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1001 Chess Exercises for Club Players - Frank Erwich 2019-10-28

A complete course for club and tournament players Chess is 99% tactics. This celebrated observation is not only true for beginners, but also for club players (Elo 1500 - 2000). If you want to win more games, nothing works better than training your combination skills. There are two types of books on tactics: those that introduce the concepts followed by some examples, and workbooks that contain lots of exercises. FIDE Master Frank Erwich has done both: he explains all the key tactical ideas AND provides an enormous amount of exercises for each different theme. Erwich has created a complete tactics book for ambitious club and tournament players. He takes you to the next level of identifying weak spots in the position of your opponent, recognizing patterns of combinations, visualizing tricks and calculating effectively. Erwich has also included a new and important element: tests that will improve your defensive skills. *1001 Chess Exercises for Club Players* is not a freewheeling collection of puzzles. It serves as a course text book, because only the most didactically productive exercises are featured. Every chapter starts with easy examples, but don't worry: the level of difficulty will steadily increase.

The Complete Chess Swindler - David Smerdon 2020-02-17

Chess is a cruel game. We all know that feeling when your position has gone awry and everything seems hopeless. You feel

like resigning. But don't give up! This is precisely the moment to switch to swindle mode. Master the art of provoking errors and you will be able to turn the tables and escape with a draw - or sometimes even steal the full point! Swindling is a skill that can be trained. In this book, David Smerdon shows how you can use tricks from psychology to marshal hidden resources and exploit your opponent's biases. In a lost position, your best practical chance often lies not in what the computer recommends, but in playing your opponent. With an abundance of eye-popping examples and training exercises, Smerdon identifies the four best friends of every chess swindler: your opponent's impatience, their hubris, their fear, and their need to stay in control. You'll also learn about such cunning swindling motifs as the Trojan Horse, the Decoy Trap, the Berserk Attack, and 'Window-Ledging'. So, come and join the Swindlers' Club, become a great escape artist and dramatically improve your results. In this instructive and highly entertaining guide, Smerdon shows you how.

[Winning Chess Tactics](#) - Yasser Seirawan 2005-05-01

Learn sure-fire tactics and combinations from one of the worlds top chess players. Attack? Defend? Swap pieces? Tactics are the watchdogs of strategy that take advantage of short-term opportunities to trap or ambush your opponent and quite possibly change the course of a game in a single move. Why play in a fog, only hoping

that your opponent will blunder when International Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan can show you how to put the tactics of the worlds chess legends to work for you. Choose from the double attack, the pin, the skewer, deflection, the cor, x-rays, windmills and many more time-tested tactics. Using classic board situations arranged in chapters by tactical themes, Seirawan teaches you how to: * Plan your entire game from the very first move. Think ahead, step-by-step, anticipating every obstacle your opponent can throw your way * Position yourself for the smashing combination and endgame you've always dreamed of Board positions from actual games played by history's great chess tacticians are provided throughout. Review tests for each topic let you track your improvement. In no time you'll be playing better, with more confidence than you ever thought possible. Errata List [1001 Brilliant Ways to Checkmate](#) - Fred Reinfeld 2014-06-03

A 21st-Century Edition of a Great Checkmate Collection! Ask most chessplayers from the "baby boomer" generation how they acquired and sharpened their tactical skills, and chances are a Fred Reinfeld tactics collection will be part of their answer. And now, for the first time, 1001 Brilliant Ways to Checkmate is available in modern algebraic notation. This may be the all-time great checkmate collection, with forced checkmate positions culled mainly from actual play. And Reinfeld's selection is simply marvelous, touching on all the important tactical themes. In short, this is an outstanding book to hone your tactical abilities. It will help you recognize mating patterns, develop visualization skills, enhance imagination, and improve tactical sharpness. And now, with a modern 21st-century edition of this great checkmate collection finally available, there is no excuse for not only improving your tactical skills, but also enjoying yourself along the way.

[Chess for Kids](#) - Michael Basman 2006-01-23 A children's step-by-step visual guide to the rules, skills, and techniques of chess-by International Master and renowned chess

tutor Michael Basman. From the history of chess and the aim of the game to essential tactics and taking it even farther in clubs, tournaments, and championships, Chess for Kids covers it all. Before explaining techniques, the ebook details each piece-pawns, bishops, the king, and more-to ensure kids have a comprehensive understanding before they begin to play. Chess board graphics illustrate different scenarios and support the text explanations so readers can visualize different moves and their potential outcomes as they go. Let Chess for Kids and International Master Michael Basman turn you into a champion chess player.

Tactics Time 2 - Tim Brennan 2015-02-07 Tactics Time 2 presents 1001 fresh and instructive positions that Tim and Anthea have assembled from real amateur chess games, leaving you able to spot relatively simple patterns like a knight fork, an overloaded piece or a weak back rank.

Chess Tactics Workbook for Kids - John Nunn 2019-07-08

This is a book for those who know the rules of chess and are keen to start winning games. The quickest way to improve your chess is to learn tactics. But not just knowing the themes - you need to get used to using them in real positions. Master tactician John Nunn has thoughtfully crafted a course that gives you the basic nuggets of knowledge and immediately invites you to start finding tactical ideas for yourself. Chess Tactics Workbook for Kids is the first in a new series of books that help players gain chess skills by tackling hundreds of carefully chosen exercises. The themes are similar to those in Gambit's best-selling 'Chess for Kids' series, but the focus is on getting vital hands-on experience. Many positions build on ones given earlier, showing how advanced ideas are normally made up of simpler ones that we can all grasp. Each chapter introduces a basic theme and features dozens of exercises, with solutions that highlight the key points. In each chapter there are tips on what to look out for to help spot tactical ideas. As the chapters progress, we increasingly see

how tactical ideas are combined together, with ideas from previous sections repeatedly appearing as part of a deadly one-two punch. The book ends with a series of six test papers where you are given no clues about the themes involved. Dr John Nunn is one of the best-respected figures in world chess. He was among the world's leading grandmasters for nearly twenty years and won four gold medals in chess Olympiads. In 2004, 2007 and 2010, Nunn was crowned World Chess Solving Champion, ahead of many former champions.

The Gambit Book of Instructive Chess Puzzles - Graham Burgess 2011

Solving tactical puzzles is one of the most effective ways to improve your chess. This convenient book provides 300 exercises, with instructive points highlighted in the solutions. There is something here for everyone. The puzzles in the first two chapters are based on a clear-cut tactic or checkmate, such as those explained in Gambit's best-sellers *How to Beat Your Dad at Chess* and *Chess Tactics for Kids*. The endgame challenges highlight tactics and principles in action. In practice it is vital to defend resiliently and seek counterattacking chances - there is an innovative chapter on these rarely-covered themes as well as puzzles where the reader must decide how to punch home an attack. Later chapters help readers develop a vital skill: the ability to make tough chessboard decisions. Attack, sacrifice, grab material, defend or simplify - it's for you to decide! Principles and guidelines are emphasized, together with common sources of error. The final section of puzzles will prove a stern challenge even for the best players, with the reader exposed to the full complexity of modern chess - with a few helpful hints along the way.

1001 Chess Exercises for Beginners - Franco Masetti 2019-01-11

Chess is 99% tactics. If this celebrated observation is true for the master, how much more so for beginners and casual players! If you want to win more games, nothing works better than training combinations. There are two types of books

on tactics, those that introduce the concepts followed by some examples, and workbooks that contain numerous exercises. Chess masters and trainers Franco Masetti and Roberto Messa have done both: they explain the basic tactical ideas AND provide an enormous amount of exercises for each different theme. Masetti and Messa have created a great first tactics book. It teaches you how to: - identify weak spots in the position of your opponent - recognize patterns of combinations - visualize tricks. *1001 Chess Exercises for Beginners* can also be used as a course text book, because only the most didactically productive exercises have been used.

Winning Chess Tactics for Juniors - Lou Hays 1994

Winning Chess Openings -

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!

Chess for Children - Murray Chandler 2004 Teaches chess step-by-step, covering the board and pieces, notation, castling, draws, and basic tactics, and features a boy named George, who learns how to play chess from his tall-tale-telling pet alligator, Kirsty.

Winning Chess Strategy for Kids - Jeff Coakley 2000

Chess Opening Workbook for Kids - Graham Burgess 2019-11-15

This is a book for those who want to start

their chess games purposefully and take full advantage of their opponents' mistakes. It is vital to start a chess game well. Each move needs to be useful and precise. The best way to develop the necessary know-how is by experience and practice, rather than rote learning of 'rules' and principles. It's all about the specifics and being alert to what the opponent is doing, and pouncing on any errors. Chess Opening Workbook for Kids is the second in a new series of books that help players gain chess skills by tackling hundreds of carefully chosen exercises. The themes are similar to those in Gambit's best-selling 'Chess for Kids' series, but the focus is on getting hands-on experience. Many positions build on ones given earlier, showing how advanced ideas are normally made up of simpler ones that we can all grasp. Each chapter is focused on a particular theme and features dozens of exercises, with solutions that highlight the main strategic and tactical points. Each chapter offers tips on opening play, such as how to detect weaknesses and poorly-placed pieces. Later chapters address key aspects of opening strategy such as the centre, development and castling. The book ends with a series of seven graded tests where you are given few clues about the themes involved. Award-winning author Graham Burgess has written 27 chess books, including two on opening play for the 'Chess for Kids' series. He is a FIDE Master and a former champion of the Danish region of Funen. In 1994 he set a world record for marathon blitz chess playing and won the British Chess Federation Book of the Year Award in 1997.

Beat That Kid in Chess - Jonathan David Whitcomb 2015-09-02

Reading level for the text: teenagers and adults (Assumes the reader already knows the rules) This book has been carefully crafted for the raw beginner who wants to win a chess game as soon as possible. It's for the beginner who knows the rules but not much else. Children, teenagers, and adults can benefit from these lessons and the two chapters of exercises: simple and advanced exercises at the end of the book.

This chess book is balanced in depth and breadth, with lessons on how to checkmate your opponent, gain a material advantage over another beginner, promote a pawn to a queen, pin one of your opponent's pieces, make a knight fork, avoid becoming checkmated, and much more. It emphasizes what a beginner most needs to know and understand, as soon as possible. The approach was organized by a professional nonfiction writer who began teaching chess beginners in the 1960's. He knows what the raw beginner most needs to learn. Of the countless chess books which have been published, very few appear to be carefully written for beginners, perhaps less than 10%. Of those that seem to be for beginners, most are too confusing and more appropriate for lower-ranked tournament competitors. "Beat That Kid in Chess," however, is especially for early beginners. Consider the advantages in this book: 1) Simple - It really is for the early beginner 2) Concise - no chess history or reciting the rules 3) Huge Diagrams - no magnifying glass needed 4) Win-focused - quickly learn to win a game 5) Two levels of exercises - learn at your pace 6) Reviews - appropriate repetition, as needed 7) Internal references - find things quickly 8) Two indexes - general and exercises 9) All three phases - opening, middle, end game 10) Critical tactics - pin, knight fork, etc 11) Checkmates explained - attack and defense 12) Common pitfalls explained - avoid errors "Beat That Kid in Chess" has another benefit over other chess books for beginners. Being written by a professional nonfiction writer gives advantages, including this: Similar chess positions are shown, with slight changes that make all the difference. This helps the beginner avoid accidentally memorizing positions and remembering particular tactics by general appearances. This requires an explanation: Tactics rule in chess, more than 90% of the time, with some estimates being around 98% to 99%. General principles, proclaimed in proper English, have limited benefit to the raw beginner, who needs to see examples that illustrate the pin and the knight fork, etc.

But greatly-different positions, commonly shown in almost all chess books, can allow a reader to accidentally memorize general patterns that are not relevant to those tactics. "Beat That Kid in Chess" solves this problem, perhaps the only chess book ever written that solves it. For example, Diagram-17 and Diagram-18 are almost the same (pages 27 & 28), but the pawns on the left are different. A white bishop can capture a black knight, identical possibilities in both positions, for those two pieces are on the same squares. But in one position that capture would be a great move and in the other it would be a terrible blunder. This helps the reader to learn to see the important details in each position.

Winning Chess Tournaments for Juniors

- Robert M. Snyder 2004

Introduces the pieces, rules, opening moves, and basic strategy of chess.

The Living Chess Game: Fine Arts

Activities for Kids 9-14 - Alexey W. Root
2010-12-20

This book provides comprehensive information and guidance for successfully staging a theatrical living chess game for children ages 9-14. It also prepares student to succeed in University Interscholastic League (UIL) Chess Puzzle. • Includes nearly 60 chess diagrams, illustrations of musical notation, publicity materials, and useful forms for visual art and theatrical evaluation

- Instructs readers on writing scripts for famous chess games such as the Immortal Game, the Evergreen Game, and the Opera Game
- Helps educators and librarians prepare students to succeed in University Interscholastic League (UIL) Chess Puzzle
- Provides the national content standard, objectives, resources and materials, procedure, and assessment in all 12 music, dance, visual art, and theater activities
- An annotated bibliography identifies additional source materials
- A glossary defines 69 chess terms

A Parent's Guide to Chess - Dan Heisman
2002

Chess Endgame Workbook for Kids - John Nunn 2019-11-15

This is a book for those who have started to play chess and want to know how to win from good positions and survive bad ones. The endgame is where most games are decided, and knowing all the tricks will dramatically improve your results. Endgame specialist John Nunn has drawn upon his decades of experience to present the ideas that are most important in real games. Step by step he helps you uncover the key points and then add further vital knowledge. Chess Endgame Workbook for Kids is the third in a new series of books that help players gain chess skills by solving hundreds of carefully chosen exercises. The themes are similar to those in Gambit's best-selling 'Chess for Kids' series, but the focus is on getting hands-on experience. Many positions build on ones given earlier, showing how advanced ideas are normally made up of simpler ones that we can all grasp. Each chapter deals with a particular type of endgame and features dozens of exercises, with solutions that highlight the key points. For each endgame we are given tips on the themes that are most important and the strategies for both sides. The book ends with a series of test papers that enable you to assess your progress and identify the areas that need further work. Dr John Nunn is one of the best-respected figures in world chess. He was among the world's leading grandmasters for nearly twenty years and won four gold medals in chess Olympiads. In 2004, 2007 and 2010, Nunn was crowned World Chess Solving Champion, ahead of many former champions.

Chess Tactics for Kids - Murray Chandler
2017-07-26

Chess Tactics for Kids By Murray Chandler
Chess Puzzles for Kids - Murray Chandler
2012

Contains one hundred chess positions to solve, ranging from very easy to incredibly difficult. Every puzzle is preceded by an instructive example illustrating a pattern.

Chess For Kids - Sam Lemons 2020-12-24
Chess for Kids: Learn to Play Chess in a Fun and Simple Way Introduce your child to the fascinating world of chess with Chess for Kids! Chess is a wonderful game for children

and adults to learn together and combine quality time with educational enjoyment. Learning Through Activities has designed an activity book to help your child build the mental foundation for life-long success through one of the world's most popular boardgames. Learning and playing chess develops multiple cognitive and emotional skills that will benefit your child throughout their entire life: Improves memory by learning the rules and strategies of the game Encourages creativity when responding to their opponent's moves Develops critical thinking by analyzing their opponent's strategy and thinking ahead multiple moves In Chess for Kids, children will meet "Pawnie," a cute pawn eager to share the fascinating world of chess. Pawnie starts with the foundations of chess-game set-up, rules for moving pieces across the board, and basic tactics. Each chapter builds on previous information, as Pawnie introduces players to opening moves, special tactics, and checkmate strategies. At the end of each chapter, learners are presented with "What would you do?" questions that test retention before proceeding to the next section. Features include: Step by step instructions Interactive challenges reinforce techniques Simple to understand illustrations Develops confidence and critical thinking skills Improves memory and mental focus Solutions to activities at the end of the book If you're looking for an activity that will enhance your child's mental development while enjoying a new hobby, then Chess for Kids is the perfect book for your kids! Scroll up and click 'Add To Cart' to purchase your copy today!

[Winning Chess Puzzles for Kids](#) - Jeff Coakley 2006

Chess Strategy for Kids - Thomas Engqvist 2016

Provides a course that will help you understand the potential of your pieces and play more purposefully in your games; chess will stop feeling like a series of random events as you take command of your forces and direct them like a general in charge of

an army.

[Winning Chess Exercises for Kids](#) - Jeff Coakley 2004

[Chess for Kids](#) - Richard James 2012-08-30

This is the perfect introduction to chess for children from the age of seven upwards. The book contains 30 short lessons, starting with learning about the board and the pieces, then the moves of each piece in turn, then the vital concepts of check, checkmate and stalemate, and finally basic strategy and thinking skills. Quizzes and puzzles reinforce what the children learn. The book uses the characters of the 7-year-old twins Sam and Alice who are always arguing and fighting. They decide to join the army where they are told about an impending invasion of aliens from the planet Caïssa. The outcome of the invasion will be decided by a game of living chess. During their lessons they learn about the battlefield and the different types of soldier and get to play the part of each in turn.

Chess Mazes 1 - Bruce Alberston 2010-12-17

Stop Hanging Pieces! A completely new kind of chess puzzle helps you develop the necessary visualization skills to take your game to the next level The planning and visualization skills that come from working on Chess Mazes are valuable and instructive. If you are one who often loses games by hanging pieces or missing mates, then this is the book for you. "There are many good books which present chess combinations and explain tactical motifs with the goal of training your tactical ability. Thinking techniques are also well covered in the game's literature. But what about visualization? This is where it is much more difficult to find good material. But now, Bruce Alberston's highly original work fills this gap. "To master his puzzles, you have to exert better control and command of the full potential of all the pieces and you have to visualize their movements in your mind's eye. This sounds more difficult than it is, but in fact only one piece moves in each maze. The result? Excellent training to avoid one-move blunders!" - From the Foreword by German GM Karsten Mueller

Chess Opening Traps for Kids - Graham Burgess 2018-11

Chess becomes fun when we learn how to survive the opening and stop falling into our opponents' cheap tactical tricks. And that's what this book is about! By understanding opening play and how to exploit tactical ideas, we turn the tables on our opponents. Now they will be the ones getting outmanoeuvred, tricked, trapped and pushed off the board! Chess Opening Traps for Kids is a serious course on how to play the opening, illustrated with memorable and entertaining examples. By focusing on 100 key themes, Graham Burgess explains how to use opening tricks to our advantage.

Every opening features hidden dangers for both players, so we need to avoid pitfalls while making full use of tactics to achieve the opening goals of purposeful development and central control. Most of the 100 sections feature a basic example followed by a more complex one. Some of the traps have claimed grandmaster victims, while others are more likely to arise in junior chess. Either way, the aim is to learn the theme so well that you can use it when similar opportunities arise in your own games. A series of exercises at the end of the book allows you to check that you have grasped the main points. Throughout the book there are tips on how to spot tactics in advance and advice on opening strategy.

Award-winning author Graham Burgess has written 25 chess books, ranging from general guides to works on specific openings. He is a FIDE Master and a former champion of the Danish region of Funen. In 1994 he set a world record for marathon blitz chess playing and in 1997 won the British Chess Federation Book of the Year Award. Nowadays he lives in Minnesota.

Winning Chess Strategies - Yasser 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

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 pummeling 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

Winning Chess Puzzles for Kids - Jeff Coakley 2006

Strategic Chess Exercises - Emmanuel Bricard 2018-06-15

Books on chess exercises are usually about tactics. But in most of the positions that you think about during a game, there is no tactical solution. What you are doing most of the time is trying to find a way to improve your position or weaken your opponent's. Experienced chess trainer Emmanuel Bricard has created a practical exercise manual with carefully selected training positions. This book is for you if you want to know what to do if there is no tactical solution, improve your understanding of chess strategy, learn how to apply strategic principles in concrete positions, gain time on the clock by having to calculate fewer variations and learn how to accumulate

advantages in various types of positions. The level of difficulty of the exercises varies as this manual is intended for a wide range of club players. After working with Strategic Chess Exercises you will spend less time on finding better plans, and outplay your opponents more often!

Winning Chess - Irving Chernev 2013-11-07
Winning Chess is a truly classic chess book, beloved of chess-mad teenagers since it was first published in 1970, updated and repackaged in algebraic format. Written in lively, conversational style by two prolific and popular chess authors, it is aimed at players who have gone past the beginner stage and want to take their game to a whole new level. Its imaginative themes and instructional method are timeless, and the whole book is shot through with fun and humour.

Chess - Laszlo Polgar 2017-07-26

Chess: 5334 Problems, Combinations and Games By László Polgár

Chess Tactics for Champions - Susan Polgar 2006-04-11

Susan Polgar became the first female Grandmaster at age 15—and it wasn't luck that got her there. Her use of tactics, combinations, and strategy during her games gave her the critical advantage she needed against her opponents. In *Chess Tactics for Champions*, Polgar gives insight into the kind of thinking that chess champions rely on while playing the game, specifically the ability to recognize patterns and combinations. With coauthor Paul Truong, Susan Polgar teaches the tactics she learned from her father, Laszlo Polgar, one of the world's best chess coaches.

- Teaches players how to calculate the effect of a move in order to gain an edge over an opponent
- For intermediate to advanced chess players of all ages

Winning Chess Openings - Yasser Seirawan 2003-09-01

Start every game with confidence! The two greatest challenges for beginning chess players are not only to survive the openings phase, but also to choose appropriate attack and defense formations in the process. *Winning Chess Openings* shows you how to

do both. In Yasser Seirawan's entertaining, easy-to-follow style, you're shown formations that can be used with other White or Black pieces. *Winning Chess Openings* will help you develop a solid understanding of opening principles that you can apply to every game you play without having to memorise a dizzying array of tedious and lengthy opening lines.

- * Build a safe house for a King
- * Estimate losses of ten moves or fewer
- * Utilise the elements: time, force, space and pawn structure
- * Plan strategy based on time-tested opening principles
- * Employ a defense for Black against any White Opening
- * Apply an opening for White used by World Champions

Winning Chess Openings will help readers develop a solid understanding of opening principles that can be applied to every game they play--without having to memorize a dizzying array of tedious and lengthy opening lines.

The Foolish King - Mark Price 2016-09-01

Long, long ago when kings ruled the land, dragons filled the sky and magic still existed, two children stumbled upon the game of chess. This is your chance to play it with them . . . Packed with interactive puzzles and games, join Pip and Holly on a magical fairy-tale adventure and become a chess master.

Looking for Trouble - Dan Heisman 2014-03-28

Identify and Deal with Threats! This book is written to address and underemphasized area of chess training and study, the identification of and reaction to threats. For beginning and intermediate-level players, the study of tactics is paramount. Almost all tactics books take the approach of providing a position where there is a forced win, checkmate, or draw. However *Looking for Trouble* – now in a revised and enlarged second edition – takes a different tack. It helps you to recognize threats by providing over 300 problems in which you focus on identifying and meeting threats in the opening, middlegame and endgame. The author's clear explanations are presented in a manner that should greatly benefit players of all levels.

My First Chess Book - Jessica E. Martin
2014-07-10

Learn how to play chess—the world’s most popular board game! Chess is easy to learn, and anyone can play it. Jessica E Prescott teaches you how you can get good at it—and start winning. Improve your skills through 35 fun activities—this isn’t just a textbook about the rules of the game! Why not have a game of Pawn Football (pawns line up at their starting rank and race to the other side), or do the Queen Dance (make a checkmate using only a queen and king)?

Try Scholar’s Mate—the four-move checkmate every beginner needs to know—and when you’re really good, play Bughouse, a crazy four-person game with two chess sets. All the activities have clear, colorful artworks so you can see exactly where pieces should be on the chessboard. There are also helpful hints and tips throughout, and if you’ve ever forgotten how a piece moves or need to brush up on a rule, look at the Starting Out section for a reminder.