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A First Book of Morphy - Frisco Del Rosario
2004

A First Book of Morphy aims to illustrate the teachings of three great chessplayers with

games played by the first American chess champion, Paul Morphy. The book presents more than 60 of Morphy's brilliant and instructive games in demonstration of basic chess principles written by grandmasters Reuben Fine and Cecil Purdy.

A Guide to Chess Improvement - Dan Heisman
2010

A Guide to Chess Improvement features the very best of Dan Heisman's multi-award winning chess column Novice Nook, which has run for the past ten years at the popular website ChessCafe.com. This book is full of valuable instruction, insight and practical advice on a wide range of key subjects: general improvement, thought processes, planning and strategy, tactics, endgame play, technique, time management and much more besides. Heisman has thoroughly revised, expanded and updated his work to produce an easy-to-navigate guide. He has also included brand new and exclusive columns. Any player from beginner to expert

who is serious about improving their chess should read this book! *An essential guide to chess improvement *Covers in depth all the key areas of chess *Written by a distinguished chess instructor

Winning Chess Strategies - Yassser Seirawan
2005-05-01

Gain the advantage over your opponent with easy-to-remember strategies from one of the worlds top chess players! Strategy is the ultimate secret weapon for championship players around the world. Drawing on his considerable experience in tournament play, International Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan shows you how to apply flexible strategic principles to every part of your game. Using Seirawan's simple and effective planning and analysis techniques, you'll enter each game with confidence and energy, ready to play forcefully and intelligently the way you need to play so you can win every time! Learn to: Knock your opponent off balance with bold opening moves *

Formulate an overall game strategy before the middle game * Interpret the motivation behind your opponents every move * Position yourself for a winning endgame * Diagrams throughout the book illustrate game positions, and you'll meet history's greatest chess strategies learning from them move by move! Whether for reference during practice games or simply for pleasure reading, **WINNING CHESS STRATEGIES** is an information packed resource you'll turn to again and again

Chess for Hawks - Cyrus Lakdawala 2017-05-25

Are you a dove or a hawk? Is your natural instinct at the chessboard for caution and strategy or do you crave adventure and confrontation? This question may be more important than you think because being aware of your personal style (and that of your opponent) is essential in your development as a chess player. As an 8-year-old boy, Cyrus Lakdawala realized to his horror that he was a dove when his chess teacher reprimanded him for playing

an unnecessary defensive move instead of banging out a better and more aggressive one that was not so difficult to find. Since then, Lakdawala has devoted an important part of his efforts as a player to trying to resist his natural tendency to over-solidify positions and avoid complications. Chess for Hawks is the fascinating and often hilarious story of Lakdawala's struggle to release his inner hawk. It is also a highly instructional guide that will make you think about questions you may not have thought about before: -- Does deliberately breaking a rule come easy to you? -- How good are you at ignoring a threat? -- And at refusing a draw offer? -- Why do you miss opportunities to win a won game? -- Are you able to distinguish between patience and apathy? -- Do you hate to trade queens? -- Do you find it difficult to weaken your structure in exchange for initiative or attack? -- Do you like games with opposing wing castling? -- Do you know when to trade in initiative for material? -- Crossing the point of

strategic no-return, does that ring a bell? -- Does your chess playing style fit the rest of your personality? Cyrus Lakdawala does something no other chess writer has done before: he makes you reflect deeply about your style of play and its consequences. After reading *Chess for Hawks* you will be a stronger player because you have mastered an essential but neglected skill: you will know how to obey the position's requirements instead of your natural inclination.

Better Chess - William Hartston 1997

Teaches chess strategy and tactics through seventy-five lessons designed for players who already know the fundamentals of the game, divided into elementary, advanced, and master sections.

My 60 Memorable Games - Bobby Fischer 1995

A collection of the 60 best games of Bobby Fischer, analyzed by himself. The games are reset by John Nunn into modern algebraic notation, providing an insight into the methods

and thought processes of one of the greatest chess champions.

The Art of Sacrifice in Chess - Rudolf Spielmann 2019-02

The Game of Chess - Siegbert Tarrasch 2012-04-26

Classic introduction offers superb coverage of all aspects, especially Middle Game, combination play. Hundreds of games analyzed. Over 340 diagrams.

King's Indian Attack: Move by Move - Neil McDonald 2014-05-31

Neil McDonald examines in depth the many variations of the King's Indian Attack. He outlines White's most promising options and Black's best defences, and provides answers to all the key questions.

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.

How to Reassess Your Chess - Jeremy Silman 2010

How to Reassess Your Chess has long been considered a modern classic. This 4th edition takes Silman's groundbreaking concept of imbalances to a whole new level. Designed for players in the 1400 to 2100 rating range and for teachers looking for a ready-made chess curriculum, the author shares a mind-expanding journey that takes the reader through imbalance-basics, ensures that every detail of all the imbalances are mastered, and leaves the player/lover of chess with something he always

wanted but never believed he could achieve: a master-level positional foundation. Hundreds of games brought to life by instruction-rich prose, and stories that offer humor while highlighting various lessons, vividly illustrate all the book's topics in a manner that's both personal and fun. Jeremy Silman is an International Master and a world-class teacher, writer, and player who has won the American Open, the National Open, and the U.S. Open.

Cross-Examination: Science and Techniques

- Larry S. Pozner 2012-09-27

In *Cross-Examination: Science and Techniques*, Second Edition, Larry Pozner and Roger Dodd continue their outstanding tradition of helping attorneys conduct commanding cross-examinations. The second edition offers deeper analysis of cross-examination methods, with more integration and interrelationship of techniques and principles. In analyzing thousands of new trial experiences, they present efficient techniques to confront the challenges of

evolving admissibility standards and electronic discovery, and ultimately, help attorneys develop cross-examination skills that are critical to trial success. Inside you'll find valuable advice on how to:

- Use opponents' objections as the springboard for deeper and broader cross-examinations.
- Sequence cross-examination to teach the theory of the case in the best way, and to literally expand the rules of admissibility.
- Use "loops" (the practice of incorporating and repeating key phrases and terms in successive questions to the witness) to rename witnesses and exhibits.
- Use "double loops" to discredit opposing expert witnesses.
- Use voir dire to create great jurors
- Use a fact-driven investigation to develop a winning theory
- Use a witness's own words to follow your theme and theory
- Control the runaway witness
- Communicate winning theories in opening, cross, and closing
- Use loops to box in the witness
- Use tactical sequencing to create the most powerful cross
- Convert a witness's

silence into admission of fact • Induce the witness to voice your pre-selected words • Prepare for devastating impeachment • Close off any escape routes for the witness • Punish the evasive or "I don't know" witness • Control the crying witness • Use timing, posture, inflection, diction, wording, eye contact, and other effects to emphasize a witness's concession Effective cross-examination is a science with established guidelines, identifiable techniques, and definable methods. Attorneys can learn how to control the outcome with careful preparation, calculated strategy, effective skills, and a disciplined demeanor. Pozner and Dodd's treatise remains the definitive guide to preparing killer cross-examinations, only from LexisNexis.

Tips for Young Players - Matthew Sadler 1999
Grandmaster Matthew Sadler, answers key questions such as: Which openings should I play? How do I learn to spot tactics? What do I need to know about the endgame?

Practical Chess Exercises - Ray Cheng 2007

Raise your chess to the next level with this program of 600 instructive and challenging exercises covering all aspects of the game. This book will sharpen your tactical vision, deepen your positional understanding, and enrich your knowledge of theoretical positions. It will also strengthen your analytical skills, and instill a sound move selection process. Win more games and increase your enjoyment of chess!

Win at Chess - Ronald H. Curry 1995

Move First, Think Later - Willy Hendriks
2014-08-01

The chess playing mind does not work like a machine. Selecting a move results from rather chaotic thought processes and is not the logical outcome of applying a rational method. The only problem with that, says International Master Willy Hendriks, is that most books and courses on improving at chess claim exactly the opposite. The dogma of the chess instruction establishment is that if you only take a good look

at certain 'characteristics' of a position, then good moves will follow more or less automatically. But this is not how it happens. Chess players, weak and strong, don't first judge the position, then formulate a plan and afterwards look at moves. It all happens at the same time, and pretending that it is otherwise is counterproductive. There is no use in forcing your students to mentally jump through theoretical hoops, according to experienced chess coach Hendriks. This work shows a healthy distrust of accepted methods to get better at chess. It teaches that winning games does not depend on ticking off a to-do list when looking at a position on the board. It presents club and internet chess players with loads of much-needed no-nonsense training material. In this provocative, entertaining and highly instructive book, Hendriks shows how you can travel light on the road to chess improvement!

The Amateur's Mind - Jeremy Silman 1995

Play Winning Chess - Yasser Seirawan 2003
'When most people learn to play chess, they usually memorise the movements of the pieces and then spend years pummelling away at each other with little rhyme and even less reason. Though I will show you how each piece leaps around, what it likes to do

Chess Traps - I. A. Horowitz 1954
Shows how to avoid and capitalize on the playing errors and psychological problems experienced by most chess enthusiasts

Best Lessons of a Chess Coach - Sunil Weeramantry 2020-08
In the course of a game of chess, questions continually arise that test a player's reasoning skills. Questions such as: - "Who has the better position?"- "Should I resolve the tension in the center?"- "How can I improve the placement of my pieces?"In this long-awaited extension of the classic Best Lessons of a Chess Coach, the reader is invited to take a seat in the classroom of a renowned chess teacher, and learn how to

answer such questions while experiencing the beauty, logic, and artistry of great chess games. When Sunil Weeramantry lectures on the games of top grandmasters, one can imagine making decisions alongside them. When he lectures on his own games, one can also experience the personal excitement, disappointment, and satisfaction of a well-contested game of chess. The cumulative effect of studying these lessons is to give the aspiring player a wide range of tools with which to win.

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.

The Amateur's Mind - Jeremy Silman 1999
This book takes the student on a journey through his own mind and returns him to the chess board with a wealth of new-found knowledge and the promise of a significant gain in strength. Most amateurs possess erroneous thinking processes that remain with them throughout their chess lives. These flaws in their mental armour result in stinging defeats and painful reversals. Books can be bought and studied, lessons can be taken -- but in the end, these elusive problems always prove to be extremely difficult to eradicate. Seeking a solution to this dilemma, the author wrote down the thoughts of his students while

they played actual games, analysed them, and catalogued the most common misconceptions that arose. This second edition greatly expands on the information contained in the popular first edition.

What It Takes to Become a Chess Master -

Andrew Soltis 2012-10-30

So you're a fairly decent chess player. You compete in tournaments, you play on the Internet. But you would love to make that leap to become a chess master. What do you need to know, how much do you have to practise, and how much of the success of the masters is simply a matter of innate talent, superior brainpower or just good luck? This useful book, aimed at all chess players who aspire to become chess masters, shows you what the masters know and you don't. Written by one of our biggest-selling and best-loved chess authors, in his trademark chatty, accessible but always informative style, this book is filled with practical exercises and test games that will reveal the secrets of how to

join chess's elite ranks.

101 Chess Opening Traps - Steve Giddins 1998

The only thing more humiliating than losing a game quickly is to lose a game quickly to a known opening trap. On the other hand, the easy point scored by the trapper is a great confidence booster, and allows the winner a good rest before the next game in a competition. This book shows that no-one should feel safe from an opponent armed to the teeth with cunning traps. Steve Giddins (who lived in Russia for a time) has collected his material from a wide variety of sources, some not normally available in the West.

A Complete Black Repertoire - Jeremy D. Silman
1986

Back to Basics: Tactics - Dan Heisman
2011-02-02

Chess Tactics Can Be Fun! This book is an introduction to the various kinds of basic chess tactics. With instructional material, examples,

and problems of all types, the subject of chess tactics is covered comprehensively. There are approximately 500 examples ranging from too easy to very difficult! Tactics are usually why most people find chess fun! This book will greatly enhance your enjoyment learning about - and benefiting from - the recurring patterns of tactics. It is well established that the study of basic tactics is probably the single most important thing any beginner can do to improve at chess. This book will help you do that!

How to Reassess Your Chess - Jeremy Silman
1991-01-01

The Chess Sacrifice - Vladimir Vukovic
2009-03-01

The Chess Sacrifice, Technique Art and Risk in Sacrificial Chess opens up the dynamics of the pieces beyond even trades.

Pawn Structure Chess - Andrew Soltis
2013-02-14

Every chess player needs to know how to handle

his pawns. Pawns form the 'playing fields' of chess games, a semi-permanent 'structure' that can determine whether a player wins or loses. This comprehensive guide to pawn structure teaches the reader where pieces are best placed, which pawns should be advanced further or exchanged, and why certain structures are good and others disastrous. This invaluable book is a major update of this chess-world classic, first published in 1975 and unavailable for several years.

S.T.A.R. Chess - Paul Motwani 1998

This book shows you how to improve your attacking and fighting abilities.

Winning with the Sicilian Defense - Jeremy Silman 1991

How to Reassess Your Chess - Jeremy Silman
1997

How to Reassess Your Chess is the popular step-by-step course that will create a marked improvement in anyone's game. In clear, direct

language, Silman shows how to dissect a position, recognize its individual parts and ultimately find the move that conforms to the needs of that particular situation. By explaining the thought processes that go into a master's choice of move, the author presents a system of thought that makes advanced strategies seem clear, logical and at times even obvious. How the Reassess Your Chess offers invaluable knowledge and insight that cannot be found in any other book.

Silman's Complete Endgame Course - Jeremy Silman 2006-02

For over 100 years, the world's leading chess players and teachers have told their students to study the endgame. Now, for the first time, a revolutionary, richly instructive endgame book has been designed for players of all levels. This is the one and only endgame book you'll need as you move up the ladder from beginner to tournament player and master. Designed to "speak" to a player in a very personal way,

Silman's book teaches the student everything he or she needs to know at his or her current rating level, and builds on that knowledge for each subsequent phase of the player's development. Starting at the beginner's level, all basic mates are clearly and painstakingly explained. After that, the critical building blocks that form the endgame foundation for all tournament hopefuls and experienced tournament competitors are explored in detail. Finally, advanced endgame secrets, based on concepts rather than memorization, are presented in a way that makes them easy to master. The basic keys to a well-rounded endgame education -- Opposition, the Lucena and Philidor Positions, Cat and Mouse, Trebuchet, Fox in the Chicken Coup, Triangulation, Building a Box, Square of a Pawn, Outflanking, the Principle of Two Weaknesses -- are vital. But equally important is creating a love of the endgame, which is addressed at the end of the book with a look at chess tactics, minor piece domination, and a discussion of the five

greatest endgame players of all time -- all things that every fan of chess at every level can enjoy. If you have found the endgame to be a mystery, if you have found that your confidence plummets once you reach an endgame, if you have searched for an instructive endgame book that will turn your weakest link -- your endgame -- into your personal field of power, your search is over. The book is the key to a world of essential ideas, startling beauty, and stunning creativity.

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.

Lessons with a Grandmaster III - Boris Gulko 2015

This is the third book in the highly acclaimed Lessons with a Grandmaster series. In this volume Gulko and Sneed focus on both strategic and tactical ideas, and how to successfully

combine the two parts over the board.

A Primer of Chess - José R. Capablanca 2002-11

A basic manual of chess by the master Jos Raul Capablanca, regarded as one of the half dozen greatest players ever. Capablanca was noted especially for his technical mastery, and in this book he explains the fundamentals as no one else could. Diagrams.

Chess Master vs. Chess Amateur - Max Euwe 2013-06-17

Twenty-five chess games chosen, arranged, annotated to help amateurs avoid a variety of weak strategic and tactical moves. With commentary by 1935-36 World Chess Champion Max Euwe. 1963 edition.

The Reassess Your Chess Workbook - Jeremy Silman 2000-11-01

International Chess Master Jeremy Silman tests a player's strengths and weaknesses with 131 problems that cover openings, middlegames (both positional and tactical), and endgames. As

a player completes a problem, he or she may then turn to consult Silman's lengthy answer to the problem, which is always detailed yet never dry. Through this process of problem solving, analysis and advice, a player is led to discover the major flaws imbedded in his or her play. Through this same process, a player is also led to an understanding of Silman's system of thinking about the game, and how it differs from many other systems of chess thinking.

Points of Struggle - Ryan Velez 2016-10-24
Designed for parents and coaches, this book not only explains why new chess players struggle at certain points but also the solutions to those issues. Pragmatically written, each section features a 1-page lesson plan and 1-page review of the types of struggles players go through, the psychology behind them, and solutions to those

issues. Following each lesson page are the 100 unique worksheets and handouts. This book is recommended for parents and coaches. Parents can quickly learn the lessons to either review with their kids or to better understand what is going on in chess club. Coaches can use this book to maximize retention rates through use of the unique and memorable worksheets and handouts.

Paul Keres - Paul Keres 1997

What prevented Paul Keres from becoming World Chess Champion? Readers can judge for themselves from the games in this book, which chart his career as he refined his classical attacking style. John Nunn has selected and annotated the finest of Keres's games from 1962 to his death in 1975.