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[Dr. McGrath's translation of chess classic in print](#)

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Catholic University of America Press published Dr. Michael McGrath's first ever English translation of Ruy López's *Libro de la invención liberal y arte del juego del ajedrez* (1561). The English title of López's 300-page book is *The Art of the Game of Chess*. Andrew Soltis, an International Grandmaster of Chess and a member of the United States Chess Hall of Fame, provides the foreword to this seminal tome. In addition to the translation, there is a critical introduction and 280 footnotes. Although the translator will not assure us that a careful reading of his labors will transform our chess game, his translation does promise a fascinating exploration of the history of chess.