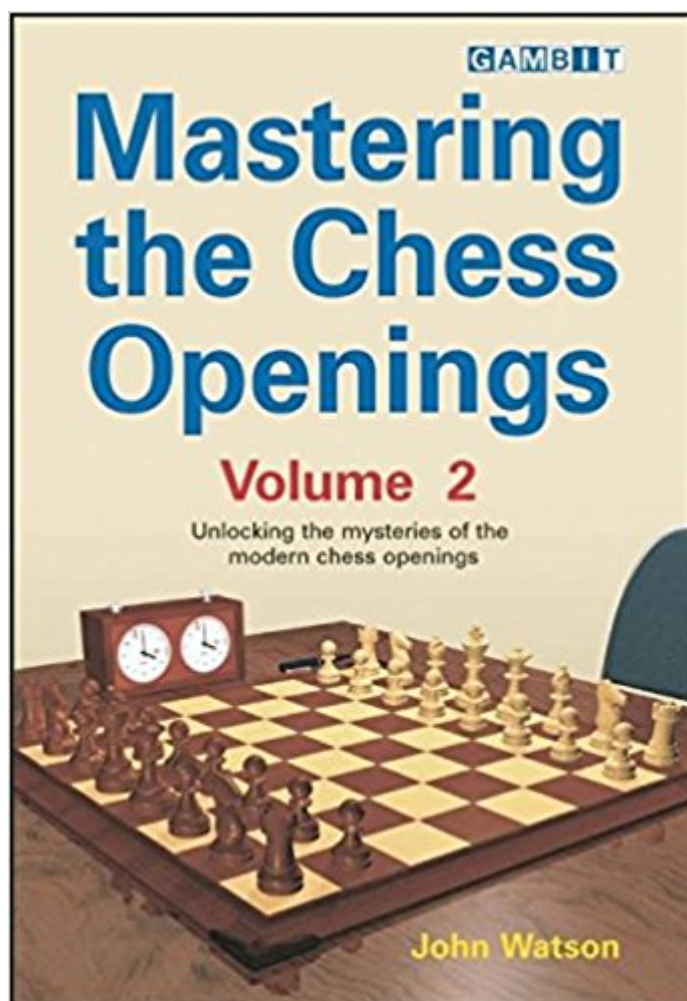


The book was found

Mastering The Chess Openings: Unlocking The Mysteries Of The Modern Chess Openings, Volume 2



Synopsis

For many chess-players, opening study is sheer hard work. It is difficult to know what is important and what is not, and when specific knowledge is vital, or when a more general understanding is sufficient. Tragically often, once the opening is over, a player won't know what plan to follow, or even understand why his pieces are on the squares on which they sit. John Watson seeks to help chess-players achieve a more holistic and insightful view of the openings. In his previous books on chess strategy, *Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy* and *Chess Strategy in Action*, he explained vital concepts that had previously been the domain only of top-class players. Moreover, he did so in ways that have enabled them to enter the general chess consciousness of club players. Here he does likewise for the openings, explaining how flexible thinking and notions such as 'rule-independence' can apply to the opening. In this major four-volume work, Watson presents a wide-ranging view of the way in which top-class players really handle the opening, rather than an idealized and simplified model. This volume, focusing on king's pawn openings, is a book that will make chess-players think hard about how they begin their games, while offering both entertainment and challenging material for study in openings such as the Sicilian and Ruy Lopez.

Book Information

Paperback: 318 pages

Publisher: Gambit Publications (May 30, 2007)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1904600697

ISBN-13: 978-1904600695

Product Dimensions: 1 x 6.8 x 9.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.3 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 13 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #515,719 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #430 in Books > Humor & Entertainment > Puzzles & Games > Chess

Customer Reviews

International Master John Watson is one of the world's most respected writers on chess. His groundbreaking four-volume work on the English firmly established his reputation in the 1980s, and he has produced a string of top-quality works since. In 1999, *Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy*, Watson's first book for Gambit, won the British Chess Federation Book of the Year Award and the United States Chess Federation Fred Cramer Award for Best Book. His former pupils include the

1997 World Junior Champion, Tal Shaked.

I have all four volumes and enjoy the learning process. Using them to build a repitoir.

I was looking for "one book" that would provide coverage of the Black defenses to Whites d4 opening and this is it!

This volume covers the QP openings. Like Volume 1 it explains the concepts concerning pawn structure and piece placement, rather than give variations to memorize. If you want to understand WHAT to do in an opening, rather than HOW to do it, these are the books for you.

ARRIVED IN TIME AND IS A VERY GOOD REFFERENCE TO KEEP IN YOUR LIBRARY

Excelente

Excellent

Talk...talktalk and very little variants.

It took joining a local chess club and repeatedly getting clobbered right out of the opening to realize that in order to stand much of a chance I needed to invest more time in the study of opening theory. I already have a copy of MCO but it is heavy on spewing out moves, light on explanation and has more than a few typos that sometimes make following the variations difficult. I researched books on opening theory and finally settled on Watson's Mastering the Chess Openings series. This is a somewhat more costly resource than many of the others available (four volumes instead of a single book) but it's a worthwhile investment. This is actually the first book in the series that I bought, as I wanted a better understanding of queen pawn openings (it's hard to defend against them when you don't understand them). Volume 2 of the series deals with the majority of queen pawn openings, 1. d4. It is certainly not exhaustive in that it does not cover every single variation of every queen pawn opening, but it has the large majority of what most chess players will encounter over the board. The openings covered include:- Queen's Gambit Declined- Slav and Semi-Slav- Nimzo-Indian Defense- Queen's Indian Defense- King's Indian Defense- Grunfeld Defense- Modern Benoni. Watson does a great job of explaining all of these opening systems (or opening defenses as appropriate). That is,

rather than give a summary blurb about the opening and then just prattling on with move after move, he walks the reader through the opening, explaining the purpose behind each move. Then, once finished with the main sequence of moves, he includes one or more instructive games with relevant analysis and variations. This is so much more helpful than a cold and clinical presentation of silent moves. Watson's writing style is very clear and approachable. He neither talks down to his readership nor does he assume that everyone has a doctorate in chess. This is a superb series on chess openings which will leave the reader with a much clearer understanding of not just the moves involved in the openings but also an understanding of the purpose and goals of any given opening and variation covered. Although the cost of the series is more than that of a single volume it is well worth it.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

CHESS: The Best CHESS Openings & Tactics - Dominate The Game With 10 Principles Of Chess Openings and Closings: (chess, chess openings, chess tactics, checkers, checkmate, chess strategy) Mastering the Chess Openings: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Modern Chess Openings, Volume 2 Mastering the Chess Openings: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Modern Chess Openings, Volume 1 Chess: How to Play Chess: Dominate Chess Strategy, Chess Openings, Chess Tactics, and Endgame: For Beginners (Chess Books) Chess: Tactics & Openings To Dominate Your Opponent - Suitable For Beginners - Including Diagrams & Images (Chess Openings, Chess Tactics, Checkers, Board ... Chess Patterns, Checkmate, Puzzles & Games) Chess: The Complete Guide To Chess - Master: Chess Tactics, Chess Openings and Chess Strategies Chess: The Complete Guide To Chess, Master Chess Tactics Openings and Chess Strategy Chess Strategy | How Do I Play Chess | Chess Game | About Chess | Games Strategy | The Game Chess Chess: Become A Chess Master â€œ Beginners Guide Into The Ancient Game of Chess (Chess 101, Chess Mastery) Mastering the Chess Openings, volume 3 Chess: How to Play Chess: For (Absolute) Beginners: The Journey to Your Empire Begins Here (The Skill Artist's Guide - Chess Strategy, Chess Books Book 3) Chess: Conquer your Friends with 8 Easy Principles: Chess Strategy for Casual Players and Post-Beginners (The Skill Artist's Guide - Chess Strategy, Chess Books Book 1) Chess: The Ultimate Guide for Beginners: A comprehensive and simplified introduction to the game of chess (openings, tactics, strategy) Chess Openings (Crowood Chess Library) Tactics Time! 1001 Chess Tactics from the Games of Everyday Chess Players (Tactics Time Chess Tactics Books) How to Reassess Your Chess: Chess Mastery Through Chess Imbalances Winning Chess Tactics (Winning Chess - Everyman Chess) Winning Chess Strategies (Winning Chess - Everyman Chess) Tactics Time 2: 1001 Real Chess Tactics From Real Chess Games (Tactics Time Chess

Tactics Books) Blackjack & Chess Checkmate & Craps & Poker: 21 Blackjack Strengths to Beating the Dealer! & Chess Tactics & Strategy Revealed! & Show Me the Money! & Mastering Winning with the Hand You Are Dealt!

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)