BOOK REVIEW

By Fred Horn

Along the lines of former books such as R. C. Bell’s “The Boardgame Book” and the two Brian Love books “Great Board Games” and “Play the Game,” Strouhal’s work is also an amazing compilation of games from all around the world.

The book was designed (as others have been) to reveal a fully playable game board on a twopage spread laid out for in its open position.

“Die Welt im Spiel” was awarded the “Austrian State Prize for the most beautiful book of the year, 2015.” The book is now available in its 2nd edition.

The author Ernst Strouhal was born in 1957 and lives in Vienna. He is a professor at the University of Applied Arts, Vienna—(Department of Cultural Science). Besides books about culture and art, he has published many books on games, especially chess.

Although this book is written in German, including the game rules, the book is well worth purchasing. Just looking at the games awards you the experience of traveling those bygone days around the globe—all for nearly one dollar per stop!

The book can be ordered at Brandstätter Verlag: www.brandstaetterverlag.com/buch/die-welt-im-spiel/
Price: € 59,00