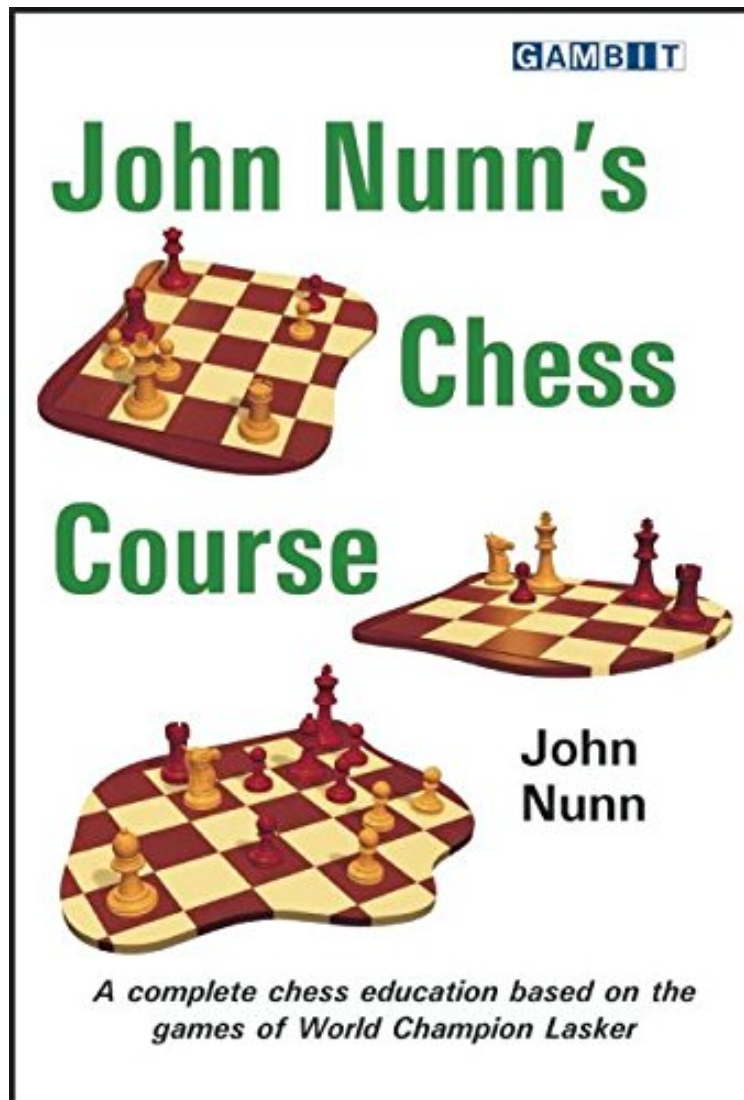


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John Nunn : John Nunn's Chess Course before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised John Nunn's Chess Course:

18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Simply a great book...By D. SuilmannGreat games... great analysis. Another high quality book from John Nunn. Nunn chooses instructive games of Emmanuel Lasker and adds his usual fresh and high quality analysis. When necessary, Nunn doesn't avoid the messy details of concrete lines to support his position evaluations. The book shows Lasker's deep understanding and competitive skill as well as the

occasional weak move..particularly when that move was previously mis-evaluated by other authors, I think the book would prove valuable to all but the very beginner.56 of 57 people found the following review helpful. A games collection both good to read and educationalBy Derek Grimmelli am using the Kindle edition, in which the size of diagrams and the page formatting are just about perfect -- enough so that even an amateur can study most of the main lines without a board.In a rather daring move, Nunn has based his general chess course on the games of Emanuel Lasker. His reasons for doing so are listed at the outset of the book, and make perfect sense. My reasons for agreeing are these:-- Lasker's games, being played against a wider range of openings and wider range of playing strengths than, say, the games of Anand, prove to be a rich source for training material suitable to the club player. We, too, tend to play outside the current main lines and see strategic as well as tactical errors, just as Lasker did before the information explosion and diffusion of chess knowledge.-- These games do not turn on opening analysis or knowing how to win the 2 pawns v 1 pawn on adjacent file ending. The games are "out of book" by move 7 or 8, and are chosen to illustrate how to play chess, not how to play openings. Likewise, the endings are complex, with a couple minor pieces and rook and several pawns, and are chosen to illustrate good endgame play.-- Lasker was not a perfectionist; he was a competitor. While he did not, as some have alleged, play inferior moves in order to mesmerize and deceive his opponents, he did play moves that were not objectively the best, because they gave him complex positions in which he trusted himself to find the right path better than his opponent. Modern equivalents of this approach are Korchnoi and (as Nunn points out) Carlsen.-- The games themselves are just plain fun.Nunn groups the games into chapters devoted to a single theme, such as attacking play. Within this, he presents a broad selection of games that illustrate how a strong player approaches this theme. I am impressed with the diversity of position types that appear in these games, and how nicely each illustrates various nuances within its chosen theme. It turns out that the games of Lasker alone are a pretty stable base on which to write such a book.And finally, Lasker gets somewhat ignored these days. His approach to chess is something that most players will benefit from studying.The book is suitable for novices up to about expert level, although stronger players are likely to benefit both from the enjoyment of the games, and Nunn's thorough if brief review of important ideas in the middlegame and beyond.14 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book By John NunnBy Salvatore GrassoJohn Nunn's Chess Course is very well presented based on Lasker. Easy to read and following the chess diagrams. Even though Lasker was world champion for 27 years, he made the game difficult for his opponents and took them into unknown territory so to speak. Lasker does matter and he was a genius. Playing through his games does teach you a lot. John Nunn has done this well and rightly so for picking Lasker. You will not be disappointed.

Following on from his successful books *Understanding Chess Endgames* and *Understanding Chess Middlegames*, John Nunn fleshes out the theory by showing how World Champion Emanuel Lasker handled a wide variety of practical situations. We see how Lasker's play, which his opponents found so unfathomable, was based on logic, extreme pragmatism and a deep understanding of how chess-players think. Covers topics not usually considered, such as queenless middlegames and manoeuvring Dissects strategic issues including piece activity, pawn-structure and bishop vs knight Looks at psychological aspects of chess, such as choosing lines which are most uncomfortable for the opponent Discusses how to handle inferior positions Explanations focus on general ideas rather than detailed analysis Features more than 100 of the most instructive examples from Lasker's career Concludes with a selection of exercises, with full commentary and explanation Emanuel Lasker from Germany chess player, mathematician and philosopher held the world title for 27 years, longer than any other champion. His victories against many of the all-time greats were based on an ahead-of-his-time understanding and had a subtle but profound influence on modern chess thinking.