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[The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress](#) - Robert A. Heinlein 1997-06-15

A one-armed computer technician, a radical blonde bombshell, an aging academic, and a sentient all-knowing computer lead the lunar population in a revolution against Earth's colonial rule

[The Complete Idiot's Guide to Chess Openings](#) - William Aramil 2008-10-07

It's your move... The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Chess Openings provides all readers need to know to solidify their opening game and get on the road to victory. In it, the authors provide a step-by-step walk-through of 100 of the most effective opening moves. Each opening strategy is clearly and succinctly explained, with numerous illustrations that bolster the reader's understanding. Step-by-step advice and strategies, as well as helpful illustrations Approximately 605 million people worldwide play chess; the World Chess Federation estimates that more than 285 million play chess online

[Complete Idiot's Guide to Publishing Science Fiction](#) - Cory Doctorow 2000

Offers advice on how to get a science fiction novel or short story published, including tips on the basic elements of a work of science fiction to getting an agent, and signing a contract.

**The Complete Idiot's Guide to Ventriloquism** - Taylor Mason 2010-05-04

The art of "bellyspeaking" isn't for dummies. The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Ventriloquism teaches everyone to speak from their bellies, create and substitute sounds, use all the registers of their voice, and create diversions to attract the listener's ear - whether they invest in a fancy puppet or create their own figure out of a sweat sock. Includes tips for making, manipulating, and talking with their dummy and for it - both at the same time Advice for getting an act together and taking it on the road - getting gigs, getting paid, and how to improve performances How to write dialogue and jokes and rehearsal techniques

[The Complete Idiot's Guide to Feng Shui](#) - Elizabeth Moran 2002

One of the most complete and easy-to-understand book on classical Feng Shui, this revision includes coverage of the next level of a method of classical feng shui called Flying Start. Photographs and floorplans are included.

**Van Perlo's Endgame Tactics** - Ger van Perlo 2015-09-01

New and substantially expanded edition of a modern chess classic. By chance, in 2013 publisher New In Chess discovered a previously unnoticed and unpublished extra batch of endgame tactics collected by the legendary Dutch correspondence grandmaster Ger van Perlo (1932-2010). More than 250 fresh examples have been added, making this fourth edition 25% BIGGER than its predecessors. For casual players and club players. Why is it that most amateur chess players love opening and middlegame tactics but hate endgames? Why do you usually look at only a couple of pages in any endgame theory book you see? Sit back, forget about theoretical endgames, and enjoy the entertainment of real life chess in Endgame Tactics! There is no substitute for hard work in getting better at chess, as a wise grandmaster once said. But you always work harder at something you enjoy. Make the first step towards improving your endgame play (and beating more opponents) by learning to love the endgame. Endgames are fun, and the examples from everyday practice in Endgame Tactics prove it. • New (4th) and 25% expanded edition of a best-selling modern classic • More than 1,300 Sparkling Tricks and Traps • WINNER of the ECF Book of the Year Award • WINNER of the ChessCafe Book of the Year Award • Makes regular players discover the fun in endgame

[The Complete Idiot's Guide to Chess Openings](#) - William Aramil 2008

The way players begin a game of chess often dictates the outcome, which explains why hundreds of websites, computer programs, and even a five-volume book collection called The Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings are all devoted to categorizing the thousands of possible moves with which a chess game can be opened. But sorting through all that information is daunting, not to mention time-consuming, especially when literally thousands of opening move options are available. With all that information, how does the chess novice figure out the best openings and the most strategic way to execute them, both offensively and defensively? Right here! The Complete Idiot's Guide to Chess Openings provides all readers need to know to solidify their opening game and get on the road to victory. This book provides a step-by-step walk-through of 100 of the most effective opening moves. Each opening strategy is clearly and succinctly explained, with numerous illustrations that bolster the reader's understanding. Perfectly suited to the chess player who wants to take his or her game to the next level, this book is the next step on the road to becoming a grand master.

[The Complete Idiot's Guide to Football](#) - Joe Theismann 2003-02-05

From high school games to the NFL, this guide features the basics of offense and defense, players, rules, strategies, and even what to wear. New coverage for this edition includes how the draft works, new technology on the field, and XFL, arena league, expansion teams, and NFL Europe

**The Complete Idiot's Guide to Grammar and Style** - Laurie Rozakis 2003

Provides information on grammatical rules and how to use them, with advice on adding variety to writing, and examples of the right and wrong way to say things.

**Aquaponic Gardening: Discover the Dual Benefits of Raising Fish and Plants Together (Idiot's Guides)** - Meg Stout 2013-04-02

The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Aquaponic Gardening is a comprehensive guide to aquaponic gardening, from choosing a setup to selecting fish and vegetables. In addition to everything one needs to know to run a healthy aquaponic garden and care for both the vegetables and fish, there are step-by-step plans with photos for building different size systems. The expert author fully explains how to garden indoors and how to resize and move a garden inside or outside, depending on the season, to produce an abundant supply of edible, organically-raised vegetables and fish.

**The Complete Idiot's Guide to Game Theory** - Edward C. Rosenthal, Ph.D. 2011-03-01

Gain some insight into the game of life... Game Theory means rigorous strategic thinking. It is based on the idea that everyone acts competitively and in his own best interest. With the help of mathematical models, it is possible to anticipate the actions of others in nearly all life's enterprises. This book includes down-to-earth examples and solutions, as well as charts and illustrations designed to help teach the concept. In The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Game Theory, Dr. Edward C. Rosenthal makes it easy to understand game theory with insights into: The history of the discipline made popular by John Nash, the mathematician dramatized in the film A Beautiful Mind The role of social behavior and psychology in this amazing discipline How important game theory has become in our society and why

[Principles of the New Chess](#) - Bruce Pandolfini 1986-03-31

Offers a fresh approach to chess strategy, answers basic questions about openings, middle game, and endgame, and shows sample situations

**Learn to Play Chess Like a Boss** - Patrick Wolff 2019-09-17

Stop playing like a pawn and start playing like the king You already know just how enjoyable--and and challenging--the game of chess can be. For those who play, chess leads to a lifetime of fun. But how do you make the first move to learn the rules and transform from a pawn to a king? The path to a perfect checkmate is in your hands! In the pages of this book, you'll find an introduction to all the chess pieces including their strengths and weaknesses, tips on how to protect your pieces and prevent their capture, and guidance on when to attack and defend like a boss. You'll also find a bonus tear-out card to take your new tactics on the go!

*Curious* - Ian Leslie 2014-08-26

Today it seems we have the world at our fingertips. Thanks to smartphones and tools such as Google and Wikipedia, we're able feed any aspect of our curiosity instantly. But does this mean we are actually becoming more curious? Absolutely not. In *Curious*, Ian Leslie argues that true curiosity—the sustained quest for understanding that begets insight and innovation—is becoming increasingly difficult to harness in our wired world. We confuse ease of access to information with curiosity, and risk losing our ability to ask questions that extend our knowledge gap rather than merely filling it. Worst of all, this decline in curiosity has led to a decline in empathy and our ability to care about those around us. Combining the latest science with an urgent call to cultivate curious minds, *Curious* draws on psychology, social history, and popular culture to show that being deeply curious is our only hope when it comes to solving current crises—as well as an essential part of being human.

*A Guide to Chess Improvement* - Dan Heisman 2010

*A Guide to Chess Improvement* features the very best of Dan Heisman's multi-award winning chess column *Novice Nook*, which has run for the past ten years at the popular website *ChessCafe.com*. This book is full of valuable instruction, insight and practical advice on a wide range of key subjects: general improvement, thought processes, planning and strategy, tactics, endgame play, technique, time management and much more besides. Heisman has thoroughly revised, expanded and updated his work to produce an easy-to-navigate guide. He has also included brand new and exclusive columns. Any player from beginner to expert who is serious about improving their chess should read this book! \*An essential guide to chess improvement \*Covers in depth all the key areas of chess \*Written by a distinguished chess instructor

***The Complete Plays*** - Christopher Marlowe 2003-11-27

Marlowe's seven plays dramatise the fatal lure of potent forces, whether religious, occult or erotic. In the victories of Tamburlaine, Faustus's encounters with the demonic, the irreverence of Barabas in *THE JEW OF MALTA*, and the humiliation of Edward II in his fall from power and influence, Marlowe explores the shifting balance between power and helplessness, the sacred and its desecration.

***An Idiot-Proof Chess Opening Repertoire*** - Graham BURGESS 2020-07-06

Ever wanted a complete chess opening repertoire - for White and Black - whose basics can be learned in a week? A strategic low-maintenance repertoire that does not require memorizing of long variations, and yet can frustrate both stronger and weaker opponents? In this book, award-winning author Graham Burgess has come up with the ultimate simplified repertoire. But it is not based on boring or unambitious openings. The aim is to avoid symmetry and mass exchanges, and reach an unbalanced middlegame. You won't be dumped into do-or-die tactics where the penalty for forgetting a key move is an instant loss. There are plenty of sharp and aggressive ideas within these pages, but the openings chosen provide a firm and sound base for experimentation. If you forget the critical line and have to make something up at the board, then if you have understood the key strategic themes - which are explained with the use of mini-rules and reminders - then you should get a playable game. As Black, we choose the slippery Scandinavian and a carefully crafted hybrid of the Slav and QGA. As White it is the English Opening, often with Botvinnik set-ups that will give our opponents fits! These will become your special lines, where you will know and understand more than most players, even much stronger ones. Graham Burgess has written 28 chess books, including three on opening play for the 'Chess for Kids' series. He is a FIDE Master and a former champion of the Danish region of Funen, and in 1994 set a world record for marathon blitz chess playing.

***Mastering the Chess Openings*** - John Watson 2006

Presents information on the ideas and strategies for chess openings.

***Sophie's World*** - Jostein Gaarder 2007-03-20

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

*Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning German* - Alice Müller 2004

Covers rules of grammar, phrases and idioms, vocabulary, pronunciation, and German culture.

*Guide to Good Chess* - Cecil John Seddon Purdy 1950

***The Complete Chess Swindler*** - David Smerdon 2020-02-17

Chess is a cruel game. We all know that feeling when your position has gone awry and everything seems hopeless. You feel like resigning. But don't give up! This is precisely the moment to switch to swindle mode. Master the art of provoking errors and you will be able to turn the tables and escape with a draw - or sometimes even steal the full point! Swindling is a skill that can be trained. In this book, David Smerdon shows how you can use tricks from psychology to marshal hidden resources and exploit your opponent's biases. In a lost position, your best practical chance often lies not in what the computer recommends, but in playing your opponent. With an abundance of eye-popping examples and training exercises, Smerdon identifies the four best friends of every chess swindler: your opponent's impatience, their hubris, their fear, and their need to stay in control. You'll also learn about such cunning swindling motifs as the Trojan Horse, the Decoy Trap, the Berserk Attack, and 'Window-Ledging'. So, come and join the Swindlers' Club, become a great escape artist and dramatically improve your results. In this instructive and highly entertaining guide, Smerdon shows you how.

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Magic Tricks* - Tom Ogden 1998-11-01

Presents step-by-step instructions for performing hundreds of tricks, provides tips on establishing a stage presence, and offers methods and styles of master magicians

***Chess For Dummies*** - James Eade 2016-08-29

Want to play chess like a champ? Dummies can help. From Netflix's "The Queen's Gambit" to podcasts, virtual and mobile gaming, and beyond, chess is back in a big way. But, with all those kings, queens, and knights, chess can be a royal pain to grasp. *Chess For Dummies* is here to help beginners wrap their minds around the rules of the game, make sense of those puzzling pieces, and sharpen their chess strategy such that even Paul Morphy would be impressed. You'll learn the laws of chess, its lingo, and engage in the art of the attack with the easy-to-follow, step-by-step explanations found in the latest edition of *Chess For Dummies*. Whether you're playing chess online, in a tournament, or across the dining room table with a family member or friend, this hands-on guide is sure to capture your interest (and your opponent's queen), getting you up to speed on the game and its components and giving you the know-how you need to put the principles of play into action from the opening to the endgame. Grasp the rules of play and the nuances of each phase of the game Familiarize yourself with the pieces and the board Pick the perfect chess set and chessboard for you Get to know each of the pieces and their powers If you feel like you're in a stalemate before you even begin a game, *Chess For Dummies* is your guide to forcing moves, raking bishops, and skewering your opponents like a true champion.

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Chess* - Patrick Wolff 2001-09

An introduction to chess discusses the history of the game, tactics, strategies, chess superstars, tournament play, and computer chess.

***Alpha Teach Yourself Chess in 24 Hours*** - Zsuzsa Polgár 2002

-- Co-author Paul Truong is a five-time National Chess Champion of Vietnam and is currently the reigning US Open Blitz Chess Champion. Grandmaster Susan Polgar is the Women's World Chess Champion and former #1 ranked woman in the world of chess. -- There are few books more comprehensive than *Alpha Teach Yourself Chess in 24 Hours* or any that will have as broad-based an appeal to both beginning, intermediate, and tournament-ready players -- The U.S. Chess Federation has 88,000 registered members at all levels of experience. There are nearly 2,000 USCF-affiliated chess clubs, and more than 100,000 chess players participate in USCF events every year. The official publication, *Chess Life*, is distributed nationally every month to more than 250,000 readers. The origins of chess are still a matter of much debate

-- some believe the world's most popular board game originated in India; others claim it was created in China in the Sixth century, A.D. One thing is clear, however: chess is a game that transcends languages and borders and nationalities. Alpha Teach Yourself Chess in 24 Hours is a clear, concise, and fully comprehensive guide to learning this challenging but vastly enjoyable game. The book takes the beginner through the basics (rules, value of chess pieces, etc.) and takes the reader step by step until they are ready to tackle their first tournament. Along the way, the reader will learn basic chess middle games, basic chess endgames, and all the facets necessary to understand the different levels. This book will be a must for the beginner, the intermediate, or even those who know the chess but would like to brush up on their game.

*Pandolfini's Ultimate Guide to Chess* - Bruce Pandolfini 2008-06-30

From America's foremost chess coach and game strategist for Netflix's *The Queen's Gambit* comes a comprehensive guide covering all aspects of the game, to improve your technique whether you are a newcomer or a longtime fan. One of America's best-known chess masters, Bruce Pandolfini has helped millions learn the intricacies of chess through his acclaimed books and workshops. In this exciting volume, he presents a complete overview of the entire game and its culture. Structured as a dialogue between a beginning student and an expert teacher, Pandolfini's *Ultimate Guide to Chess* takes the student step-by-step from fundamentals to advanced, highly strategic play. Combining easy-to-follow diagrams with trenchant and up-to-date analysis, Pandolfini puts a new twist on accepted chess theory, offering a seamless beginning-to-end approach, including:

- a short introductory history of the game
- the moves, rules, and contemporary notation forms
- the basic principles of chess
- how to develop an opening repertoire
- the art of tactical play
- pattern recognition and memory aids
- traps and pitfalls to be avoided
- middlegame play, strategy, and planning
- defense and counterattack
- transitions to the endgame and the endgame itself
- computers and the future of chess
- the best websites for playing chess online

With Pandolfini's expert insight into the history and modern world of chess, as well as several appendices to enhance play and appreciation, *Pandolfini's Ultimate Guide to Chess* makes the perfect gift for players of all ages and will be the benchmark title for chess players for years to come.

**The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Islam, 2nd Edition** - Yahiya Emerick 2004-11-02

An up-close and up-to-date look at an often misunderstood faith. This completely revised and updated guide explores the tenets of the Qu'ran (A.K.A 'Koran'), examines the history of the religion and its relationship to Christianity and Judaism, and features an expanded section on the true story behind 'jihad'. It explores Islamic views on war and terrorism, including the Muslim perspective on the tragic events of September 11, and the subsequent U.S. presence in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Excellent sales for the 1st Edition. Islam is the fastest-growing religion in America, with more than six million devoted followers. Features an expanded section on women in Islam, including their status within the Taliban, and the Islamic practice of polygamy.

*300 Most Important Chess Positions* - Thomas Engqvist 2020-11-17

An International Master's guide to the essential positions and strategies in chess. A great little book of understanding the most important chess positions in the opening of a game, the middle game and the endgame. It cuts to the chase on the most useful positions at all those stages. Perfect for players who want to reach a higher level but don't have time to sit for hours and hours each week in less productive study. Divided into three sections, it comprises section 1, The 50 Most Important Openings (covering 50 openings), section 2. The 150 Most important Middle Game Positions and section 3. The 100 Most important Endgame Positions. For example, the Endgame section has chapters on pawn endings, knight endings, etc. The Middle game chapters are arranged by positional themes. Each numbered position can be seen as a test yourself quiz (with answers given below the diagrams) to help cement positional understanding. Since it is advisable to repeat the positions from time to time this book can be your life-long companion, enabling you to dramatically increase your positional chess understanding. An essential strategy book by a Swedish International Master.

**The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Italian, 3rd Edition** - Gabrielle Euvino 2004-09-07

Learn the language of la dolce vita! For anyone who wants to learn and enjoy the most expressive and romantic of languages, the third edition of 'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Italian' is the first choice for a whole new generation of enthusiastic students of Italian. This updated edition includes two new quick references on verbs, grammar, and sentence structure; two new appendixes on Italian synonyms and

popular idiomatic phrases; and updated business and money sections. First two editions have sold extraordinarily well. Italian is the fourth most popular language in the United States.

*Winning Chess Tactics* - Yasser Seirawan 2005-05-01

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 worlds 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

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Chess* - Patrick Wolff 2005

Complemented by more than four hundred illustrated chessboards and photographs, an updated introduction to chess discusses the history of the game, tactics, strategies, chess superstars, tournament play, and computer chess, with a new section on the latest research into chess and its effects on brain power and a guide to chess collectibles. Original.

[The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Football](#) - Mike Beacom 2010-08-03

Don't feel left out in the roar of the crowd. Football is the most popular sport in America today. It's also the most complicated, especially to those who watch their loved ones hibernate in football heaven from September to February. Here's the book that levels the playing field for novices, giving them a simple, clear, and comprehensive guide worthy of a Lombardi Trophy. Finally, get in the game with:

- ?Basic rules and objectives
- ?Player position, strategies, formations, and plays
- ?The business of football
- ?Differences between high school, college, and pro football
- ?Fantasy football

[How to Play Chess](#) - DK 2016-10-11

Learn chess the fun way and add firepower to your chess strategies with this beginner's guide to the world's most popular game of skill. From the opening move to checkmate, *How to Play Chess* is an easy-to-follow guide to achieve grandmaster greatness. Perfect for children aged 8-13, this companion explains chess tactics and strategies in simple language supported by amazing 3-D images. Starting with basic terms and techniques, this ebook will make you a chess champion and teach you master tips to impress your opponents. The ebook begins with a short history of chess and also explains the basic rules and objectives of the game. It contains descriptions of popular moves and the reference section illustrates the moves of one of the most famous chess games - the Opera Game played by the Duke of Brunswick in 1858. Download a copy of *How to Play Chess* and learn to solve the toughest of chess challenges.

*Square One* - Bruce Pandolfini 1994-12

From America's foremost chess coach and game strategist for Netflix's *The Queen's Gambit* comes the best chess drill book for beginners of all ages. From ever-popular chess instructor Bruce Pandolfini comes this entertaining, interactive, and effective book for teaching young chess players and other newcomers to the game. Filled with hundreds of questions and answers, fill-in-the-blanks, and true-or-false posers, *Square One* combines traditional chess drills with diverting games and problems to stimulate the analytical skills of beginners of all ages. Besides covering the basics—the board, moves, rules, and notation—*Square One* goes on to include information on attacks, checkmate, draws, and special rules, giving the beginner a broad overview of the game. With more than 200 instructional diagrams, and answers to all questions and problems, it is a complete workbook for chess players starting at square one.

*Forrest Gump* - Winston Groom 2012-02-21

The modern classic that inspired the beloved movie starring Tom Hanks. Six foot six, 242 pounds, and possessed of a scant IQ of 70, *Forrest Gump* is the lovable, surprisingly savvy hero of this classic comic tale. His early life may seem inauspicious, but when the University of Alabama's football team drafts Forrest and

makes him a star, it sets him on an unbelievable path that will transform him from Vietnam hero to world-class Ping-Pong player, from wrestler to entrepreneur. With a voice all his own, Forrest is telling all in a madcap romp through three decades of American history.

*Start Playing Chess* - Rosalyn B. Katz 1996

Basic instruction in the pieces, moves, and strategy involved in the game of chess.

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Motorcycles* - Editors of Motorcyclist Magazine 2008

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Motorcycles, Fourth Edition, is the most complete book on motorcycles, covering everything from how to choose and maintain a motorcycle and how to buy appropriate gear, to how to ride safely, and how to make the most out of trips on the open road.

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Songwriting* - Joel Hirschhorn 2004

The most thorough guide to songwriting for the amateur musician. Written by an Oscar-winning and Grammy and Tony award nominated author, this is the most comprehensive book for today's amateur

musician who is interested in creating and writing his or her own songs. It reveals everything the reader needs to know, including coming up with ideas, rhyming schemes, hooks, melodies, and lyrics; selling songs; working in the industry; and even coming up with titles.

**My System & Chess Praxis** - Aron Nimzowitsch 2016-07-31

In My System, he expounded his theories of prophylaxis, blockade and much more, while providing groundbreaking insights in pawn structures. In the sequel Chess Praxis, Nimzowitsch demonstrated how he had successfully tested his theories in his games. Without reading Nimzowitsch your chess education cannot be complete. Perhaps not all of his convictions have stood the test of time, but even today, any chess student will deepen his understanding while enjoying the author's insights and witticisms. Part of the charm of Nimzowitsch's prose was his idiosyncratic use of the German language, which has been very carefully preserved in Robert Sherwood's new translation. Added in this edition are the influential essays The Blockade and On the History of the Chess Revolution 1911-1914.