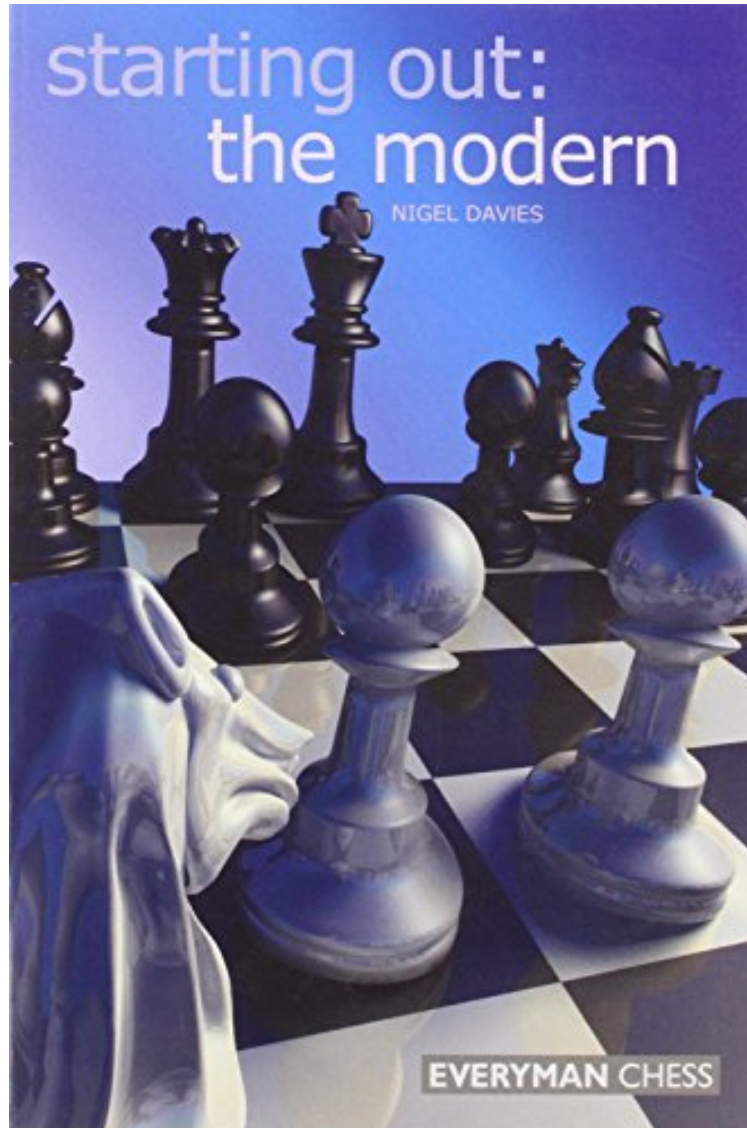


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Grandmaster Nigel Davies revisits the fundamentals of the Modern Defence, studying in depth the crucial early moves and plans for both sides. This book is ideal for up-and-coming players.

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