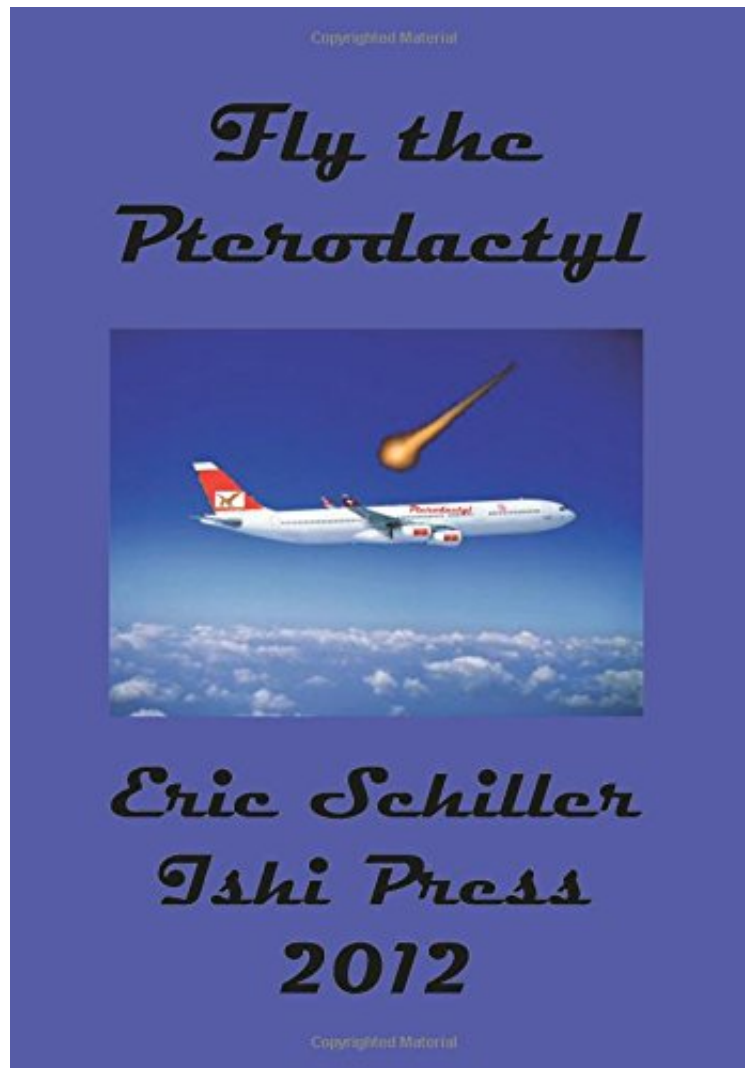


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. For the Robatsch, 1...g6 AficionadoBy EJAAn interesting book from IM Schiller. I consider it a variation of the Robatsch. It has most in common with the Sniper and Accelerated Dragon Sicilian but can morph into Benoni-like positions as well. Schiller has a strong proclivity for naming and he does it in spades with Fly the Pterodactyl. Not wholly necessary but sort of fun. The page layout is a bit chaotic and inconsistent. Lots of games, discussion of ideas/themes so if you have an interest in the Robatsch, Acc.Dragon and/or Sniper I would recommend this book. Another fun and useful volume on the Hippos, offbeat Robatsch lines is Wall, et al -

Winning with the Krazy Kat and Old Hippo.

The Pterodactyl (1g6, 2Bg7, 3c5 and an early Qa5) is one of the most exciting new chess openings. Used experimentally in the 1950s and 1960s, it has only gained true popularity in the 21st century. With the structure closely resembling the Sicilian Dragon, Black relies on a very powerful Bishop and active Queen to put pressure on White's position. The opening has been played by many grandmasters and the formation has been seen in over 20,000 games, yet until now there has been no in-depth study of the Pterodactyl. FIDE master Eric Schiller presents the opening in all its glory with detailed opening analysis and over. The complete illustrative games in this book you will find all you need to know to take up it as black and confront your opponents from the very earliest stages of the game. The author has played the opening frequently and successfully even against Grandmasters and has many insights into past that were geared more unexplored. At the same time, this remains a new opening, so there is still room for plenty of original play. So explore this exciting opening and use it to confound your opponents no matter how they choose to open as White.