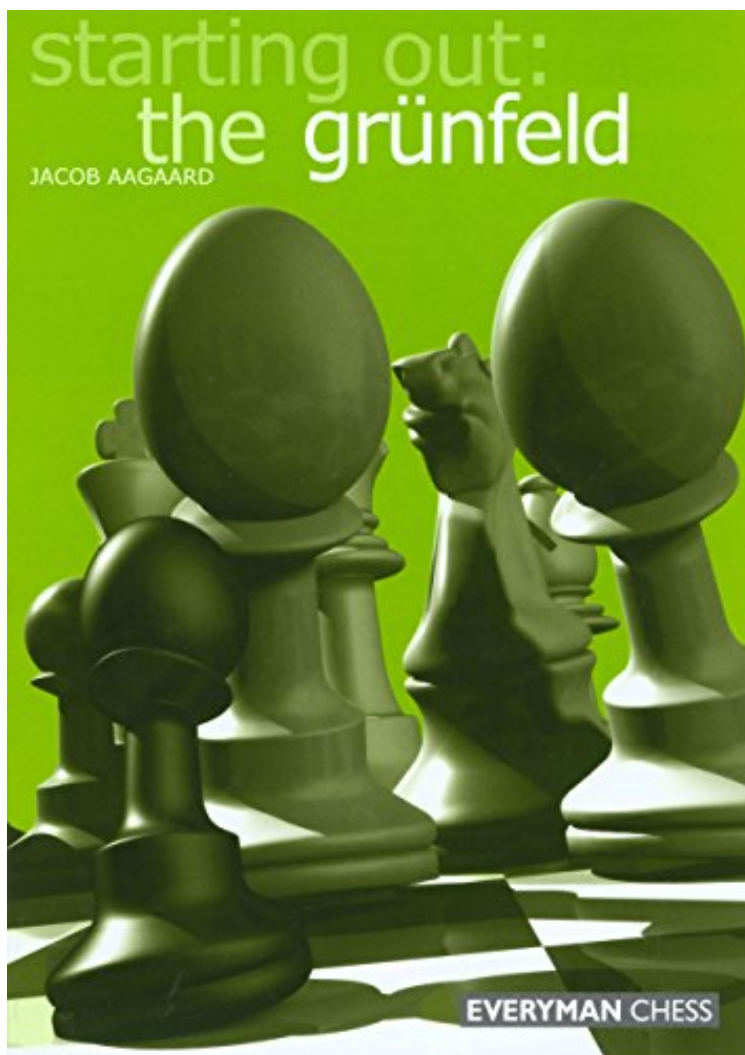


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6 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Starting Out: The Grunfeld Defence (Starting Out - Everyman Chess) By B. Davis A good book to begin your exporation toward Master play in the Grunfeld. This book should be supported by another book on the Grunfeld that covers your favorite Grunfeld Varations in greater detail once you begin playing it. 22 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Another good book from Aagaard By R. J

Kaucher I detest closed positions and when I first started playing chess I honestly believed there was no other option to facing 1.d4 other than the Queen's Gambit. I purchased and began to study Starting Out the Queen's Gambit but I still did not like the games and frequently lost. My record against 1.d4 was horrible. Now I have found a system that I enjoy. The positions which result from the Grnfeld tend to be semi-open and the ideas employed by both sides are rich and can be complex. That is the kind of chess I enjoy playing. Aagaard has done a great job in introducing players to this opening and he has not pulled any punches. Some of the ideas and lines are complicated but he apparently struggled to make the book as up to date as possible. He even included a few games that were played weeks before his manuscript was sent to be edited. The format is typical of the Starting Out series by Everyman Chess so if you enjoy any other books in the series you will certainly enjoy this book. Throw in Aagaard's odd sense of humor and you have a great introductory text. As for the review by KR from Texas, Aagaard certainly checked his analysis with Fritz 8 as he makes several comments concerning this in the book. I am much more willing to trust the analysis of an IM backed by Fritz than I am to trust the average chess player but any book of this sort will have its errors and the whole point of *studying* a book like this is to question and understand the analysis and lines given - not to simply swallow what has been written with no thought that it might be incorrect or inaccurate. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Aagaard checkmates himself By Eskychesser This book was absolutely awful. The writing is poor at best. The tips side-caps were atrocious and the author assumes everyone has master-level understanding already, which if they did, they certainly would not need this useless book. Just variation after variation with nothing constructive at all to learn from. Nothing about how to actually understand the opening - there is NOTHING about 'starting out' that this book helps with. Awful. Rowson's book on the Grunfeld is so much better.

These books are perfect for enthusiastic chess players who are starting out in the game, and who are seeking to understand the basic principles behind these important openings: the Pirc/Modern and the Grnfeld. These 2 books are written in a user-friendly style with an abundance of notes, tips and warnings scattered throughout, while key strategies, ideas, and tactics for both sides are clearly illustrated. The authors of these books are very skilled and experienced chess writers, who are used to writing for players of all levels and are renowned for their ability to explain ideas in a lucid and straightforward manner. These books will be especially beneficial to those players who have previously sharpened their chess skills with the earlier books Starting Out in Chess, Tips for Young Players and Improve Your Opening Play. *User-friendly design to help readers absorb ideas* Concentrates on the fundamental principles of the openings *Ideal for the improving player

From the Back Cover The Grnfeld is an energetic and popular defense to queen's pawn openings and is a favorite of the world number one Garry Kasparov. From the start of the game Black allows White to build an apparently strong centre but then attacks it with all his forces. Play can become extremely sharp and theoretical and this opening very much appeals to dynamic players. In this book, International Master Jacob Aagaard revisits the fundamental principles of the Grnfeld and its numerous variations. Throughout the book there are an abundance of notes, tips and warnings to guide the improving player, while important strategies, ideas and tactics for both sides are clearly illustrated. User-friendly design to help readers absorb ideas Concentrates on the main ideas of the Grnfeld Ideal for the improving player