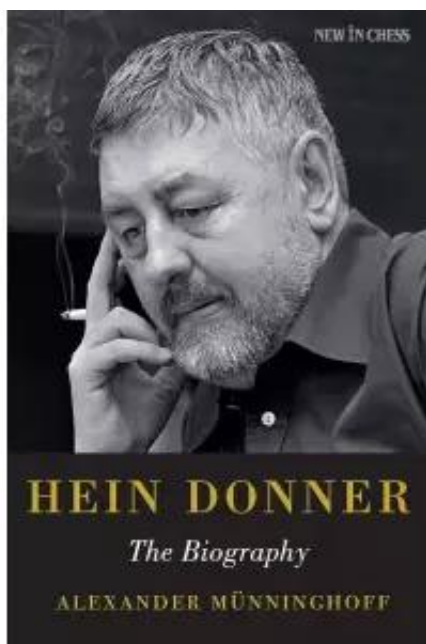


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Product description

Hein Donner (1927-1988) was a Dutch Grandmaster and one of the greatest writers on chess of all time. He was born into a prominent Calvinistic family of lawyers in The Hague. His father, who had been the Minister of Justice and later became President of the Dutch Supreme Court, detected a keen legal talent in his son. But Hein opted for a bohemian lifestyle as a chess professional and journalist. He scored several excellent tournament victories but never quite fulfilled the promise of his chess talent. Hein Donner developed from a chess player-writer into a writer-chess player. His provocative writings and his colourful persona made him a national celebrity during the roaring sixties. His book 'The King', a fascinating and often hilarious anthology spanning 30 years of chess writing, is a world-wide bestseller and features on many people's list of favourite chess books.

The author Harry Mulisch, his best friend, immortalized Hein Donner in his magnum opus *The Discovery of Heaven*. In 2001 the book was adapted for film, with Stephen Fry playing the part that was based on Donner. Included in *Hein Donner* is the interview in which Harry Mulisch tells about his friendship with Donner. After suffering a stroke at the age of 56, Donner lived his final years in a nursing home. He continued writing however, typing with one finger, and won one of the Netherlands' most prestigious literary awards. Alexander Münnhoff has written a captivating biography of a controversial man and the turbulent time and age he lived in.