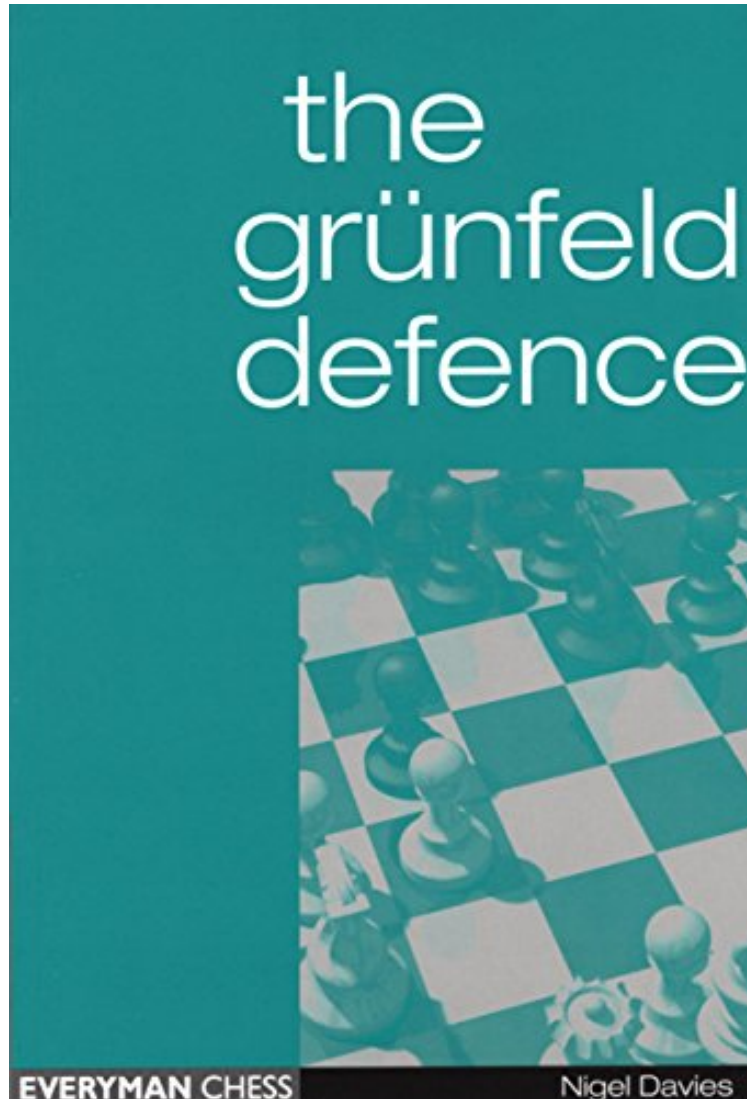


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By A Customer I like very much opening books by Everyman, because they give an idea of the middlegames arising in a particular opening. On the other hand, these books have too little pages and sometimes don't succeed in covering all the necessary lines, especially if they want to cover a whole opening. This is particularly true with this book, that simply doesn't give enough information about some variations that are important at club level. For example, only 14 pages are devoted to the 7.Bc4 variation and 13 to the Bf4 systems, which are, according to my personal experience, the main lines in tournaments below rating 1900. Much of the space is given to the Russian System (quite the same that is devoted to ALL the lines of the Exchange Var.!), with many variations suggested to the Black side (that makes me think that this book is written mainly for White, as it gives black alternatives). In conclusion I think it is a little bit unbalanced. About the contents there's nothing to say: the material is of high quality and the author is very good (I strongly recommend his other book The Alekhine Defence). However, this book can't be recommended for players who want to play the Grunfeld Defence as Black for the first time: they should look for other good books (the best choice is Understanding the Grunfeld by Rowson, and the classic book is the one by Adorian). Players above 1900 and/or players that have been playing the GD for a long time, instead, can get very useful information (especially for the Russian System), as the comments are very well written, the games are relevant, and last but not least because experienced players know exactly what they have to look for and don't get confused by the author's strange choice of the chapters.  
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By On a hot summer night According to the review by user "Pirc\_defense\_expert" this is a book you should not bother to buy. Instead he recommends Rowson's book. I agree with "Pirc\_defense\_expert" that Davies' book could have been a lot more systematic. Still I think Davies' book is ok because he presents ideas in the Grunfeld that you won't find in the other books. E.g. in the Exchange variation 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 c5 8 Ne2 0-0 9 0-0 Nc6 10 Be3, Davies has a very interesting coverage of 10... Qc7. In the topical variation 11 Rc1 Rd8 12 Bf4 he mentions 12... Be5, and this is indeed a very interesting try. Also, Davies covers 10... e6 which might also be an idea for the future although in the few outings so far I think it has not done too well.

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