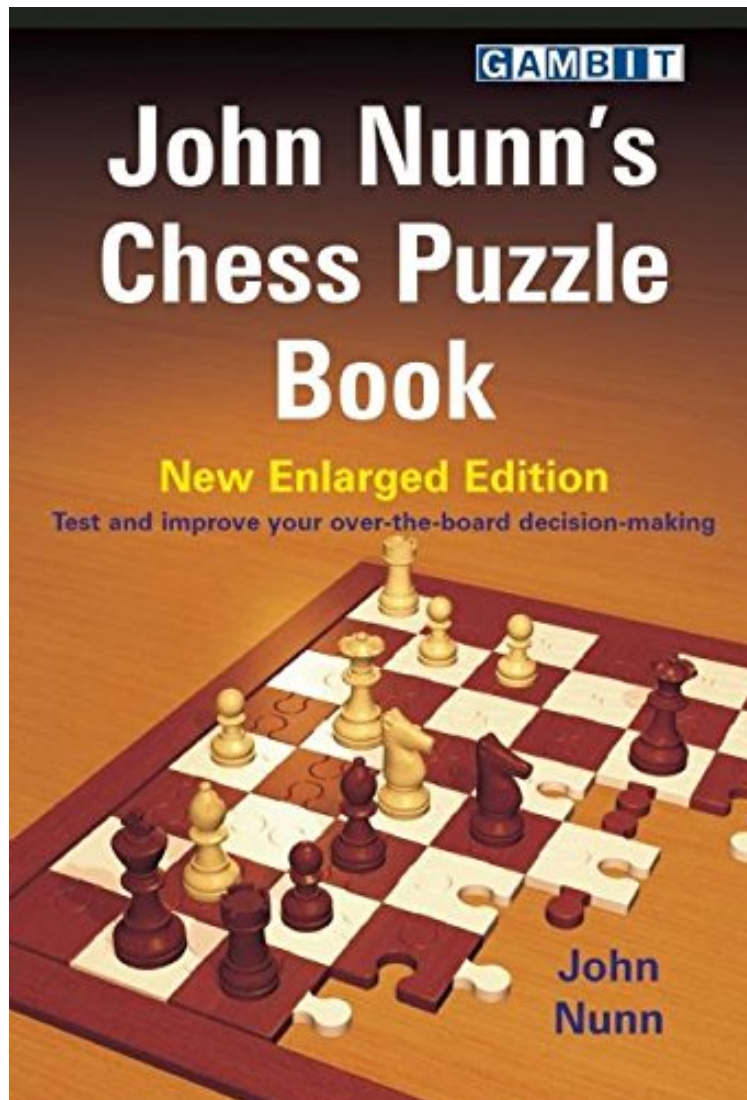


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John Nunn : John Nunn's Chess Puzzle Book before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised John Nunn's Chess Puzzle Book:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not for Class Players!!!By King KongMake no mistake about it, these puzzles are HARD! I haven't gotten very far into it yet, but I already know that I'm not going to be solving many of these. As another reviewer stated, they are often "what did the grandmaster miss" type of problems, and what the grandmaster missed often isn't the first move. I solved the first puzzle quickly. The answer was fairly obvious, in fact.

And then, YIKES! The puzzles are in no particular order as far as tactical motif, difficulty, etc. Nunn rates the puzzles on a scale of 1-5 for difficulty, with 1 being the easiest. Here's an idea of what a 1 is like. Puzzle no. 10 (rated 1) is a forced mate in nine (!) moves. The first move is a queen sac, and it doesn't pay off for 8 more moves! That's a 1. Puzzle no. 3 is a 4. The answer is 15 moves long, impossible for the average chess player to see in his head. I got the first move kind of by intuition (I've seen similar puzzles before), but no way I would have played it in a game because I just couldn't see it through to the end. In fact, I had difficulty working it out over the board. Puzzle no. 9 is a 5. The answer stretches over 3 three pages. There are hints. Sometimes the hints are useful, sometimes not. I'm going to keep at it, and I'm sure I'll learn something, but if you're looking for tactical practice problems, look elsewhere unless you are VERY strong. (I'm class B, btw.)

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars
By Lilys Momgood
book
10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Last tactics book you'll ever need
By chungking
These puzzles are wonderful, and they are hard. For me (USCF 20xx), even the easier ones are to be attempted only over the physical board with some serious concentration, not from the book while riding the bus. This book should not be confused with Fred Reinfeld's 1001 Combinations. I was just proud of myself for finding five (I thought) tricky tactical moves, leading to a position in which "White's attack must be decisive." Well, it turns out that my five moves were just the lead in to the real meat of the exercise, and when you work it through another half dozen moves to the bitter end, White loses. That's the level of rigor this book requires - or, on the positive side, can help you develop. If you are a strong club player looking for a great selection of analytical exercises, this may be the last book you'll ever need. Seriously, there is enough quality material here to last a long, long time. A little humbling, yes, but in a good way.

Most chess puzzle books put you in an artificial situation: you are told a combination exists, what the theme is and what you are required to achieve. This one is different. In a real game, a player may sometimes need to find a combination. On the other hand he may have to reject a tactical idea and simply find a good positional move. His task is to find the right move, whatever it may be. The 300 puzzles in this book put you precisely in that situation. Spectacular ideas abound in these positions, but it is for you to decide whether to go in for them, or whether you would be falling into a trap. If you need them, there are hints to help you on your way. The book ends with a series of tests to measure your skills against those of other players. For this new edition, John Nunn, a top-class grandmaster and a solving world champion, has added 50 new puzzles (with hints and detailed solutions) to test your skills to the full. For ease of following, extra diagrams have been added to the solutions throughout. Overall the book is 60 per cent bigger than the first edition.

About the Author Dr John Nunn is one of the best-respected figures in world chess. He was among the world's leading grandmasters for nearly twenty years, winning four gold medals in chess Olympiads and finishing sixth overall in the World Cup in 1989. He is a much-acclaimed writer, whose works have won 'Book of the Year' awards in several countries. In 2004, 2007 and 2010 Nunn was crowned World Chess Solving Champion, ahead of many former champions.