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One of a half-dozen great theoretical works in chess, shows principles of action above and beyond moves. Acclaimed by Capablanca, Keres, and other greats.

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Emilio says

Another one that's a bit textbook-ish for me (I get enough of it in school), but the principles laid out are concrete and succinct. A good read for the accomplished and dedicated chess players I know.

Elari says

Vexed note on decipherment:

Lasker was surely well aware of the existence of the algebraic notation, but he still went for the descriptive system, which made me abandon the book.

Why in the world would anyone deliberately trade "1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6" for "1. P-K4 P-K4, 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3"?

Zachary says

Not terrible. The theory is solid for beginner/intermediate players but the notation he uses ("Descriptive" versus modern Algebraic notation) is cumbersome & outdated, and unless you have a photographic memory, the example problems are hard to visualize from beginning to end (the awkward notation compounds this problem.)

Fortunately, online/video resources exist to supplement the material and help remediate this limitation.

Cormac Zoso says

This is the best strategy book in my opinion. It starts at an intermediate level (perhaps a bit below) and as you work through it, you rise up to I'm guessing a 1200-1400 level or so (just a rough guess). Lasker brings the strategy to life and this is a book I have genuinely worn out working through these best-remembered lesson and am nearly due for a new copy.

You'll want this one for yourself or the more advanced player you know.

Manu says

Nice ideas, doesn't matter how old the book is.

Jim says

This book presents more advanced chess principles, and it's a little hefty for a beginner (or a 7 year old, as I was the first time I borrowed my Dad's chess books), but for a more experienced player looking to improve their game, it's a pretty good resource - I did start getting more out of it as I got older, although it was never one of my personal favorites.
