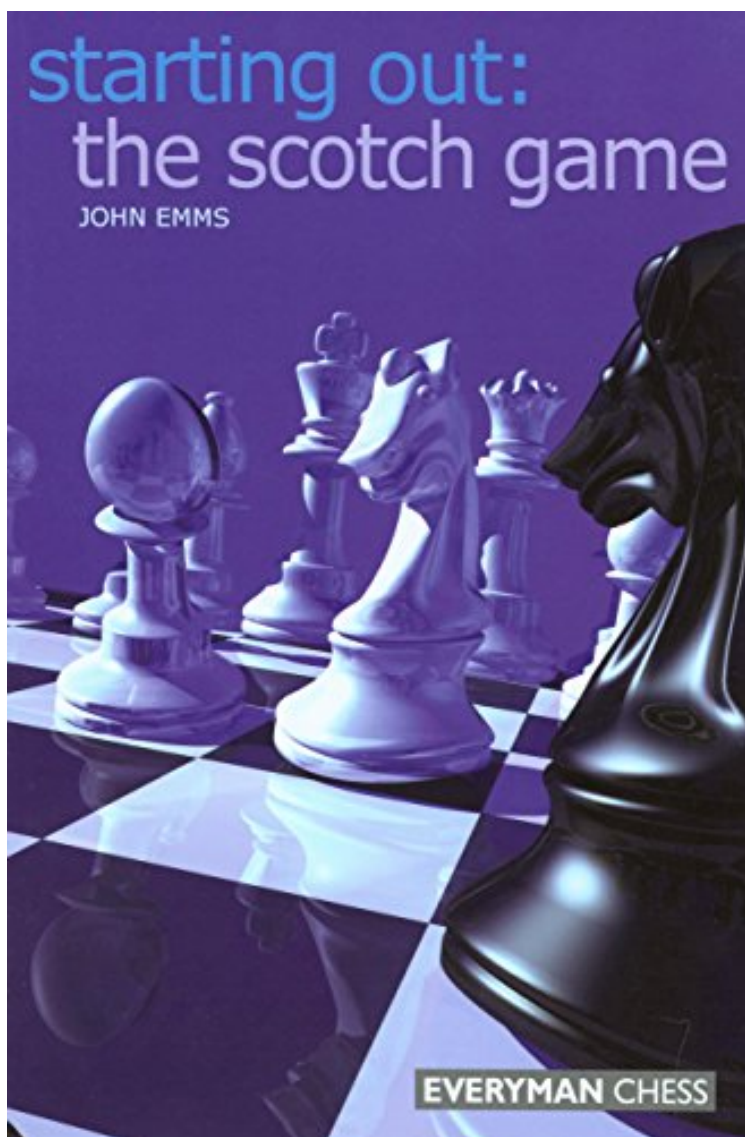


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if they were indented so you know it's not the main line. You can go pages into something, then get the next main line move in bold ... so you have to go back and rebuild ... it's common, but a bit of a hassle. The BIGGEST flaw is that there's no table of contents at all (ARG!). So on the Kindle, when I got to the end of Chapter 1 and wanted to skip the 12 example games -- it was a process of manually flipping about 20 pages forward to find the next chapter. Gross. You know what happened when I then decided I DID want to review the games? Ugh. Pretty lame. Seems pretty comprehensive and organized for learning the opening. He goes into strange lines first, to get them out of the way, but I think I might have gone with a main line (like the Mieses) first and then discuss alternatives later in the book. 7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Excellent for the Club Player and Novice. By Carl Armstrong I have most of the "Starting Out" series which are always written in a down to earth easy to understand style, with plenty of diagrams and illustrative games to clearly give the plans and objectives of every major variation. This one by John Emms is truly excellent, especially if you play the Nimzo-Indian Defence and are looking for a strong defence after white plays 3.Nf3. This Queens Indian Defence has been a favorite of the worlds strongest Grandmasters since it affords black many opportunities to play for a win with the minimum amount of risk. John Emms also gives many original ideas and suggestions for black, whom he admits a slight degree of bias for. The entire "Starting Out" series is edited by Kasparov, and this book along with the others, is a must for every serious chessplayer. This doesn't mean you should rush out and buy most of them as I have done, but for the openings that you favor and would like to use frequently, there can be no better guide than this series. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This one is excellent! Take them out of their game plan and ... By Albert Johnson This one is excellent! Take them out of their game plan and destroy their Sicilian defense after you've moved e4. Some deadly traps (the Scotch Gambit) waiting to surprise them and you could end their game quickly with a mate or trading your Knight for their lovely Queen. After reading this, I play nothing else.

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