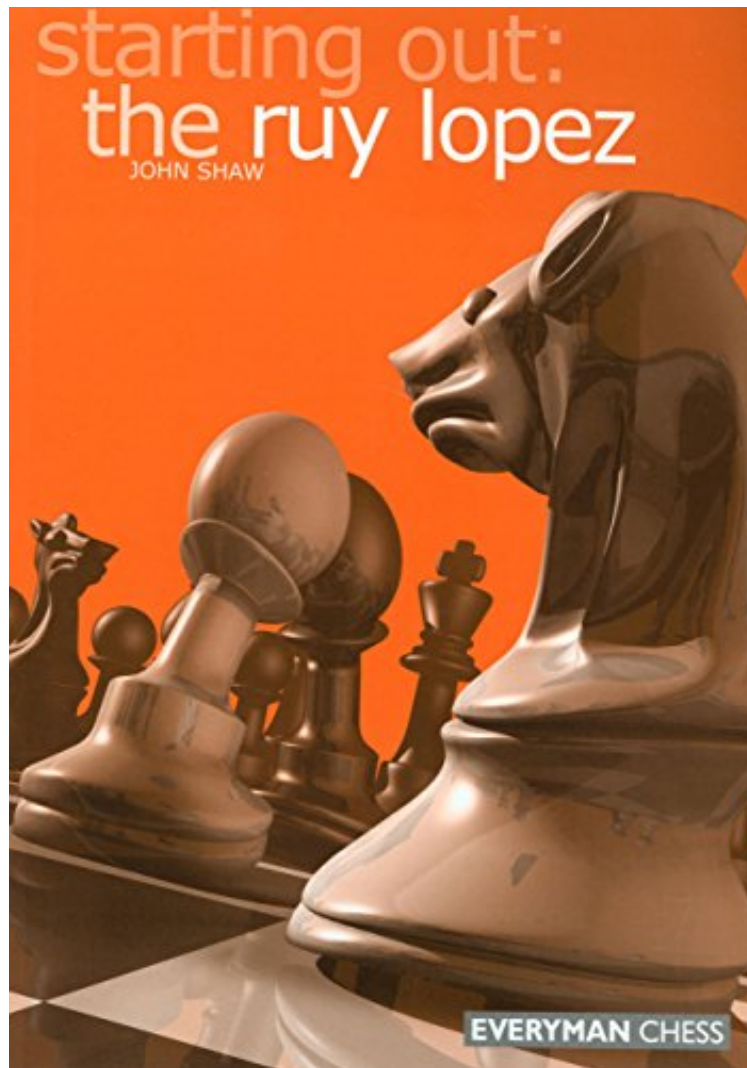


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John Shaw : Starting Out: the Ruy Lopez (Starting Out - Everyman Chess) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Starting Out: the Ruy Lopez (Starting Out - Everyman Chess):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Single-Best Introduction I Have Found By David MilliernI absolutely love the Starting Out series. I really dont think it is worth the time for players under 2000 to look at openings much, but some superficial knowledge, mostly in the form of ideas for strategic purposes, can go a long way. In preparing for a particular Expert level player (I was only 1477), I needed some ideas for the white side of the Lopez, and this book gave me everything I needed to get a draw (USCF rated G/120) a fine result, given the rating disparity.

This book has the mainline theory at the start of each chapter, a breakdown of ideas and possibilities, and then it gives practical applications of those ideas in the form of practical games. This is the layout for most all of the Starting Out books, and I think it is a recipe for success. This book should be for any player USCF rated under 2000, but I know all too many booked-up A-class players, so I will simply say that this book geared toward those who have no grounding or formal familiarity with the Ruy Lopez (aka the Spanish Game). I played the first 3 Lopez moves for quite some time before formally learning the theory of the opening, learning some of the ideas on my own, but this book kicked me into a state of solid, basic theoretical understanding of the opening. This series recipe certainly works for me, and I expect it will work for players who aren't booked-up class players, but are similar players who have focused on tactics, positional play, strategy, endings, and so forth. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent "Starting out" By FKav chess I consider this book an excellent introduction to the Ruy Lopez. Many plans for black and white are explained well. Obviously a professional player with a 2100+ ELO would need other books on specific variations, but since this book is a "Starting Out", it seems a perfect book. I think that people under 2000 does not need other books, a opening database or a playing software with a complete "book tree" can fill the gap. 9 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Pedagogically Unsound! By CustomerUp until now I had been very impressed with the Starting Out Series by Everyman Chess. The first two books I studied were great (they were Starting Out: The King's Indian and Starting Out: The Colle). Starting Out: The Ruy Lopez did not measure up to either of those books in my opinion. The format is basically the same but the author just did not explain things well. His annotations were dry at best and completely uninformative at worst! There was also no real room for further study or analysis. I recommend the other two Starting Out books mentioned above but cannot in good conscious recommend Starting Out: The Ruy Lopez. These books are meant to be heavy on explanation for newer and improving chess players. The annotations contained in this book functioned more as bland comments with no instructional content.

Ideal for those wanting to understand the basics of the Ruy Lopez. The Ruy Lopez is one of the most famous of all chess openings. It has a long and distinguished history and has been played by virtually all of the strongest Grandmasters: Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov, Kramnik, Anand the list goes on! From very early on White activates pieces, takes the initiative and sets about building a dominant centre. In this user-friendly book, author John Shaw goes back to basics, studying the fundamental principles of the Ruy Lopez 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 to help readers absorb ideas * Concentrates on the key principles of the Ruy Lopez * Ideal for the improving player

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