **features the prettiest girls**...*