Best Chess Books

The 125 greatest chess games of all time, selected, analysed, re-evaluated and explained by a team of British experts and illustrated with over 1,000 chess diagrams. Join the authors in studying these games, the cream of two centuries of international chess, and develop your own chess-playing skills - whatever your current standard. Instructive points at the end of each game highlight the lessons to be learned. First published in 1998, a second edition of The Mammoth Book of the World's Greatest Chess Games in 2004 included an additional 12 games. This edition includes a further 13 games as well as some significant revisions to the analysis and information regarding other games in earlier editions of the book, facilitated by the use of a variety of chess software.

The most important concepts, strategies, tactics, wisdom, and thinking that every chess player must know, plus the gold nuggets of knowledge behind every attack and defense, is collected together in this updated book. This new edition, revised and updated, takes chess players from opening, middlegame, and endgame strategy, all the way to psychological warfare and tournament tactics. The reader is taken through the thinking behind each essential concept, and through examples, discussions, and diagrams, shown the full impact on the game’s direction. Loaded with diagrams, examples, sidebars, and sample games illustrating the concepts, plus plenty of plain English, make this book easy-to-read and a joy for players looking to delve deeper into the mysteries of chess and become a better player. Called one of the 10 best chess books ever written, step-by-step, readers will learn the thinking and concepts behind every aspect of a chess game. An absolute must for players who love the game of chess!

An easy-to-understand guide to chess strategy -- conceptual planning -- has always been the amateur's dream. This book makes that dream a reality. This comprehensive guide in dictionary form, the first of its kind, makes all aspects of chess strategy quick, easy, and painlessly accessible to players of all degrees of strength. Each strategic concept is listed alphabetically and followed by a clear, easy-to-absorb explanation accompanied by examples of how this strategy is used in practice. Such great World Champions as Steinitz, Capablanca, Petrosian, Fischer, and Karpov have used these strategies in virtually all of their games. Now you can arm yourself with their weapons. As you incorporate these weapons into your own play, they will enrich your appreciation of the game and lead you to one beautiful victory after another.

One of the most influential books on chess ever published – now in its third edition. The Tiger is a vicious beast. He doesn’t care about the aesthetic side of chess. He doesn’t even care about making the ‘best’ moves. All he cares about is winning. Do you want to win more games? Then become a Tiger. 'Chess for Tigers' tells you how to make the most of your playing strength, how to play upon your opponent’s weaknesses, how to steer the game into a position which suits you and not your opponent, how to get results against strong opposition and how to avoid silly mistakes. This is a cult classic that is as relevant to today's generation of chess players as the first edition was. Regularly voted in the top 10 best chess books of all time, this book should be read by all chess players, especially beginners who want to win at all costs.

Offers a guide to important chess techniques and principles to help players develop the skills needed to beat opponents, from the basics of play to specific tactics and strategies, as well as a look at the world of competitive chess.

The wait is over. Finally it’s here... the much anticipated 4th edition of John Watson’s Play the French – the must-have book for all French Defence players for over 20 years! Watson’s highly acclaimed work presents a repertoire for Black in the French Defence against all of White’s recognized options. Just as in previous editions, Watson often arms the reader with not just one but sometimes two – or even three choices – against the main lines. He also provides a thorough grounding on the positional and tactical aspects of the opening and outlines the typical plans for both White and Black. Watson is renowned for his creativity and expertise in the opening, and once again this edition features an abundance of innovative ideas for Black. Watson also provides an update of many other lines he considered in previous editions. * A French Defence repertoire for Black * State-of-the-art coverage of the key lines * Packed with new ideas and critical analysis

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This book presents the indispensable foundations for the understanding of the variations of the chess openings. It has been said that ideas are weapons. That is certainly as true in chess as in any other field. A mastery of a little theory which conveys real understanding of the game is infinitely more valuable than a carefully memorized compilation of endless moves. Paradoxically, a thorough grasp of the ideas behind the openings, which are relatively few in number, is a royal road to knowledge which eliminates much of the drudgery associated with remembering a long series of variations. My object in this work is to present the necessary "ideology" as concisely as possible. This is one of the great classic works on chess by one of the strongest chess players in history. All to often the most recent chess books are just database dumps based on millions of chess games. Our young chess players often undertake the task of memorizing thousands of variations. Let me let you in on a little secret: The world's leading chess grandmasters do not memorize thousands of opening lines. Rather, they study and work them out. They remember the ideas behind the moves, not necessarily the moves themselves. Once they recall the reasons for the moves, they can work out and re-discover the best moves themselves. There are many new moves and opening variations that have become popular and fashionable since this book was published. However, the ideas behind these openings have remained the same. This book is just as valid as when it was first published. Reuben Fine was one of the world's strongest grandmasters of chess.

Ivan Sokolov, a famous grandmaster who has beaten world champions like Kasparov, Kramnik and Anand, has written a lucid guide on how to win chess middlegames, by addressing an almost universally ignored but extremely important topic: pawn structures. With very accessible verbal explanations this book helps you to solve the basic problems of chess middlegames:

space, tension and initiative. Study of this important book, with dozens of highly instructive and clearly explained games from the greats of chess, will enhance your middlegame skills and will let you understand why pawns are considered to be ?the souls of chess?.

This book, itself a work of art, is brought together by the use of five criteria: the overall aesthetics; the originality; the level of opposition; the soundness, accuracy, and difficulty of the game; and finally the overall breadth and depth. Includes 335 diagrams, an index of players and an index of openings by ECO codes.

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(novice to intermediate) and Chess Detective (intermediate to advanced).

These 60 complete games, annotated throughout, emphasize the Cuban master's elegant, classic, accurate, lethal endgame play against Alekhine, Lasker, Marshall, Nimzowitsch, Réti, the best. Here are real games from match and tournament play, with endings that seem like long-contemplated works of art.

Chess in the Fast Lane! Can anyone play a decent game of chess in one minute? Surprisingly, the answer is Yes as this unique book reveals. Bullet chess, where each player has one minute for the entire game, has attracted thousands of followers since it was popularized on the internet a decade ago. In this book the authors discuss the relationship between the position on the board and time on the clock, the techniques and dangers of pre-moving, bullet openings, the importance of the initiative and consistent strategy, and how endings are different in bullet chess. The authors also explore the psychology of bullet chess and the most common causes of tactical oversights and blunders. The many examples illustrate the principles of bullet chess and how they may even apply to blitz chess and time scrambles in standard chess. Most of all, bullet chess is shown to be entertaining and addictive, and not at all as random as it first appears.

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.

"This work provides an objective and informative look at some of the best chess books published in the period 1901 through 2000. Each entry includes bibliographic details followed by a description of the book, with information on the author or authors, wh

The return in 1992 of American Grandmaster Bobby Fischer against his old rival Boris Spassky has reawakened interest in the games of one of the most determined World Champions of all time. To Fischer, chess is a highly competitive sport which requires not only meticulous opening preparation, a high state of tactical alertness and perfect technique, but also a constant striving for the initiative, immense will to win and even calculated risk-taking. In 1972, when he won the supreme crown, he was years ahead of his time in his chess understanding and he influenced the way competitive chess is played today. Now he is back, all chess enthusiasts will be able to compare Fischer with the younger generation such as Kasparov and Short, neither of whom has played a single competitive game against the enigmatic American. By studying the deeply researched and thematically arranged material in this book, players of all strengths will change their attitude towards the game and improve their own play.

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.

"Lasker's Manual of Chess" is one of the greatest chess books ever written. The fact that it was first published over 80 years ago has diminished neither its relevance nor significance in today's modern chess world. Lasker was both a wonderful fighter and a deep thinker; his book is the quintessence of the exceptionally successful experiences he had over many long years, and his thoughts about them. He teaches what he himself considers most important: general principles and methods applicable to any situation. Once you have read the "Manual", you will become smarter - afterwards, this is bound to help you, both in chess and in life. Emanuel Lasker, the Second World Champion, begins at the most basic level, explaining the board, the pieces, how they move and then goes on to describe the fundamentals of chess strategy, chess tactics and even chess philosophy. The result is one of best chess books ever written. This 21st Century Edition has been supplemented with dozens of archival photographs of Lasker and his contemporaries. In addition, an entertaining and instructive feature, "Lasker Lore," highlights the chess history and trivia of the Lasker era. Finally, if the significance of "Lasker's Chess Manual," needed to offer more, the greatest chess instructor of the modern era, Mark Dvoretsky, has penned a special foreword to this new edition of the legendary classic.

Chinese edition of The Art of Learning: a journey in the pursuit of excellence. The biography of Josh Waitzkin, the chess prodigy and four time winner of four Tai Chi pushing hands tournaments. Waitzkin was the subject of "Searching for Bobby Fischer," the story of his early years, written by his father, and was adapted to film. In Traditional Chinese. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

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century ago, this is a completely revised and updated edition of the book that has been the standard English language reference on chess openings. An invaluable resource for club and tournament players, it now includes information on recent matches and the most up-to-date theory on chess openings. Modern Chess Openings is ideal for intermediate players ready to elevate their game to the next level or International Grandmasters who want to stay on top of recent chess innovations.

Richard Réti (1889-1929) was both a master player and a superb endgame composer. He was also a prominent member of the hyper-modern school and author of two of the greatest chess books ever written, Masters of the Chessboard and Modern Ideas in Chess. His games, which greatly influenced chess strat-egy, are known for their many innovations, beautifully developed combinations, and important advances in opening play and strategy. There are 70 games in this book, selected from all stages of Réti's career. Early games show the budding of Réti's almost phenomenal positional skills and his rise to status of great master with first prize wins at Kaschau and the international tournament of Gothenburg, 1920. There are many games from the tournaments of 1922, during the development of the Réti and the English openings including Réti-Rubinstein 1923, Réti-Becker 1923, Réti - Bogolyubov 1924, and his stunning defeat of Capablanca in 1924. The games from 1925 to his premature death in 1929 show his further development and number among them many which made the chess world sit up and take notice. Fifteen of Réti's most interesting composed endgames are also included. There is a short memoir and expert annotation by Harry Golombek. For this edition Raymond Keene has written a new Introduction.

Start your game effectively and place your chess pieces on strong squares right from the start. If you are a beginner first read the basic chess rules and then come back here. You will learn how to play chess and the best tactics and strategies to dominate each game. Allow this book to bring you step-by-step through the fundamental rules of playing the game and presenting the most significant chess openings. Controlling every game and stepping in your game has never been simpler. This comprehensive guide will help you learn the most powerful chess tactics and strategies of the planet's greatest grand chess masters. This book covers: - How expert chess players play: all their secrets unveiled to you - How to analyze your games - Train tactics to become a pro player - Chess basics and rules: the pillars for your victories - Opening strategies: how to start in the better way - How to defend yourself And much more!

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