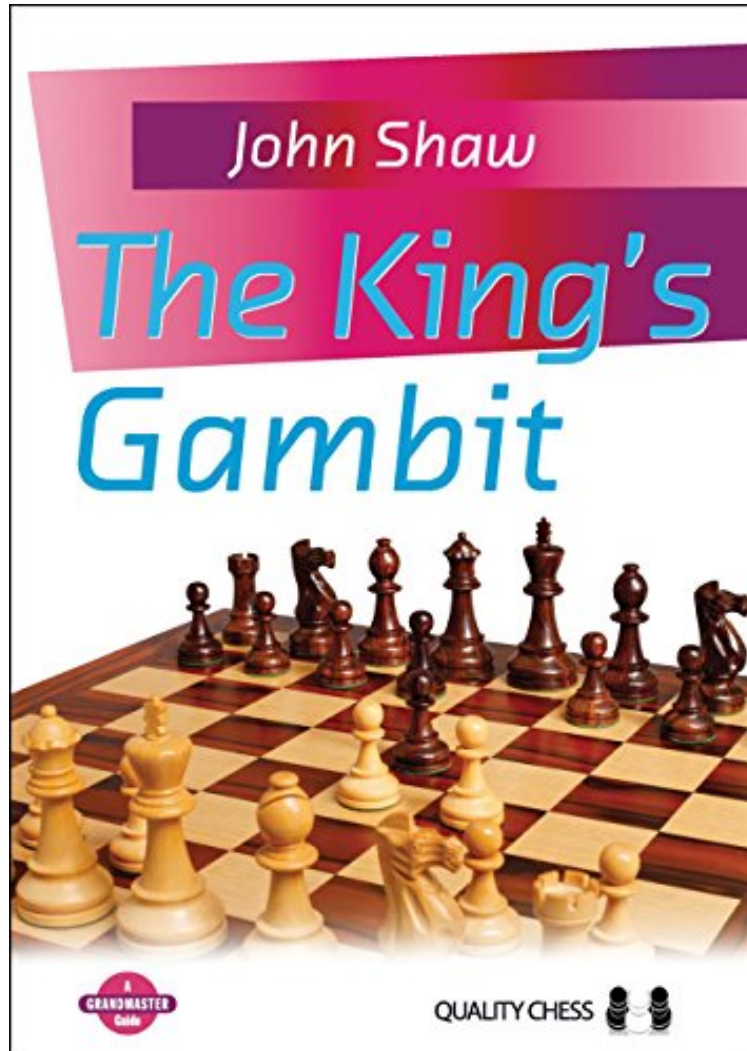


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John Shaw : King's Gambit (Grandmaster Guide) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised King's Gambit (Grandmaster Guide):

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. What a Tome!! By Iamachesstudent WOW! Really sums up everything that was put into the making of this TOME (book does not do the size and coverage of this opening justice). GM John Shaw really took this opening to task and has delved into every variation, sub-variation and has offered a TON of novelties to almost every variation of this opening! I am just over half-way through the book, and the quality of analysis, explanations and plentiful diagrams just make the book one that you do not want to put down. GM Shaw covers every variation of this venerable opening, and includes a great chapter on why 3.Bc4 is at best, only

equal for WHITE which helped me quite a bit, since I played 3.Bc4 quite allot before receiving this tome. I will never play 3.Bc4?! against the KG again!GM Shaw even quotes the old out of date gambits, like the Rice Gambit, so those of us that are not familiar or just don't remember it have it as an easy reference. i can't wait to get further into this work so I can see the rest of GM Shaw's recommendations and suggestions for the other lines of the KG. He starts the book out running, covering the main lines against the King's Gambit Accepted with 3.Nf3 g5! and the analysis and content grows from there! If you are thinking about playing the King's Gambit as White or need some fresh ideas or just want an excellent work on this romantic opening, Id say Get this book ASAP..you will be more than glad you did! It is one of the best books and most well done books I have had in while !19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. New standard on a very old openingBy M. A OberlyI have probably only played the King's Gambit a half dozen times in my life, and I've never really studied it in any other way than just looking over a few old games. And probably the last book on the openings I have bought was twenty years ago, but when I heard about this one, I was intrigued enough to buy it. I am so glad I did -- I have barely dipped my toe in the water in this book, and it is already fascinating.The first thing that strikes one on flipping through this book is the colossal depth. Shaw has thick sections for each subvariation of the King's Gambit, many with representative games, which he uses to demonstrate a lot of variations that could have been played, and examines their relative worth. Even if you pick just one sub-variation to study, you will have your hands full. (in a good way.)The second thing that struck me is how well written the book is. Shaw is mostly all business here, in order to pack as much in as he can, but it is really a delight to read. It is the furthest thing from the sort of database dumps that many opening books are. Having said that, there are some bursts of humor and wit here, and it is in no way dull. Just be aware that this *is* a fairly hardcore discussion of just the King's Gambit, and there is no way you will be disappointed.In the author's preface, Shaw says in a parenthetical "I hope this book will become the most important source!". I can only say to that: "mission accomplished, sir!". This is probably the most readable opening book I've ever read, and the most thorough for a single opening. It is clearly a labor of love, and it just may make you want to try the King's Gambit. I certainly want to. (just give me some time to prepare, with the help of Mr. Shaw's book, first!)Highly recommended.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Shaw worked hard and produced a very good opening book on the King's Gambit for modern play.By S. EversonThis one requires the reader to work a bit. There is a repertoire to be gleaned from the pages with either color, BUT this is not an opening repertoire book per se. It is well written and well researched. I have not found any glaring errors or omissions. There are plenty of interesting games. The format is partly analysis and partly annotated games. NOT ALL KG lines are covered. The actual printing is good as is the book's binding.Basically if you have other King's Gambit books, then this one proposes some slightly different solutions to problems for both sides. Shaw, for examples, is fond of g2-g3 and Nc3 for White in several variations, of which no other KG author seems to like. The book is big. You will get plenty material. You will get an author who tries diligently to support his opinions with solid analysis. In the process you can get a good feel for what to and what not to play. One spot I think the author went a bit too far is when Shaw claims to refute the Bishop's Gambit with 3...Nc6. I am unconvinced in 3...Nc6 as a refutation, but White will struggle a bit. Probablythe best player will win. But that has always been true against opponents who know what to do as Black against 3.Bc4. A great effort which will probably stand the test of time. Perfect KG book? I doubt it... Good KG book? Absolutely.

Chess had a golden era when The Kings Gambit was the favorite opening of every attacking player. In the glory days of Paul Morphy it was considered almost cowardly to play anything else. Legends such as Spassky and Bronstein kept the flame burning in the 20th century, but its popularity faded as players became distrustful of Whites ultra-aggressive approach. Nevertheless there are honorable exceptions whose games prove that this ancient weapon can still draw blood Short, Nakamura and Zvjaginsev are world-class players who have used the Kings Gambit successfully. In this groundbreaking work, grandmaster John Shaw shows that the ultimate Romantic chess opening remains relevant and dangerous even in the computer era.

About the AuthorJohn Shaw is a chess grandmaster who has been Scottish Champion three times. This is his most ambitious book to date, and was many years in the making.