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**Bent Larsen's Best Games** Bent Larsen 2015-01-10 Bent Larsen (1935-2010) was one of the greatest fighters chess has ever seen. In his rich career the great Dane defeated all World Champions from Botvinnik to Karpov. He was a Candidate for the World Championship four times and became one of the most successful tournament players of his time. His uncompromising style and his unorthodox thinking made him popular with chess players all around the globe. In 1967/1968 Larsen won five international elite events in a row, a truly spectacular achievement. His successes were such that Bobby Fischer let him play first board in the legendary match Soviet Union vs. the World in 1970 in Belgrade. Bent Larsen also was a highly original chess writer and an extremely productive chess journalist. Not surprisingly the first chess book that Magnus Carlsen ever studied was written by the strongest Scandinavian player before him. This collection brings together more than 120 of Bent Larsen's best games, annotated by himself. His comments are lucid, to the point, instructive and humorous. Together, these games are a tribute to his genius and a continuous joy to read and play through.

*Calculate Like a Grandmaster* Daniel Gormally 2013-01-11 • Learn the calculation secrets of the world's best attacking players • First book from one of the UK's biggest chess stars • Illustrated with a wealth of examples from top-level chess games This first book from one of the UK's top grandmasters is a penetrating and detailed (though engaging and friendly) study of typical games played by the most exciting chess players of the modern era, those that are renowned as 'attacking' players, from Mikhail Tal, pioneering hero of the ultra-modern attacking style, to Magnus Carlsen, teenage leader of the 'new wave' of deadly attackers, via the immortal Bobby Fischer, 'boa constrictor' Anatoly Karpov and 'King Garry' Kasparov. The author has tried to get into the heads of these stellar players, revealing the secrets of how they choose their decisive moves and succeed in delivering such awesome attacks. This inspiring book encourages you to play more imaginatively and copy the grandmasters' thought processes in your own game.

One Hundred Selected Games Mikhail Botvinnik 1960-01-01 World champion who dominated chess in the 1940s and '50s selects and annotates his own best games to 1946. 221 diagrams.

Train Your Chess Pattern Recognition Master International Master Arthur van de Oudeweetering 2016-06-22 In this sequel to his instant classic *Improve Your Chess Pattern Recognition*, a highly original take on practical middlegame instruction, Arthur van de Oudeweetering presents players of almost every level with a fresh supply of essential, yet easy-to-remember building blocks for their chess knowledge. Pattern recognition is one of the most important mechanisms of chess improvement. It helps you to quickly grasp the essence of a position on the board and find the most promising continuation. In short, well-defined and practical chapters, experienced chess trainer Van de Oudeweetering presents hundreds of examples of middlegame themes. To test your understanding he provides an abundance of exercises. After working with this book, an increasing number of positions, pawn structures and piece placements will automatically activate your chess knowledge. As a result, you will find the right move more often and more quickly!

**The Closed Openings in Action** Anatoly Karpov 1989 The Queen's Gambit and the English Opening featured strongly in the recent series of World Title Matches between Karpov and Kasparov. In this book, Karpov uses complete games by leading Grandmasters including several games from the World Championship, to trace the development of new opening ideas and to show how these ideas influence the course of the rest of the game.

*Counterplay* Prof. Robert R. Desjarlais 2011-03-22 "Chess gets a hold of some people, like a virus or a drug," writes Robert Desjarlais in this absorbing book. Drawing on his lifelong fascination with the game, Desjarlais guides readers into the world of twenty-first-century chess to help us understand its unique pleasures and challenges, and to advance a new "anthropology of passion." Immersing us directly in chess's intricate culture, he interweaves small dramas, closely observed details, illuminating insights, colorful anecdotes, and unforgettable biographical sketches to elucidate the game and to reveal what goes on in the minds of experienced players when they face off over the board. *Counterplay* offers a compelling take on the intrigues of chess and shows how themes of play, beauty, competition, addiction, fanciful cognition, and intersubjective engagement shape the lives of those who take up this most captivating of games.

**Chess is Child's Play** Laura Sherman 2012 Presents strategies for parents wishing to teach chess to their children, providing step-by-step instructions to the game and featuring several illustrated mini-games that highlight the importance of each piece.

**Six Hundred Endings** Lajos Portisch 1981

**Theory and Practice of Chess Endings** Alexander Panchenko 2009-01-01 One of the best-known Russian chess coaches, Panchenko's students include many grandmasters. This book is a compendium of his endgame instruction that will help to increase playing skills and to achieve higher practical results both for amateurs and professionals. Besides theoretical material, the book contains numerous examples from the practice of the classical and modern chess players and the tasks for the independent solving and playing.

**Chess Strategy for Club Players** Herman Grooten 2017-03-28 This new 3rd edition has, besides various corrections and improvements, a new introduction and a brand-new chapter called 'Total Control'. In this 35-page chapter Grooten adds the final instructive brick to his formidable, yet very accessible, building: inspired by Tigran Petrosian's playing style he explains amateurs how to exploit small advantages. With a new set of exercises. ---- Every club player knows the problem: the opening has ended, and now what? First find the right plan, then the good moves will follow! With this book, International Master Herman Grooten presents to amateur players a complete and structured course on: how to recognize key characteristics in all types of positions how to make use of those characteristics to choose the right plan His teachings are based on the famous "Elements" of Wilhelm Steinitz, but Grooten has significantly expanded and updated the work of the first World Champion. He supplies many modern examples, tested in his own practice as a coach of talented youngsters. In *Chess Strategy for Club Players* you will learn the basic elements of positional understanding: -- pawn structure -- piece placement -- lead in development -- open files -- weaknesses -- space advantage -- king safety -- exploiting small advantages. The author also explains what to do when, in a given position, the basic principles seem to point in different directions. Each chapter of this fundamental primer ends with a set of highly instructive exercises.

**Winning Chess Middlegames** Ivan Sokolov 2017-11-13 Finally this modern classic is back in print! Ever wondered why grandmasters take only seconds to see what's really going on in a chess position? It's all about structures, as Ivan Sokolov explains in this groundbreaking book. *Winning Chess Middlegames* addresses the often ignored but extremely important topic of pawn structures, divided into 4 main types: doubled pawns, isolated pawns, hanging pawns and pawn majorities. With its highly accessible verbal explanations and deep analyses of top-level games, this book helps you to solve the basic problems of the middlegame: space, tension and initiative. Club players studying *Winning Chess Middlegames* will: -- greatly enhance their middlegame skills -- develop an accurate feeling as to which particular positions suit their style -- acquire new strategic and practical opening knowledge Ivan Sokolov explains matters profoundly, honestly and objectively, and includes lots of inside stories from top-level chess, neither sparing his colleague grandmasters nor himself in his comments.

**Strategy and Tactics in Chess** Max Euwe 2013-01 This is a book on basic chess strategy written by Dr. Max Euwe while he was World Chess Champion. Unlike so many subsequent books by Euwe, there is no co-author to this book. Euwe himself wrote this one. The topics covered are: I. Strategy and Tactics. II. Strategy: General principles. - The greatest possible field of action for the pieces. - As much choice as possible of intervening III. Strategy: Special principles. - Taking the initiative where one is strongest. - Directing the attack in general on fixed pawns. IV. Tactics: Combinations in General. - Mating combinations. - Open-field combinations. V. Mating combinations. - Direct mate combinations. - Break-up combinations. - Penetrative combinations. - Lateral combinations. VI. Open-field combinations. - Combinations for gain in material. - Focal-point combinations. - Pinning combinations. - Unmasking combinations. - Overload combinations. - Desperado combinations. - Cumulative combinations. VII. Compound combinations. VIII. End-game combinations. - Forcing combinations. - Advancing combinations. - Promotion combinations. Dr. Max Euwe was world chess champion from 1935 to 1937. He played all of the great players from Lasker to Fischer in tournaments and studied all of their games in great detail. He knew more about them and their games than anybody else.

**Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual** Mark Dvoretsky 2010-11-12 The first edition of Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual was immediately recognized by novice and master alike as one of the best books ever published on the endgame. The second edition is revised and enlarged - now over 400 pages - covering all the most important concepts required for endgame mastery. "I am sure that those who study this work carefully will not only play the endgame better, but overall, their play will improve. One of the secrets of the Russian chess school is now before you, dear reader!" - From the Foreword to the First Edition by Grandmaster Artur Yusupov "Going through this book will certainly improve your endgame knowledge, but just as important, it will also greatly improve your ability to calculate variations... What really impresses me is the deep level of analysis in the book... All I can say is: This is a great book. I hope it will bring you as much pleasure as it has me." - From the Preface to the First Edition by International Grandmaster Jacob Aagaard Here's what they had to say about the First Edition: "Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual ... may well be the chess book of the year... [It] comes close to an ultimate one-volume manual on the endgame." - Lubomir Kavalek in his chess column of December 1, 2003 in the Washington Post. "Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual is quite simply a masterpiece of research and insight. It is a tremendous contribution to endgame literature, certainly the most important one in many years, and destined to be a classic of the literature (if it isn't already one). The famous trainer Mark Dvoretsky has put together a vast number of examples that he has not only collected, but analysed and tested with some of the world's strongest players. This is a particularly important book from the standpoint of clarifying, correcting, and extending the theory of endings. Most of all, Dvoretsky's analysis is staggering in its depth and accuracy." - John Watson, reviewing DEM at The Week In Chess 2003 Book of the Year - JeremySilman.com 2003 Book of the Year - Seagaard Chess Reviews: "This is an extraordinary good chess book. To call this the best book on endgames ever written seems to be an opinion shared by almost all reviewers and commentators. And I must say that I am not to disagree." - Erik Sobjerg

**Think Like a Grandmaster** A.A. Kotov 2012-10-30 This is a well-established training manual which encourages the average player to understand how a grandmaster thinks, and even more important, how he works. Kotov tackles fundamental issues such as knowing how and when to analyze, the tree of analysis, a selection of candidate moves and the factors of success.

*The Power of Pawns* Jorg Hickl 2016-05-11 'If you want to improve at chess, you must know the characteristics of typical pawn formations. Understanding the pawn structure is a key tool when you are evaluating a position on the board. One simple pawn move can ruin your position or win the game. Post-beginners should know the basic essentials of chess structures and that is what this modern training manual focuses on. Experienced chess teacher Jörg Hickl helps you to: - Assess the strengths and weaknesses of pawn structures - Recognize strategic patterns - Identify how you can improve your position - Develop a plan of action The Power of Pawns provides common sense guidance and Jörg Hickl uses practical examples to explain typical structures, strategies and plans. His tips and exercises are both highly enjoyable and to the point.

Teach Yourself VISUALLY Chess Jon Edwards 2007-02-03 Chess is a mental game, but you don't have to strain your brain to learn the basics—not with this guide that shows you how to play. Teach Yourself VISUALLY Chess covers how to set up the board, how each piece moves, opening strategies and variations, attacking themes and common sacrifices, and more. Photos

of the board let you see strategies in action. For hands-on practice, you can even set up your board and make your moves as you learn. With this book and practice, you'll be saying "Checkmate" in no time. Concise two-page lessons show you all the steps to a skill and are ideal for quick review Each move or tactic is clearly explained Explanations accompany each photo Color photos and diagrams show key positions, strategies, and moves Helpful tips provide additional guidance

**The Complete Manual of Positional Chess** Konstantin Sakaev 2017-09-28 Russia boasts a long and rich tradition in chess education, and Russian chess teachers and trainers are simply the best in the world. The Complete Manual of Positional Chess, probably the most thorough grounding in the history of teaching chess, was recently created for chess teachers at the DYSS, the special sports school for young talents in Moscow. Konstantin Sakaev and Konstantin Landa present a complete set of instructions and tips for trainers and self-improvers. You will learn not only how to enhance your fundamental knowledge and technical skills, but also how to work on your physical and psychological conditioning. In VOLUME 2 you are again handed basic and advanced tools to improve in a wide array of areas: assessing and handling pawn structures, employing positional and tactical means to improve your position, identifying weak spots, mastering attacking dynamics and more. If you complete Sakaev and Landa's course you will be able to assess virtually any chess position you are confronted with. With its all-encompassing approach this ground-breaking book allows everyone to reap the fruits of the long tradition of instructive excellence in Russia.

**The Longest Game** Jan Timman 2019-02-14 On September 10, 1984, Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov appeared on the stage of the Hall of Columns in Moscow for the first game of their match for the World Chess Championship. The clash between the reigning champion and his brazen young challenger was highly anticipated, but no one could have foreseen what was in store. In the next six years they would play five matches for the highest title and create one of the fiercest rivalries in sports history. The matches lasted a staggering total of 14 months, and the 'two K's' played 5540 moves in 144 games. The first match became front page news worldwide when after five months FIDE President Florencio Campomanes stepped in to stop the match citing exhaustion of both participants. A new match was staged and having learned valuable lessons, 22-year-old Garry Kasparov became the youngest World Chess Champion in history. His win was not only hailed as a triumph of imaginative attacking chess, but also as a political victory. The representative of 'perestroika' had beaten the old champion, a symbol of Soviet stagnation. Kasparov defended his title in three more matches, all of them full of drama. Karpov remained a formidable opponent and the overall score was only 73-71 in Kasparov's favour. In *The Longest Game* Jan Timman returns to the Kasparov-Karpov matches. He chronicles the many twists and turns of this fascinating saga, including his behind-the-scenes impressions, and takes a fresh look at the games.

**Mastering the Sicilian** Danny Kopec 2017-12-27 Most books on the Sicilian Defense give thousands of moves and variations the reader is expected to memorize. Here instead Professor Danny Kopec teaches the principles of Structure.

**The Ruy Lopez** Neil McDonald 2011 Grandmaster Neil McDonald examines one of the most important openings of all, the Ruy Lopez. He shares his experience and knowledge, and continually challenges the reader to answer probing questions, thereby encouraging the learning and practising of vital opening skills.

## **The Method in Chess** Iossif Dorfman 2001

*The Middlegame in Chess* Reuben Fine 2003 Long out-of-print and known only to collectors and connoisseurs, this legendary work by Reuben Fine returns in a completely revised and corrected edition in modern algebraic notation. After explaining the basic elements of combinations and attacks against the King, Fine discusses how to evaluate a position; how to handle superior, equal, and inferior positions; the significance of pawn structure and space; the transition from opening to middlegame and middlegame to endgame; and much more. With hundreds of diagrams and examples from actual play, *The Middlegame in Chess* is one of the modern classics of the game.

Mastering Complex Endgames Adrian Mikhalchishin 2017-09-15 Adrian and Oleg compiled, resulting from all different kind of middlegames, an impressive amount of most instructive endgames. The ideal material for any chess player or trainer in search of the need endgame finesses and skills.

**Mastering Chess Strategy** Johan Hellsten Grandmaster Johan Hellsten is convinced that mastering chess strategy - just like chess tactics - requires practice, practice and yet more practice! This outstanding book is a product of his many years' work as a full-time chess teacher, and is specifically designed as part of a structured training programme to improve strategic thinking. It focuses on a wide range of key subjects and provides a basic foundation for strategic play. Furthermore, in addition to the many examples, there's an abundance of carefully selected exercises which allow readers to monitor their progress and put into practice what they have just learned. Following such a course is an ideal way for players of all standards to improve. Although designed mainly for students, this book is also an excellent resource for chess teachers and trainers. An essential course in chess strategy Contains over 400 pages of Grandmaster advice Includes more than 350 training exercises

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**Attacking Chess for Club Players** Herman Grooten 2016-07-31 Every chess player loves to attack the enemy King. Your goal is clear, your thinking is concrete, your creativity is flowing

and direct victory is just around the corner. Few things in life are better than successfully conducting a blistering attack on your opponent's King! But how good are you actually at attacking? Have you ever analysed your efforts? Looked at calculation errors, missed opportunities and derailed efforts? After the immense success of his award-winning classic *Chess Strategy for Club Players*, Herman Grooten has now written an equally accessible follow-up primer on attacking chess. He teaches you how to spot opportunities, exploit weaknesses, bringing your forces to the frontline and striking at the right moment. Grooten concentrates on training the most valuable skills for this process: visualizing, structuring, anticipating, calculating, memorizing and other mental aspects. This is not just another collection of useful thematic moves and motifs but a complete and highly structured course of attacking techniques. And with fantastic new examples, clear explanations and many instructive exercises. Giri won the Dutch Championship four times. Other tournament wins include the Wijk aan Zee B-Group in 2010, a shared first place in Malmö 2011 and a victory in Reggio Emilia 2011/12. In 2014 Giri shared second place in Wijk aan Zee. He won the individual bronze medal for his first-board performance for the Dutch team at the 41st Chess Olympiad in Tromsø in Norway. He finished second at the strong Qatar Masters Open. In 2016 he qualified for the Candidates Tournament in Moscow, where he ended on 50%, with fourteen draws. Giri has an all-round playing style and a strong technique. He likes to fight until the end in seemingly harmless positions, trying to squeeze blood from a stone. But whenever he sees an opportunity, he can be a very sharp tactician as well. Try this training app and play the same winning moves as Anish Giri. This app offers you one hundred training exercises, in positions where Giri turned the game in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. Don't give up!

**Practical Middlegame Techniques** Danny Kopec 2014-12-15 Aimed at the player who wants to improve his or her understanding of the most important middlegame concepts

*Chess Training for Candidate Masters* Alexander Kalinin 2017-05-09 Today's young players have benefited greatly from working with chess computers. There is little doubt that advanced software and electronic training programs have significantly contributed to the rise of the standards of play. But there is a negative side to this. Many young chess players see the computer as the ultimate response to nearly everything. They think that computer analysis is the best and the fastest way to find the truth in any position on the board. As a result, many of those players have gradually stopped thinking and analysing for themselves. Prominent Russian chess trainer Alexander Kalinin knows that what you need in order to make real progress in chess is not more computer input, but increased understanding. To fully digest all available data and to discover the ultimate secrets of chess you must dislodge your decision making from your addiction to the computer and (re)develop the habit of using your own brain. Kalinin helps players seeking the master title by showing how concrete knowledge leads to improved decisions at the board. A master must understand the importance of aesthetics, knows how to curb the influence of the computer, accepts that the classical heritage is essential in his development, learns the importance of human interaction in reaching analytical mastery and grasps how to spot and fight his weaknesses. Kalinin provides candidate masters with a wealth of study and training material. The large majority of that material has never been published before. Kalinin reveals the mistakes he himself made on his road to the master title. Most examples are taken from games of players who themselves are on the road to chess mastery.

## **Play the King's Indian Defence** Dražen Marović 1984

*Keep it Simple: 1.e4* Christof Sielecki 2018-12-15 Why is this repertoire called simple? For the simple reason that the variations are straightforward, easy to remember and require little or no maintenance. International Master Christof Sielecki has created a reliable set of lines for chess players of almost all levels. The major objective is to dominate Black in the opening, by simple means. You don't need to sacrifice anything or memorize long tactical lines. Unless Black plays something stupid, when tactics are the simplest punishment. Sielecki developed this repertoire working with students who were looking for something that was easy to understand and to learn. Most of the lines he selected are occasionally played by grandmasters, but on the whole they lie outside the mainstream of opening theory. That means that there is hardly any need to monitor theoretical developments. Sielecki always clearly explains the plans and counterplans and keeps you focussed on what the position requires. Ambitious players rated 1500 or higher will get great value out of studying this extremely accessible book.

## *Middlegames* László Polgár 1998

**Practical Chess Endings** Irving Chernev 1969-01-01 300 practical endgame situations, ranging from very simple to masterpieces by Capablanca, Reti, Tarrasch, Lasker, more.

*Ruy Lopez Explained* Gary Lane 2005-10-27 The Ruy Lopez is one of the oldest and most famous openings with plenty of attacking options for White and Black. It is favoured by world champions, such as Kasparov and Anand, and played successfully at every level. It is possible to understand and improve by knowing the typical themes and tactical combinations that have been discovered in recent years. Popular amongst beginners and advanced players alike, the Ruy Lopez is easy to learn but difficult to beat.

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**100 Chess Master Trade Secrets** Andrew Soltis 2013-10-30 If you want to become a chess master, there are certain things you need to know - essential tips and techniques that the masters know, and you need to learn. This incredibly useful book collects all these techniques together in one volume, so you can try them out, tick them off, and start on your path towards chess greatness. Arranged in chapters covering every aspect of chess, from openings to endgames, renowned chess author Andrew Soltis provides top 20 rundowns of these specific positions and techniques: chapters include Top 20 Sacrifices, Top 20 Crucial Middlegame

Decisions, Top 20 Endgame Techniques and Top 20 Exact Endgames. Written in Andrew Soltis's eternally engaging and accessible style, this book will prove invaluable to any player who wants to become a chess master.

Secrets of Chess Intuition Alexander Beliavsky 2002 Allow your intuition in chess to reach its full potential.

**Simple Chess** Michael Stean 2013-02-15 Written by a Grand Master, this guide isolates basic elements and illustrates them through Master and Grand Master games, breaking down the mystique of strategy into easy-to-understand ideas.

**Learn Chess Tactics** John Nunn 2003-10-01 Discusses a variety of chess tactics, including fork, skewer, opening and closing lines, and pawn promotion.

*Opening Repertoire: the Nimzo-Indian and Queen's Indian* Nigel Davies 2022-01-24 This book provides a complete repertoire for Black when faced with 1 d4. The recommended systems are based on solid strategic considerations.

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