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Emanuel Lasker : Lasker's Manual of Chess, New 21st Century Edition before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lasker's Manual of Chess, New 21st Century Edition:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Great For High School and Above PlayersBy A.Trendl HungarianBookstore.com"Lasker's Manual of Chess" is my favorite chess book. Unlike many chess players, I only own a few.It begins with the elements of chess: the pieces, how they move, and the essential advantages and disadvantages of positions the player will likely find himself in. Curiously, Lasker discusses the square. All of chess revolves about going from one square to another, and Lasker presumes (rightly so, I believe) that to know the end well, the player must see the very beginning at its core.He goes on to explain the why and what-fors about openings. He presents the opening concept both as a theory to muse over, and as a practical matter of setting things in such a way as to increase your likelihood of winning. He explains "Sortez les pieces" (Get the pieces out), and other 'rules' of chess.Like a Mark Twain book review, he feels in complete candor permission to question 'compilers', those players who memorize every variation of boardplay and win by the ability to study. He contrasts these players with those with natural talent, who he appreciates much more.Lasker walks through each step of the major openings in a clear manner, unlike some of the fuzzy chess primers written by modern masters.If fencing is played like chess, it could also be said chess is played like fencing. Lasker comments in the next section about the combinations, and suggestion chess is replete with violence, countered effectively by more violence, all brutal and seething with imminent danger. He provides, among others, an example of a check to the queen by a pawn.In the combinations section, he looks at variation predicaments great players he has encountered have wandered into, and how they pulled out these situations

victoriously. Later, he goes through various positions, even the aesthetics effects of chess. "Lasker's Manual of Chess" by Emanuel Lasker is a great book for a high school level or above player to explore. I fully recommend it. Anthony Trendl
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Lasker's Manual of Chess is one of the greatest chess books ever written. The fact that it was published over 80 years ago has diminished neither its relevance nor significance in today's modern chess world. Lasker was both a wonderful fighter and a deep thinker; his book is the quintessence of the exceptionally successful experiences he had over many long years, and his thoughts about them. He teaches what he himself considers most important: general principles and methods applicable to any situation. Once you have read his manual, you will become smarter - afterwards, this is bound to help you, both in chess and in life. This 21st-century edition has been supplemented with dozens of archival photographs of Lasker and his contemporaries. In addition, an entertaining and instructive feature, "Lasker Lore", highlights the chess history and trivia of the Lasker era. Finally, if the significance of Lasker's Manual of Chess needed to offer more, the greatest chess instructor of the modern era, Mark Dvoretsky, has penned a special foreword to this new edition of the legendary classic.