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Chess Calculation Training

There is much published on chess tactics, strategy, openings and endings, but little on how to come up with imaginative solutions through logical thinking and evaluation. This book is dedicated to that task and provides over 700 'fresh' positions, incorporating a variety of schemes of thought for the reader to solve. The examples emphasise the power of logical and resourceful thinking, quick wit and imagination. In each chapter the author presents little-explored concepts, such as progressive and reciprocal thinking, to help the reader achieve decisive results and to make fewer mistakes in calculation. The material has been accumulated by the author over many years as a trainer and will be of great benefit to competitive players seeking to improve their methods of thinking.

1001 Chess Exercises for Club Players

This exceptional book continues the unique project where one of the greatest chess players of our time transforms her personal journey to the top into a roadmap for everyone who ever wanted to better themselves in the game of chess. In this volume, Judit tells the story of her rise from teenage grandmaster to Top Ten superstar.

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From GM to Top Ten

The purpose of this book is simple - it is intended to raise your rating (or just greatly improve your game if you're not a rated player). Rather than go into a lengthy explanation of why practicing tactics is so critical to improvement, I'll just tell you about my own experience. I started playing tournament chess in the 1980's and spent about 20 years rated in the 1500-1650 range while I studied opening books, endgame books, and strategy books to no avail (you can see my rating graph here: http://main.uschess.org/datapage/ratings_graph.php?memid=12413721).

Over the years I had read occasional comments about the importance of focusing on tactics above all else, but it never really sunk in. Sometime in 2007, I read a column by the outstanding instructor Dan Heisman about the importance of tactics, that was so well written and persuasive, that it finally sunk in that I needed to try focusing on tactics. Well, suffice it to say that it worked. I started working on tactics in the excellent book "Sharpen Your Tactics" by Anatoly Lein (almost) every day and my rating rose to a peak of 1845. Then sometime in 2009 I gradually got away from working on tactics for various reasons and my rating plummeted back to 1600. In 2012 I started studying tactics once more and peaked at 1858 at which point I started working on this book and stopped doing my daily tactics practice and my rating plummeted again. Since finishing the book, I've gotten back to daily tactics practice and my rating has again started climbing. So why THIS tactics book as

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opposed to others. It contains tactics from real amateur games - the kinds of tactics you're likely to see in your own games! I think you'll find this book to actually be fun! So buy this book, enjoy it, and watch your rating rise!

Tactics Training Paul Morphy

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

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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

Learn Chess the Right Way!

Anatoly Karpov (1951) is one of the greatest chess players of all time. The Russian grandmaster was World Champion from 1975 to 1985. He became World Champion when the American Bobby Fischer refused to defend his title. And he was dethroned when he lost a match to Garry Kasparov in 1985. Karpov was ranked the World's number one player for 90 months. He won well over a hundred top-tournaments. Karpov's play was deceptively simple. He always found good moves to glue his his position together. 'Finding the right plan is the key to success', said

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Karpov. But he always had a sharp eye for tactical solutions as well. In this training book you don't have to find the right plan, but the right moves! This book will provide you with one hundred training exercises, in positions where Karpov turned the game in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. Don't give up!

Learn from Michal Krasenkow

Chess is an interesting, challenging and complicated game which is why it is loved and has been embraced by over 500 million people worldwide. All players would like to improve, but many aren't sure where to start. This book addresses how to improve in the Opening, Middlegame and the Endgame by offering a guide of what to study and a System of Thinking to help guide you through your games.

Improve Your Chess Tactics

Judit Polgar is the strongest female chess player of all time. From an early age on the Hungarian prodigy baffled the world with her sensational triumphs. At the age of 15 she beat Bobby Fischer's record to become the youngest grandmaster in history. During her glorious career, which she ended in 2014, she defeated World Champions Boris Spassky, Anatoly Karpov, Garry Kasparov, Vishy Anand and

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Magnus Carlsen. To reach the 8th spot in the FIDE World Rankings (for men) and belong to the very best for many years, as Judit Polgar did, you obviously have to be a brilliant all-round chess player. Still, she will be first and foremost remembered for her attacking skills. Her electrifying combinations and tactical triumphs set her apart. As former U.S. Champion Joel Benjamin said after he lost to her: "She is a tiger at the chessboard. She absolutely has a killer instinct." Award-winning author Charles Hertan has revisited the gold mine of Judit Polgar's games and selected her best and most instructive tactics. They are arranged by theme and presented with helpful explanations and lots of practical advice. You will be inspired by her clever traps, stunning sacrifices and cunning endgame tricks. You will learn from her tactical vision, calculating skills and counter-intuitive ideas. *Strike Like Judit* is a riveting guide that will help you win more games as you will find killer moves more easily and more quickly.

Chess

The test positions in this instructive book cover the entire spectrum of what a modern club player should know. The reader is invited to find tactical blows, deep strategic manoeuvres, opening traps, standard endgame plans and other principles in action. Sarhan Guliev and his brother Logman Guliev have carefully selected the positions from their own games. That is why these puzzles are completely unknown outside the former Soviet Union. The fact that they originated from real games

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guarantees that the tests are practical, not artificial. The solutions rarely involve spectacular fireworks, as is the case in most chess puzzle books. The solution may be a quiet move or you may be asked for a reasoned evaluation. In the solutions the Guliev brothers clearly explain the underlying ideas and the principles that are involved. They always offer a general conclusion and have added thoughtprovoking and entertaining aphorisms. In addition there are points to earn with every solution, so students can keep track of their development. Solving the puzzles in this unusual and entertaining book is a most effective way to improve your chess. It will help you to develop a vital skill: the ability to take practical decision in critical moments.

Tactics Training - Garry Kasparov

TACTICS, TRICKS AND TRAPS! For casual players and club players. Every chess player loves to win early in the game with a deadly combination or a cunning trap. On the other hand, nobody wants to be tricked by his opponent before the game has really started. The chess opening is a minefield. The popular series Tactics in the Chess Opening teaches casual players and club players how to recognize opportunities to attack early in the game. You will also learn how to avoid standard pitfalls in the opening. This book explains, in more than 230 carefully selected and annotated games, all the tactical themes and typical traps of the main lines in: -- the Sicilian Defence After studying these brilliant surprise attacks, or just enjoying

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them, the adventurous chess player will win more games.

The Fastest Way to Improve at Chess: A Thinking System to Find Better Moves

'Learn from Michal Krasenkow' is a splendid walk through the games and life of the author. Michal presents his games in the most instructive way and gives the reader a deeper look of his own thinking. We are convinced you will find many fascinating games inspiring the reader to improve his game as well!

Tactics Training - Judit Polgar

Judit Polgar is known for her aggressive chess style, which makes her a perfect role model for this tactics training series. One hundred training exercises are offered, in which the strongest female chess player in the world blows her opponents off the board with sparkling tactics. The puzzles start at a moderate level, and then gradually get more difficult. Are you up for the challenge? Judit Polgar (1976) is regarded as the strongest female chess player in history. For more than 25 years (1989-2015) she was ranked #1 in the Women's World Rankings. In 2005 Polgar became # 8 of the world, which was her highest ranking on the Men's Rating List.

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The Polgar Sisters

This tactics training book gives you the opportunity to make the same winning moves as super Grandmaster Fabiano Caruana made in his games. One hundred training exercises are offered here, in positions which the Italian turned in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. How many good moves can you make in a row?

Tactics Training - Jan Timman

The Tactician's Handbook In the late 1990s, American publisher Pickard & Son released five books, each dedicated to a unique tactical theme, and each with approximately 100 pages. Written by the late Russian correspondence master Victor Charushin, the books were Alekhine's Block, Combination Cross, Lasker's Combination, Mitrofanov's Deflection, and The Steeplechase. They were very well-received by chessplayers everywhere. And, in fact, Charushin had written two more books in the series, Domination, and Less Common Combinations, but these were not released. For this edition of The Tactician's Handbook, German grandmaster Karsten Müller has carefully reviewed and then selected the material he thought most enlightening. Then instructive exercises were added. All the analysis has been checked by the silicon monster, while Charushin's notes and

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comments were revised where necessary. All seven titles were then combined into one comprehensive volume. Add to that a foreword by one of the great tacticians of our time, Hungarian grandmaster Judit Polgar, and the result is an excellent, instructive handbook covering some of the most exciting tactics in chess. The Tactician's Handbook is sure to provide you with many hours of enjoyment and instruction!

Range

Everything about tactics in a single book: - checkmate patterns - tactical patterns - the art of calculation - useful tactical rules - positional rules having a bearing on tactics and much much more. All written in a funny entertaining style. A must for any tactical aficionado.

New In Chess Gameprep Elo 1600-1800

The Polgar Way to Better Chess! Learn Chess the Right Way is a five-volume chess puzzle book series aimed at the novice, beginner and intermediate level player, using the unique methods of the award-winning coach and former world champion Susan Polgar. It introduces the most important checkmate and material-winning tactics, as well as defensive techniques to the new chess player. Each of the five

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volumes will consist of over 500 puzzles. Volume 2 is all about “winning material” exercises. In each of the first six chapters a certain piece captures an enemy piece (in chapter 1 – The Queen, in chapter 2 – The Rook, and so on). In chapter 7, you will get no hint about which piece should be moved. In chapters 8-12, the most common and important chess tactics (such as decoy, fork, pin, discovery and skewer) are introduced. Finally, in chapter 13, in addition to the previously mentioned patterns, you will need to figure out which tactical pattern to use to win material, including concepts like “trapping a piece” or “intermediate move.” With over 40 years of experience as a world-class player and coach, international grandmaster Susan Polgar has developed the most effective way to help young players and beginners – Learn Chess the Right Way. Let her show you the way to understanding the most common and critical patterns and let her show you the way to becoming a better player. SUSAN POLGAR is a winner of four Women’s World Championships and the top-ranked woman chess player in the United States. She became the #1 woman player in the world at 15 and remained in the top 3 for over 20 years. In 2013, she received the U.S. Coach of the Year Award and the following year, she was named the Chess Trainer of the Year by the International Chess Federation (FIDE). She thus became the first person in history to be accorded both honors. Under her guidance, SPICE chess teams at both Texas Tech University and Webster University have won a combined six consecutive National Division I Collegiate Chess Championships.

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How I Beat Fischer's Record

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Imagination in Chess

"Notions of chess have been shattered by a teen-age Hungarian girl - some call her modest and soft-spoken, but many opponents know her as a ferocious tiger over the board - who after years of steady progress began breathing down the necks of the top men and now has broken the barrier of one of the worlds most exclusive clubs: she has earned the rank of grandmaster at 15 years, 5 months, one month younger than Bobby Fischer when he did it 34 years ago." New York Times, 1992

Great achievements often take a lifetime of preparation, but when these achievements are becoming the World Number 1 woman chess player at the age of 12 and the youngest ever grandmaster at the age of 15 you have to start early! In this very personal book Judit Polgar describes her early moments of success and the chess ideas she needed to master to achieve them. This exceptional book is the beginning of a unique project where one of the greatest players of our time transforms her personal journey to the top into a roadmap for everyone who ever wanted to better themselves in the game of chess.

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Chess Tactics for Champions

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.

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winning tactics, as well as defensive techniques to the new chess player. Each of the five volumes will consist of 500 puzzles. In Book 1, the focus is on one-move checkmate exercises. In each of the first five chapters, a specific piece delivers checkmate (in Chapter 1 – the queen, Chapter 2 – the rook, and so on). In Chapters 6-8, checkmates which involve special tactics (such as pins, discovered attacks, etc.) are introduced. Chapter 9 has a mixed collection of puzzles, without any hint about which piece is to deliver checkmate. Chapter 10 builds on the previous 9 chapters, and introduces basic patterns of checkmate in two moves. With over 40 years of experience as a world-class player and coach, international grandmaster Susan Polgar has developed the most effective way to help young players and beginners – Learn Chess the Right Way. Let her show you the way to understanding the most common and critical patterns and let her show you the way to becoming a better player. SUSAN POLGAR is a winner of four Women's World Championships and the top-ranked woman chess player in the United States. She became the #1 woman player in the world at 15 and remained in the top 3 for over 20 years. In 2013, she received the U.S. Coach of the Year Award and the following year, she was named the Chess Trainer of the Year by the International Chess Federation (FIDE). She thus became the first person in history to be accorded both honors. Under her guidance, SPICE chess teams at both Texas Tech University and Webster University have won a combined five consecutive National Division I Collegiate Chess Championships.

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Tactics Training - Mikhail Tal

The Tactician's Handbook

This tactics training book gives you the opportunity to get in the shoes of the most famous attacking player of all time. It offers one hundred training exercises in positions the former World Champion turned in his favour. Can you be as imaginative as Mikhail Tal was? Mikhail Tal (1936-1992) was the 8th World Champion in the history of chess. In 1960 he defeated Mikhail Botvinnik in a World Championship match by 12,5-8,5. At that moment the 'Magician from Riga' was 23 years old, and he became the youngest World Champion ever.

Alma

A guide showing various ways to sharpen your attacking technique in chess. It shows how to exploit an opponent's weaknesses, when and how to exchange off into a winning endgame, describes how to launch attacks and handle desperate counterplay, and includes practical test positions.

Tactics in the Chess Opening 1

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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.

Tactics Training - Bobby Fischer

Chess: 5334 Problems, Combinations and Games By L[♠]szl[♠] Polg[♠]r

100 Chess Master Trade Secrets

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

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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.

Chess Strategy for Club Players

Provides an inside view of the lives of the Polgar sisters, each with their own goals and aspirations. This book takes readers through the incredible development of the three sisters as they pursued their dreams. It also includes a compilation of some of the Polgar sisters' most stunning chess games.

Neverending Tactics: 3003 Positions to Perfection

Bobby Fischer Robert James 'Bobby' Fischer (1943-2008) was the eleventh World Chess Champion. In 1972 the American defeated the reigning World Champion at that time, Boris Spassky, in a very tense match. People still talk about this 'Cold

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War confrontation', which was known for its dramatic events. Fischer's road to the World title did not go unnoticed by Hollywood. On September 2015 the movie 'Pawn Sacrifice' was released in the United States. The movie is based on Bobby's Fischer's challenging of the top Soviet chess grandmasters during the Cold War, resulting in the clash with Spassky in 1972. In 1975, Fischer abdicated his title when an agreement could not be reached with FIDE, the World Chess Federation. After that he disappeared from the chess scene, but suddenly emerged to play a re-match against Boris Spassky in 1992. He won the match convincingly, although experts claimed he no longer had the strength of a World Champion. Again, after beating Spassky in a match, Fischer did not play (tournament) chess anymore. Fischer only hit the headlines for his controversial views and behavior outside the chessboard. During his career he was known for 'being different', but as time progressed his behavior became more and more strange. After 1992, for twelve years Fischer was on the run from the US government, which issued an arrest warrant against him for violating the UN sanctions and not paying his taxes. Eventually, Iceland granted him asylum in 2005. At the symbolic age of 64 Fischer died in a hospital in Reykjavik, the city where he had become World Champion. Bobby Fischer was one the greatest chess players of all time. He was renowned for his opening preparation, but probably most people will remember Fischer as the attacking player with a relentless will to win. Some typical Fischer quotes: "Chess is war over the board. The object is to crush the opponent's mind. I like the moment when I break a man's ego. You have to have the fighting spirit. You have to force

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moves and take chances." Another thing Fischer said was, "All that matters on the chessboard is good moves!" In this tactics training book you will get the opportunity to play the same good moves as Fischer did. This book offers you one hundred training exercises, in which Fischer turned the game in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. Good luck!

Progressive Tactics

The author focused in his first volume of pure chess calculation on middlegames. Romain has carefully selected 496 positions, which arose in real games in the recent past. He separated the exercises into 11 different categories, covering both tactics and strategy, attack and defence. This book is a fantastic training tool for any player to improve his level of chess thinking.

Breaking Through

WINNER of the ChessCafe 2008 Book of the Year Award SHORTLISTED for The Guardian 2008 Chess Book of the Year Award Why is it that the human brain so often refuses to consider winning chess tactics? Every chess fan marvels at the wonderful combinations with which famous masters win their games. How do they find those fantastic moves? Do they have special vision? And why do computers

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outwit us tactically? Forcing Chess Moves proposes a revolutionary method for finding winning moves. Charles Hertan has made an astonishing discovery: the failure to consider key moves is often due to human bias. Your brain tends to disregard many winning moves because they are counter-intuitive or look unnatural. It's a fact of life: computers outdo us humans when it comes to tactical vision and brute force calculation. So why not learn from them? Charles Hertan's radically different approach is: use COMPUTER EYES and always look for the most forcing move first. By studying forcing sequences according to Hertan's method you will: Develop analytical precision Improve your tactical vision Overcome human bias and staleness Enjoy the calculation of difficult positions Win more games by recognizing moves that matter. This New and Extended Fourth Edition of Hertan's award-winning modern classic includes 50 extra pages with new and instructive combinations. There is a foreword by three-time US chess champion Joel Benjamin, and a special foreword to this new edition by Swedish Grandmaster Pontus Carlsson.

1001 Brilliant Ways to Checkmate

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Attacking Technique

The best advice for chess players who want to improve quickly is: get better at tactics! Simply because the vast majority of amateur games is decided through tactics you will immediately start beating more opponents when you improve your tactical skills. Experienced Russian Grandmaster Jakov Neishtadt has selected those examples from the games of masters that have the biggest instructional

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value for club players. In the first part of the book Neishstadt teaches a systematic course on the most important tactical themes. The second part consist of an exam with hundreds of tests from real-life chess, in random order so as not to give unwelcome hints on how to solve them. The solutions are not just lists of moves, but include instructive prose.

Learn Chess the Right Way

This training book can help you warm up your chess brain before every game of a classic chess tournament. This collection has enough exercises for ten games: 5 x 10 exercises for White and 5 x 10 for Black. We advise you to prepare for each game with a series of ten exercises. It will take you 20 to 30 minutes to solve these ten puzzles. All exercises will highlight several areas of the tactical spectrum. Use ten exercises in which White has to find the best move when you will play White, to help you visualize your next game. Or use ten exercises for Black when you will be playing that side of the board. We have prepared several collections for chess players of different strength: ELO-rating: 1400-1600 (post-beginner, internet chess player) ELO-rating: 1600-1800 (club player or experienced internet player) ELO-rating: 1800-2000 (strong club player) ELO-rating: 2000-2200 (strong tournament player) ELO-rating: 2200+ Master level Tactics should be an important part of your game preparation. You can build up a powerful position by strong strategical play, but one tactical oversight will cost you the game. Because tactics is such a crucial

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element in chess, it is necessary to train your tactical skills. Not only before a tournament, but also during a tournament. Have you ever seen a professional athlete entering a match without any warm-up exercises? Like in physical sports it is essential to make your muscles ready for action. In chess it is important to kick-start your brain before you play a game. The brain works like a muscle! It needs exercise to function properly. Why focus on tactics? Reuben Fine, a former top ten player, once said: 'Combinations have always been the most intriguing aspect of Chess. The masters look for them, the public applauds them, the critics praise them. It is because combinations are possible that Chess is more than a lifeless mathematical exercise. They are the poetry of the game; they are to Chess what melody is to music. They represent the triumph of mind over matter'. Good luck! Frank Erwich, chess coach & MSc Psychology, Leiden, The Netherlands This training book can help you warm up your chess brain before every game of a classic chess tournament. This collection has enough exercises for ten games: 5 x 10 exercises for White and 5 x 10 for Black.

Tactics Training - Anatoly Karpov

Paul Morphy (1837-1884) is considered to have been the greatest chess player of his era. The American was a chess prodigy who, according to his uncle Ernest Morphy, learned the rules of the royal game from watching others play. By the time he was 13, he was already one of the best players in America. After 1850

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Morphy did not play 'serious' chess for a long time. In 1857 he earned a law degree, but had to wait until his 21st birthday to legally begin work as an attorney. To bridge the gap, he returned to chess and in 1857 he won the First American Chess Congress, a tournament in which the top 16 players in America were invited. In June 1858, still unable to begin a law career, Morphy went to Europe to challenge the best European players. His main goal was to play a match against Howard Staunton, who was at the time considered the best player in the world, but the British Master called off the match when Morphy was in Paris. Instead, Morphy met other great players as Löwenthal, Harrwitz and Anderssen and beat them all by a big margin. After these victories, many regarded Morphy as the World Champion. After his return from Europe, and having crushed the finest competition the chess world had to offer, Morphy declared himself retired from the game. Occasionally, he played some matches, but only where his opponents received odds. Even with a rook and a knight down, Morphy regularly managed to outplay his (less skilled) opponents. Morphy's sudden withdrawal from chess at his peak earned him the name 'The Pride and Sorrow of Chess'. Garry Kasparov praised Morphy in his series On My Great Predecessors. In Volume 1 he says: 'We remember the brilliant flight of the American super-genius Paul Morphy, who in a couple of years (1857-59) conquered both the New and the Old Worlds. He revealed a thunderous blend of pragmatism, aggression and accurate calculation to the world -- qualities that enabled America to accomplish a powerful spurt in the second half of the 19th century. Paul Morphy was the greatest chess player that

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ever lived. Every student of the game, who has delved into the stories of the past, realizes that no one ever was so far superior to the players of his time, or ever defeated his opponents with such ease, and no one ever offered knight odds to the men who considered themselves his equal.' Try this training course and check out if you can compete with Morphy's tactical ingenuity. This book offers you one hundred training exercises, in which the unofficial World Champion turned the game in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. Are you up for the challenge?

Strike Like Judit!

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

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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.

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The #1 New York Times bestseller that has all America talking: as seen/heard on Morning Joe, CBS This Morning, The Bill Simmons Podcast, Rich Roll, and more. Shortlisted for the Financial Times/McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award “The most important business—and parenting—book of the year.” —Forbes “Urgent and important. . . an essential read for bosses, parents, coaches, and anyone who cares about improving performance.” —Daniel H. Pink “So much crucial and revelatory information about performance, success, and education.” —Susan Cain, bestselling author of *Quiet* “As David Epstein shows us, cultivating range prepares us for the wickedly unanticipated... a well-supported and smoothly written case on behalf of breadth and late starts.” —Wall Street Journal Plenty of experts argue that anyone who wants to develop a skill, play an instrument, or lead their field should start

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early, focus intensely, and rack up as many hours of deliberate practice as possible. If you dabble or delay, you'll never catch up to the people who got a head start. But a closer look at research on the world's top performers, from professional athletes to Nobel laureates, shows that early specialization is the exception, not the rule. David Epstein examined the world's most successful athletes, artists, musicians, inventors, forecasters and scientists. He discovered that in most fields—especially those that are complex and unpredictable—generalists, not specialists, are primed to excel. Generalists often find their path late, and they juggle many interests rather than focusing on one. They're also more creative, more agile, and able to make connections their more specialized peers can't see. Provocative, rigorous, and engrossing, *Range* makes a compelling case for actively cultivating inefficiency. Failing a test is the best way to learn. Frequent quitters end up with the most fulfilling careers. The most impactful inventors cross domains rather than deepening their knowledge in a single area. As experts silo themselves further while computers master more of the skills once reserved for highly focused humans, people who think broadly and embrace diverse experiences and perspectives will increasingly thrive.

Forcing Chess Moves

Garry Kasparov is a fighter, both in chess and in life. The 13th World Champion regards his playing style as 'a symbiosis of the styles of Alekhine, Tal and Fischer'.

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Kasparov was known for his deep opening analysis, but also for his positional understanding and combinatory play. Do you want to adopt Kasparov-like thought processes in your own games? Try this tactics training book and play the same winning moves as the former World Champion did in his games! One hundred training exercises are offered, in positions where Kasparov turned the game in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. Don't give up!

Tactics Training - Fabiano Caruana

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

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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.

Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual

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

1001 Chess Exercises for Beginners

Jan Timman (1951) is a former World Championship Candidate who rose to the number two spot of the FIDE world rankings. The Dutch grandmaster was one of the world's leading players from the late 1970s to the early 1990s and is still

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playing actively in open tournaments and in club leagues. At the peak of his career he was considered to be the best non-Soviet player and was known as 'The Best of the West'. In 1993 he qualified for the final of the FIDE World Championship, but lost the match against Anatoly Karpov. He has won the Dutch Chess Championship nine times and has been a Candidate for the World Championship several times. He has won dozens of tournaments, including Wijk aan Zee (1981 and 1985), Linares (1988) and the World Cup tournament in Rotterdam (1989). In a rapid tournament in 1991, in a knock-out format, he beat Gata Kamsky, Anatoly Karpov, Viswanathan Anand and World Champion Garry Kasparov to claim the title. Timman is one of the best chess writers and annotators. He is the author of several highly acclaimed bestsellers, such as Curaçao 1962, On the Attack!, and Power Chess with Pieces. He is editor of New In Chess magazine and editor-in-chief of New In Chess Yearbook. Try this training book and play the same winning moves as GM Timman. In this book you will get one hundred training exercises, in positions where Timman turned the game in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. Don't give up!

Test Your Chess Skills

On a fateful summer afternoon Alma, Drifter, Felix and Bella are mysteriously transported to an alien world. Can they find their way back home? To succeed, they will need to make clever decisions - and perhaps even some sacrifices. The

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magic of chess features in an exciting adventure story. To enjoy this book, you don't need to know how to play chess - Alma's companions don't. But without their help, Alma would be doomed to fail

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