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Nick de Firmian, John Fedorowicz : English Attack before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised English Attack:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. English Attack against the Sicilian Defense!By RLBellThe English Attack is one of the more popular and successful lines for White to play against many variations of the Sicilian Defense, particularly the Najdorf Variation. While considered dated at the time of this review (Jan 2016) this book

provided comprehensive coverage of the English Attack up to the time of its publication in 2004. I also find the book to be very instructive. Thus, I consider it to continue to serve as a useful resource when playing the English Attack against the Sicilian Defense.

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By Aaron VanHorn
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12 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Use the English Attack to crush the Sicilian

By A.J. Goldsby
IAlthough this book on the English Attack was printed in 2004, I just purchased my copy at a local bookstore the other day.

What is the English Attack? It is an aggressive formation that a King-Pawn player can adopt against almost any variation of the Sicilian. It appeals to the GM for many reasons ... and should appeal to the less experienced players - because you are playing basically the same piece set-up ... no matter what move order (or system) your opponent adopts. (I have annotated several games on the Internet in this system; use any search engine, and "chess," "Goldsby," and "English Attack" as the key words in order to find them.)

Is it any good? Well, I am a LIFE-Master, and I have already begun to learn the lines in preparation to adding this system to my opening repertoire, and I have already used it many times to defeat higher rated players in games played on the Internet. And the list of the top players who use this system reads like a "Who's who" list of the world's best GrandMasters. (Adams, Anand, Topalov, etc.)

The writers, GM Nick de Firmian and GM John Federowicz are familiar names to anyone who plays chess, both have been top GM's here in the U.S. and participated many times in the U.S. Championships. (Nick is a three-time winner of the U.S. Championship title.) Both have played in (and won) international chess tournaments, and both are respected authors as well. (See Wikipedia, or the USCF web site - for more information.)

The volume lays out the variations in fairly simple fashion, everyone from the novice to the master will appreciate the concise but thorough coverage of the pertinent variations. There are chapters on the Najdorf, the Scheveningen and Taimanov lines, and also on those systems where Black plays ...e5 and ...Ng4 as well. In short, just about every key line is covered. The publisher is Batsford, they know a thing or two about chess books ... and have many stellar titles in their stables.

I went over the key branches during the last week or so. There was not time to do an in-depth analysis of every main line, but I discovered no major errors of either omission or commission. However, I am very familiar with the illustrated game, (Grischuk - Ghaem Maghami, 2001); found on page # 104. I helped to relay this game on a chess server when it was played, and I also spent many days trying to analyze this magnificent struggle. The authors are correct in noting that Black's twenty-sixth move, (26...Nc4); is an error, ('?') and the correct defense is 26...f5. Instead of 27.gxf6 - the only line given by the authors - Fritz discovers the powerful 27.c4! The point is that after 27...PxP/c4; which forks the WQ and WN, the first player has the sly response, 28.Qc3!, hitting the unprotected Black Rook on h8. Now Black will be unable to castle, as 28...0-0??; is met by 29.Qg7# mate. The box thinks that Black's only defense would be to surrender the exchange, but with correct play, White should win handily.

None of this changes my evaluation of this book in the slightest. It is an outstanding volume, if you play either side of this opening in tournaments or correspondence play, you MUST buy this work! (I have seen the other books on this opening, and the simple fact that I did not purchase them ... and obtained this book instead, should tell you more than words could ever convey.) Highly recommended. (NOTE: rank beginners will probably be overwhelmed by the amount of material here.)

Two American grand masters provide a practical survey of the English Attack, one of today's hottest opening variations. In response to Black's Najdorf Sicilian, White plays 6 f3, which both supports the center e-pawn and prepares to launch a kingside pawn storm against Black's castled king. However, Black can indeed postpone castling in favor of queenside expansion and regrouping the knight pair at b6 and d7, and be ready for a swift counter punch when White castles long. Tactics and sharp play abound in this most modern of chess openings where precise knowledge of variations is vital.