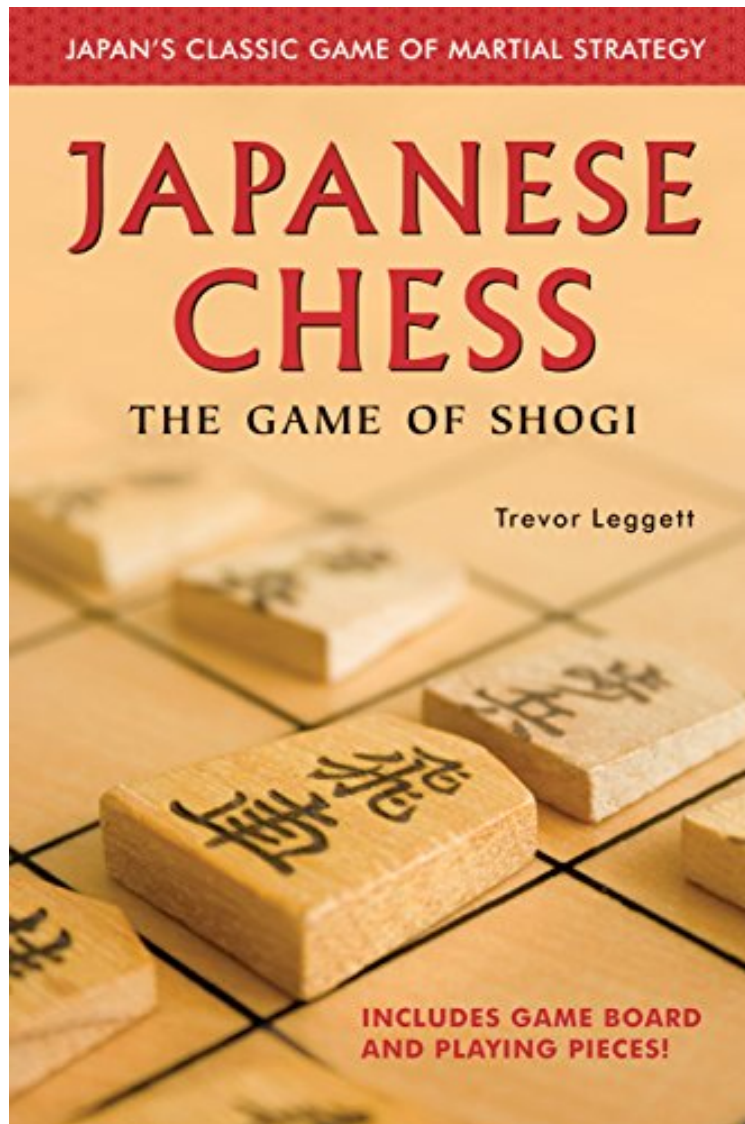


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Trevor Leggett : Japanese Chess: The Game of Shogi before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Japanese Chess: The Game of Shogi:

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Brief but helpful intro to ShogiBy Doug MI have been playing shogi with some friends for a little while, but I really wanted to brush up on my skills and try to develop more advanced techniques. Having read this book, I feel like a more confident shogi player. Mr. Leggett walks through the basics of shogi pieces, with the focus on how to effect mate with those pieces. Then dropping pieces is introduced. From there, Mr. Leggett works the player through basic strategy before showing championship games and the strategies used

there. As an introduction to shogi, I think this book is a good effort, but is somewhat rough around the edges. It does pretty well in walking through the very basics, but starts to jump into advanced strategy without covering mid-level strategy much. Mr. Leggett has many useful mottos and pointers to keep in mind (you need X number of pieces to drop to effect mate, Y number if you have pieces promoted), and some of these have been helpful with my own gameplay. In addition, the basic pointers on how to mate an opponent have actually helped me to win games since reading this book. My only complaint (hence the 4 stars) is the focus on specific games, and not enough examples of general strategy. Also the length of the book is somewhat brief. I feel that each section could use some more expansion, particularly the later sections. In any case, I think this is a fine book, and a good read for anyone whose new to shogi, or wants to brush up on their skills. I think this book is good for rounding out one's knowledge of shogi. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for Novices By CustomerA fine manual that covers the rules of Shogi as well as a primer on tactics and mating solutions. If you already understand the rules and objectives of the game, perhaps your time and money would be better spent elsewhere. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Viktor Prehnal Really great book to start learning Shogi.

Learn and master the fascinating game of Japanese Chess or "Shogi" with this expert guide and Chess set. Japanese Chess: The Game of Shogi is the ultimate strategy guidebook for players of any skill level to improve their game and winning strategies. Played by millions around the world, Shogi is the uniquely Japanese variant of chess. It is the only version in which an opponent's captured piece can be dropped back onto the board as one's own. This makes for extremely exciting, dynamic gameplay in which momentum can quickly shift back and forth between players. Trevor Leggett, expert player and longtime resident of Japan, gives you all the information you need to play the game, from its basic rules to winning tactics. Also included in this book are: Sample game and commentary Discussion of various opening strategies and game positions Explanation of how to read a Japanese score Fold-out Shogi board Sturdy paper playing pieces Japanese Chess features everything you need to get started playing this challenging and fun game!

"Invaluable as a guide for beginners and as a review for seasoned players." The Oriental Economist About the Author Trevor Leggett rose to the rank of fourth dan in shogi, a major achievement since first dan is considered excellent for an amateur. He is the author of Zen and the Ways.