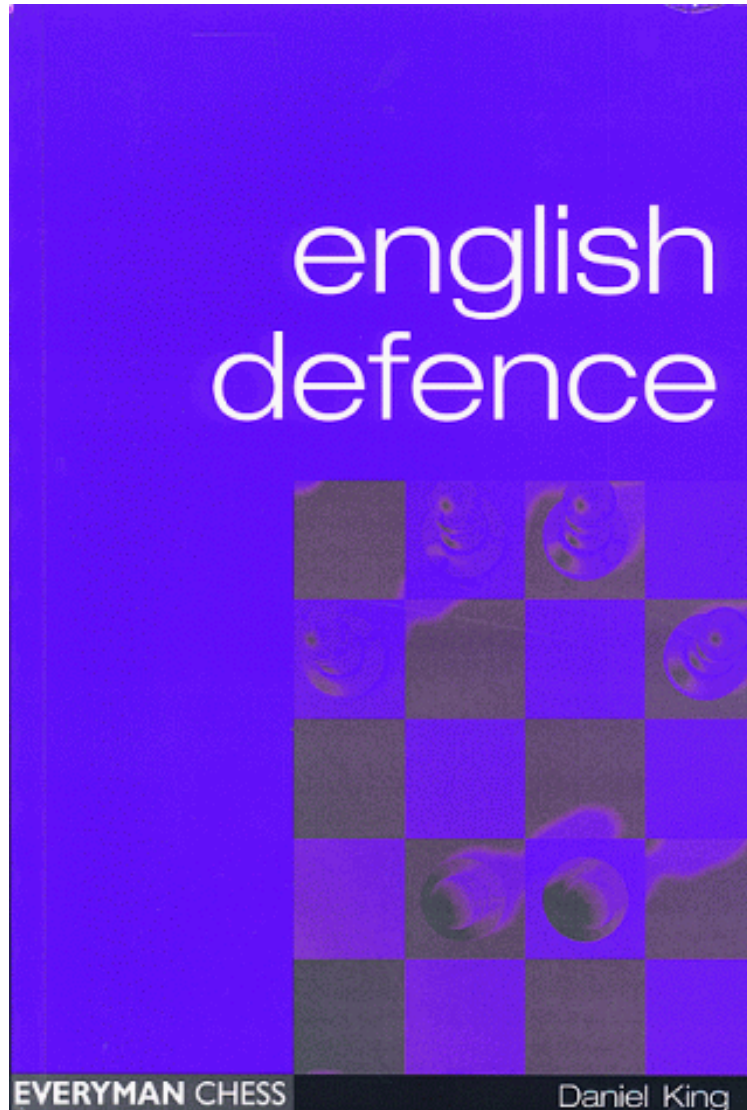


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Introduction By Stephen White This is the first book written by Daniel King, that I have read; fortunately, his writing-style mirrors his spoken delivery of analysis (as seen on his YouTube channel, 'Power Play Chess'), which is outstanding. I find his analysis cogent, without being comprehensive - after all, this is a slightly obscure opening system, and when this book was written, not too many games had been played at the top level of Chess, using the system. All in all, an excellent introduction to this

opening.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy DEBThe information content by Daniel King is excellent!10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. learn to play the English Defence as the English play it!By Daniel Q. SimmonsEvery so often it is nice to come across a gem of opening discussions in chess literature. Dan King provides witty and sensical advice on the current trends involved in the english defence, which is so rightly named (english defence) by the many experts who have used and developed this opening. (Miles, Speelman, Short, and King himself to name a few; but others like Kengis from latvia have contributed) I wanted to study something different and a little unusual from modern trends in chess and I first discovered this opening used in a korchnoi game where the english players were referenced in Kasparov's predecessor books. So having this in mind to see something a little different I was happy to see that this book is rich with theory. Dan King leads you through the many aspects of the opening by the use of games, half of which end in draws but thats beside the point. The important thing is you see what does matter in pawn structure, queenside pawn majority, attacking the center through the use of pinning or even removing its defenders(Bb4 pin or knight takes bishop at d3), opening lines for your b7 bishop, a thematic f5 if the position calls for it, how to avoid f4 by white when the knight is placed typically on g6, and other themes that are discussed as you traverse this field of discovery. The other thing I really like about this book is at the end of each chapter there is a summary going over the ideas in the game, also an opening tree of the different variations played with references. If anything else you will gain a better understanding of hypermodern concepts and the book is entertaining. I recommend it for something different to add to your repertoire to throw your opponent off if you want to avoid typical english setups, or even common d4 openings; and maybe in the process have a better unerstanding of fianchettoes.

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