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**Neil McDonald : Starting Out: Dutch Defence (Starting Out - Everyman Chess)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Starting Out: Dutch Defence (Starting Out - Everyman Chess):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Fantastic Introduction with Practical Examples By David MilliernI am not sure why there are any neutral (non-good) ratings for this book. It is excellent. It is everything you want out of a Starting Out book: it provides the basic theory, ideas behind each variation, contains all the main variations (Stonewall, Classical, and Leningrad) of the Dutch, and it has practical examples from complete games that illustrate the ideas. Plus, this book does a great job presenting the dangers(!) as well as the benefits of the opening. By playing a

line that's less drawish, you will open up your chances to win as much as lose, and McDonald gives a hefty dose of reality to potential players when it comes to this subject. One thing that readers should be aware of is the fact that the organization of the book might confuse you at first, but hang in there; he has good reason for setting up the book in this way. I started playing around with the Dutch in online blitz games, while I was going through the book. There are some very annoying responses that white will play more often than you'd think, and these tricky lines are covered in the first few chapters. If you don't know what to do against these, to begin with, you will be smashed, especially in quick games, because the 1. f5 push weakens the king. Even if you read the three abovementioned primary lines, these other tricky lines will be devastating, if you don't have some clue about them, one being the Staunton gambit, which Botvinnik, as Dutch specialist, avoided! In sum, I can't think of a thing that this book is missing. My zealous and obsessive study habits allowed me to read and understand the content in 3 days, so I think this book is digestible to most readers in, probably, a two-week period, going at steady pace. Before covering the tricky lines, I went 1-2 with Dutch in online blitz games, afterward, I think I am up to either 8-0 or 10-0, the primary reasons being that I understand the ideas of this opening (thanks to this book) and surprisingly few 1.d4 and 1.c4 players do. (After hearing that a friend, USCF rated 2050, had his only win against a 2300-level player with this opening, I thought it worth looking into; this book has proven a good start.) Additionally, I think that McDonald does a fine job of keeping the writing of the book enjoyable, possessing some flair for expressions and turns of phrase, which is refreshing. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. somewhat eccentric but fun! By sleepless I've been curious about this opening for some time and knew that anything from the Starting Out series would be a comfortable place to start. The three sections are very well explained as the author knows his stuff. I found I had a lot of the book's games that had been annotated by the ChessPub site and it was interesting comparing the comments. It was fun trying the easier Classical Dutch in some club level games against a Reti and an English but the Leningrad will have to wait. Worth a look! 18 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Exemplatory work on Dutch By I. Knezovic I have a few books from Neil McDonald, and they are nice works, especially the book Starting Out: The English. But I was really pleasantly surprised with this title. Chapters are written in best possible order for new Dutch fan to follow, starting with nice introduction, then some offbeat chapters, which are nevertheless funny to follow, especially for the new student to incorporate them for future use, and following are three main parts of the book. In every game of every chapter there is a lot of explanations of plans and warning of possibility of cheap tactics. Book is written out of love for the opening from the author, and that is immediately felt. Unlike many of today's opening books unfortunately. My recommendation.

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From the Back Cover The Dutch Defence is an ambitious and underrated counter to the queen's pawn opening. With his very first move Black creates an asymmetrical pawn structure, thus unbalancing the position from a very early stage and allowing both White and Black players to fight for the initiative. Black also has many options within the Dutch Defence, from the ultra-solid Stonewall formation through to the fluid Classical System and the dynamic Leningrad Variation. In this user-friendly book, Grandmaster Neil McDonald goes back to basics, studying the fundamental principles of the Dutch Defence and its many variations. Throughout the book there are an abundance of notes, tips, warnings and exercises to help the improving player, while key strategies, ideas and tactics for both sides are clearly illustrated. \*User-friendly design helps readers absorb ideas\* Concentrates on the key principles of the Ruy Lopez \*Ideal for the improving player