

## Chess Tactics

Why are football and chess 'beautiful games'? Do top football coaches read the pitch as a chess player reads the board? What is the connection between Jose Mourinho's defensive cunning and Grandmaster Wilhelm Steinitz's 'principles of defence'? The global popularity of football and chess remains unmatched by any other game. In this book, Adam Wells argues that stereotypical views of the games have concealed a deep connection between them. The first study of its kind, this book explores a rich world of tactics, psychology and aesthetics. Structural principles are analysed using real life examples to show how these connections play out on the board and in the field. This book is accessible to fans of either game, including football fans with no previous knowledge of chess. Readers will see how chess can be a pulsating, dynamic game, whilst appreciating that football shares much of the mystery and structural beauty of the world's greatest board game.

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 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.

Nearly all chess games are won by basic tactical methods. This book makes these methods memorable and clear.

The follow-up to the internationally bestselling volume 1. Are you ready to seriously improve your game? It has been said that chess is 99% tactics but whether that is an accurate reflection is hard to tell. Nevertheless, it is important. But if you are like most players, you only discover the tactics after you come home and run through your game with a chess engine. So what to do? In the present book, you will be challenged 404 times but unlike most tactics puzzle books you don't know what your objective is: do I need to find a mate, find an opportunity skewer or pin a piece, use a tactical turn to gain a positional advantage and how far do I need to calculate? These questions are you are faced with when you play your own games and therefore this book tries to replicate this position. Your one advantage over the players in the respective positions is that you know that there is supposed to be something in there for you to find. The puzzles vary a lot in difficulty, some are relatively easy, some are incredibly difficult, but most are somewhere in between. However, most of the puzzles are layered so that even when you think the answer is obvious, it is worth looking further because your idea may be the decoy left there for you to get

distracted from the actual solution. Working through the puzzles and then carefully play through the thoroughly annotated solutions will help you to up your tactical radar as well as your calculation skills. So if you are up for the challenge, here is the opportunity to take the leap forward. Good luck!

Any chess enthusiast knows how important tactics is in the "royal game" and how crucial it is to make a thorough study of this aspect of the game. But up to now opinion has been divided on the best way of studying tactics. The well-known Soviet international, grandmaster and chess author Averbakh has developed an entirely novel approach, which is expounded in the present work. His main aim was to create a theoretical basis with whose aid the learner can effortlessly study the numerous and manifold tactical problems facing the chess player. Averbakh begins by examining the simplest situations resulting from confrontations between different pieces. He then proceeds to analyze more complex situations and demonstrates the importance of the double attack. With instructive examples he proves that double attacks in the broadest sense are the basis of most tactical operations. This discovery prompted Averbakh to focus his attention on the double attack in the first part of the book. The second part is devoted to combinations. The author delves into the question of what lies hidden behind the mysterious concept of harmony of pieces. The astonishing simplicity of the answer he finds to this question enables him to reduce the bulk of the combinations to a handful of basic elements. From this Averbakh derives a convincing definition of the term "combination" and introduces a new, promising system of classifying different combinations. All this is explained with the aid of numerous practical examples including complete games and chess problems. The book contains special chapters with numerous exercise problems for the reader to test and consolidate his newly-acquired skill. In this way Averbakh's work is both very instructive and easy to understand.

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

Introduces the game of chess, pieces and how they move, and classic strategies and tactics from each stage of the game.

This publication is a collection of nearly 500 best combinations played by strong chess players in tournaments that took place in 2017. To see the solution for the combination - go to the next page in your e-reader. This book is the continuation of the "Practical Tactics" series, which provides instructive tactical positions from

the most recent top chess tournaments. Practical Tactics will allow you to \*

- \* Follow the recent games of top grandmasters
- \* Improve your game
- \* Study combinations any time and anywhere
- \* Enjoy a collection of annotated puzzles that you have not seen in any other tactics books
- \* Maintain regular practice by solving several puzzles every day

For the purpose of this collection, the author used Mikhail Botvinnik's definition of a combination, which defines it as "a forced maneuver or maneuvers combined with a sacrifice, as a result of which the active side gains an objective advantage". All the puzzles have been carefully checked to ensure the correctness and uniqueness of solutions, so the reader can be certain that there is only one winning continuation in each position. The previous volumes in the "Practical Tactics" Series were: Best Combinations of 2015 - January, February, March Best Combinations of 2015 - April, May, June Best Combinations of 2015 - July, August, September Best Combinations of 2015 - October, November, December Modern Chess Combinations - January, February, March 2016 Modern Chess Combinations - April, May, June 2016 Modern Chess Combinations - July, August, September 2016 Modern Chess Combinations - October, November, December 2016

In 1988, his autobiography *The Grass Arena* catapulted John Healy to worldwide literary fame. That harrowing tale described how Healy by discovering chess, escaped alcoholism, violence and crime. Many fans have wondered how Healy did as a chess player. In this book Healy uses over a hundred of his own games to show how unusual tactics or defensive motifs can turn the tide in any position. Along with the games the author describes in eloquent but brutal language the beautiful, sometimes terrible world of chess. The prologue *Blood Sport* is a fine piece of vintage Healy non-fiction. A must-buy book for chess lovers, tactics buffs and Healy fans.

**WINNING FAST IS FUN!** This book is a collection of games played by the best players in the world in which either White or Black wins in 15 moves or less either a result of brilliant chess tactics, an accumulation of mistakes or blunders.

Through the study of the games in this volume, you will improve your: Opening play Opening repertoire Tactical vision Tactical ability. The chess opening variations in this volume are all the variations of the 1.e4 e5 such as: 1) Scotch Game 2) Italian Game & Evans Gambit 3) Two Knights 4) Ruy Lopez 5) Three & Four Knights 6) King's Gambit 7) The Petroff 8) Philidor & Minor Defenses 9) Various Gambits

Short games in chess have always fascinated me; what is it that is causing a player to go so wrong that he or she loses within 15 moves (or 25 moves as in my Chess Miniatures Series)? The games in this book illustrate the making of and punishment of a lot of typical mistakes: Loose pawns & pieces Not calculating far enough Over-burdened pieces Overlooked intermediary moves Miscalculations Not sensing danger And much more of that kind But the games also include a surprising amount of tactics (see the front cover - White to move), sometimes even missed tactical opportunities. I have chosen only from games of players that were rated 2350 and above (or would have rated as such, but it was

before the rating system was put in place), because I felt that if mistakes like these can be played by such strong players, then there are lessons to be learned for the majority of the rest us. Further, I sorted away the worst games, such as when one side a piece is threatened and the other side forgets to move a threatened piece, even that happens among strong players. Through the study of the games in this book should help you avoid a lot of mistakes in your own games, help you to take advantage of the mistakes of your opponents and ultimately sharpen your tactics and tactical awareness by answering the prompts to the diagrammed positions. Enjoy!

A mastery of tactics is essential to a competitive chess player, and the original *Advanced Chess Tactics* became an instant classic in this field. "This book is absolutely superb. For serious players... this volume will provide a wonderful breadth of study material and act as a workbook to advance your skills and understanding of this important topic..." was Carsten Hansen's comment when awarding the book 6/6 stars. This new edition benefits from various analytical tweaks, plus an entirely new chapter dedicated to attacking in the French Defence, an opening which the author knows better than almost anyone, having played it for most of his career. Readers are sure to find this an invaluable addition to the original chapters, which remain usefully categorized by opening or common pawn structure.

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Chess tactics explained in English: the website [www.chesstactics.org](http://www.chesstactics.org) in book form. This volume is the first in a two-part set. The two books together contain over a thousand examples organized in unprecedented detail. Every position is accompanied by a commentary describing a train of thought that leads to the solution; these books thus are the ideal learning tool for those who prefer explanations in words to long strings of notation. This first volume provides an introduction to tactics and explains forks and discovered attacks. (Book II covers pins and skewers, removal of the guard, and mating patterns.) A hardcover version is also available.

Introducing thirteen basic chess tactics in a variety of frequently encountered positional patterns.

Once you have figured out how all the chess pieces move, what is the next step up the chess ladder? This helpful and entertaining book provides you with the complete answer. In this easy-to-follow guide, renowned chess teacher Chris Ward explains all the crucial checkmating patterns, plus how to catch out your opponents with an assortment of tricks and traps, commonly known as chess tactics. There is something for everyone in this book: improving players can benefit from learning the basic checkmates and the key tactics such as attacking and defending pieces, forks, pins and skewers, while more experienced players can discover the delights of advanced checkmates and sneaky tricks, ones that can flummox even the world's best players! Learning chess tactics is fun and one of the quickest ways of improving your chess, and it's even more enjoyable when your opponents begin falling for your tricks! Read this book and, with the help of a Grandmaster, you will be ready to unleash your weapons in your chess battles, whoever your opponent may be. \*An ideal chess tactics and checkmates guide for the improving player \*Written by a distinguished chess author \*Full of notes, tips and warnings to help the reader Chris Ward is a Grandmaster and a former British Champion. He is also a highly successful chess teacher, having coached many of England's top junior players, and a popular author thanks to his attractive and humorous style. His earlier works for Everyman Chess include *It's Your Move* and the best-selling *Improve Your Opening Play*.

Illustrates 50 tactics that experienced chess masters use to win their games.

This comprehensive book describes and analyses the intriguing array of tactics available to every chess player. With the help of progressively more difficult exercises and problems, Paul Littlewood shows the reader how to deploy a variety of tactics for attack and how to defend against each type of tactic successfully. Armed with this guide, players of all abilities, from the beginner to the experienced player, will find that they can significantly raise the level of their game.

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 world's 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](#)

If only real life were like a book on chess tactics! But during a game you are on your own, and nobody will whisper in your ear that you have reached a position that is, in fact, a tactical puzzle and all you have to do is solve it. What you need, discovered Emmanuel Neiman in his long career as a chess trainer, is a way to read the signals which indicate that, somewhere in the position you are looking at, there is a tactical blow. What you need is a Chess Tactics Antenna! This trailblazing book by award-winning author Neiman provides a set of tools that enables the average club player to determine the moment he needs to look for win.

Everybody wants to win fast, preferably straight out of the chess opening. This book is a collection of games played by top players in which either White or Black wins in 15 moves or less either a result of blunders, an accumulation of mistakes or brilliant chess tactics. Through the study of the games in this volume, you will improve your opening play, opening repertoire, strategies and tactical ability. The chess openings covered in this volume are: 1) Minor Flank Openings such as Larsen Attack, Bird Opening, Dunst Opening 2) Reti Opening & King's Indian Attack 3) English Opening - Slav, Dutch, Indian Lines 4) English Opening with 1...e5 5) Symmetrical English After sorting games with the worst mistakes & blunders away, there remains a collection of games showing a catalog of typical mistakes, misunderstandings, miscalculations and how to exploit these: either through simple execution or brilliant chess tactics.

Both a fascinating challenge and great training tool, these tricky tactical problems are not only fun to solve but great for advanced beginners, intermediate, and expert players to use as tools to improve their game. Tactics are presented in order of difficulty so that players can advance from simple to complex positions. Examples from actual games illustrate a wide range of tactics from the classics right up to the current games. You'll learn to use pins, single and double forks, double attacks, skewers, discovered and double checks, multiple threat tactics and other crushing tactics as part of their problem-solving challenges. Great stuff and fun too!

Illustrations

George Huczek is a CCCA (Canadian Correspondence Chess Association) Senior Candidate Master and was on the CFC (Canadian Chess Federation) Board of Governors. George is currently a retired high school science and computer science teacher and lives in Canada. A to Z Chess Tactics is his first book.

Chess... Master It Today! This book contains tips and techniques that can help you improve your playing strength. It will discuss the things that you have to learn in order to become an excellent chess player. Then, it will teach you the ultimate strategies that you can implement in your own games. Finally, it will show you the best tactics that can help you crush your

opponents easily. This book uses theoretical explanations to assist the reader learn more about the game. To help the reader in mastering chess concepts and techniques, this game includes many grandmaster games. That means you will learn from the best chess players in the world.

Are you ready to improve your tactical game? It has been said that chess is 99% tactics but whether that is an accurate reflection is hard to tell. Nevertheless, it is important. This is a massive collection of tactical puzzles from games played in 2019. The puzzles vary in difficulty, some are relatively easy, some are little more difficult, but you will find that all of them are easier and more straight-forward than the puzzles found in the other series: "Daily Chess Training: Chess Tactics". That doesn't mean that you will be able to solve them without running into a speed bump or two, so take your time and make sure you get it right, even when you think the answer is obvious. Working through the puzzles and then carefully play through the thoroughly annotated solutions will help you to up your tactical radar as well as your calculation skills. So if you are up for the challenge, here is the opportunity to prepare for the next leap forward.

An indispensable reference book of chess moves, perfect for any chess player, beginner or club player. This A to Z of chess tactics provides an explanation of all the key terms and jargon used in chess so you can understand them and put them into practice in your own game. From Castling to Zugzwang, from Underpromotion to Zwischenzug. Written in a clear and informative style, it has a large section at the back of the book with illustrative games from past chess masters and grandmasters which show the relevant chess definition in action. Plus there are exercises that illustrate the tactic defined – these test you on your ability to recognize the tactics learned, as that is how they will appear in a match. The exercises teach you how to seize the opportunities before they disappear as well as avoiding traps your opponent may leave. Useful for all chess players, this is an essential read for those looking to improve and understand the game better.

Both a fascinating challenge and great training tool, these 303 awesome tactic puzzles are not only super fun to solve but great for beginners, advanced beginners, and intermediate players to use as tools to win chess games. Tactics are presented in order of difficulty so that players can advance from the simple to the complex positions. Finding the right answer will bring about a forced checkmate or a winning material superiority. Puzzles cover the gamut from straightforward moves right up to tricky traps. A book for chess winners!

"There are countless puzzle books available. However, it is very surprising that there is virtually almost none that gives a comprehensive overview with all of the frequent tactical motifs and themes that occur in practice. The ones that I am aware of are either largely incomplete, not systematic, without text, or old, and therefore the analysis contains lots of mistakes. The ambitious goal of this book is to fill this critical gap by addressing all of these issues. Each of the 25 Chapters contains a thorough introduction with the games best showcasing the motif at hand. Next, the puzzle sections specifically aim to reinforce the reader's pattern recognition. There are 365 training puzzles in total, and all of them have a 1-5 star value to show the level of difficulty. The solutions are given at the end of every chapter. This book is dedicated to ambitious players who want to improve their game, as well as for coaches to help their students get to the next level." - Peter Prohaszka

Combines over one thousand chess problems with descriptions of different chess positions and tactics including the double attack, mate in one, mixed motif, and skewer.

Winning Chess Tactics Everyman Chess

Tactical Fireworks! When released in 2002, the first volume of *The Magic of Chess Tactics* by FIDE Master Claus Dieter Meyer and German Grandmaster Karsten Müller was extremely popular. It was one of the first books to deal with tactics on high level. Like the first book, intended for advanced (Elo 1800+) players, this second volume puts special tactical motifs and themes under the analytical microscope. Complicated tactics – the kind that separate tournament winners from the pack – require intuition, imagination and precision. The focus in this book is on attacking techniques and transformations. The contents include: Attacking with the Queen and Knight; The Knight on the Attack; Attacking with Bishops of Opposite Colors; Pins; Learn from the World Champions; and Exchanges & Transformations. The reader will find the analysis comprehensive and challenging. Dozens of exercises help reinforce the reader's understanding of this complex subject matter. So, roll up your sleeves and prepare to ride herd on tactical fireworks and sharpen your tactical skills.

*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 is 99% tactics. So to be a good chess player, you have to spend a lot of your training time on tactics. Although basic tactics are explained in a number good books, complicated tactics the kind that separate tournament winners from the pack require intuition, imagination and precision. *The Magic of Chess Tactics* helps you develop these qualities. Aimed primarily at aspiring chess players from club to master level who seriously want to improve their chess understanding, *The Magic of Chess Tactics* provides examples selected for both their entertainment and instructional value as well as detailed explanations and exercises. Claus Dieter Meyer, chess author and FIDE Master, is a well-known analyst and professional chess trainer. Karsten Muller is an International Grandmaster and co-author, along with Frank Lamprecht, of the highly acclaimed *Secrets of Pawn Endings* and *Fundamental Chess Endings*. "I have come to realise that there are basically two types of chess tactics. First, simple kinds of combinations you need to know when you start to play chess. I still believe they are the basis of everything. Things that computers see in a half-second. But the book is not about them. For those simple tactics, old Koblenz books are more than enough. This book is about \*complicated\* chess tactics, the kind you sometimes need hours of analysis just to discover the truth of the position. It's hard to see and calculate perfectly on the board; one needs intuition, imagination and precision. "It's not easy to develop these qualities but I believe that the present book, full of examples and high quality analyses, will help you achieve that objective. Welcome to the magical world of tactics!" From the Foreword by Alexei Shirov

Discusses a variety of chess tactics, including fork, skewer, opening and closing lines, and pawn promotion.

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