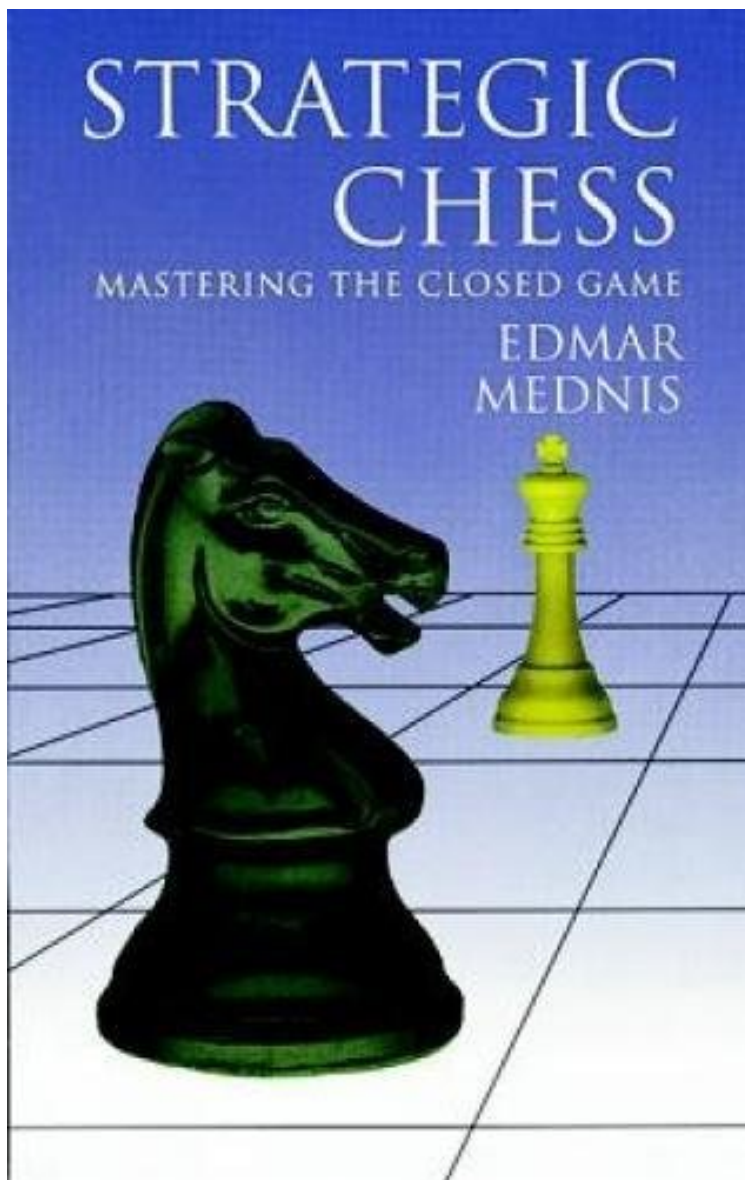


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book actually discusses the strategy behind the openings, and I enjoyed it very much. It's definitely not a repertoire book, which is one of its strengths in my opinion. Its weaknesses are that it sometimes does not present main lines, and it's also a little skimpy on some of the openings. But if you're a d4 player (or c4 player), and you're looking for a book that actually discusses ideas rather than burying you in variations, this is your book. And it's cheap, too. Can't argue with that.

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This is an excellent book. It shows you the battle plans in the main closed systems and gave you a lot of advice about how to play the middlegame and the endgame. Maybe the most important subject is the move order in the opening so you'll never be playing what your opponent wants to play.

Este libro es excelente. No solo te enseña las ideas y planes en cada uno de los principales sistemas cerrados, también te da consejos sobre el medio juego y sobre los finales que difícilmente los encontrarás en otros libros. Además, y quizás lo más importante, es que trata el tema del orden de movidas en la apertura, para que no quedés jugando lo que tu adversario quiere.

True chess mastery demands a thorough understanding of the game's opening nuances, and this guide by an International Grandmaster offers detailed, seldom-discussed insights into the real significance of the opening. As Mr. Medina notes in the Preface, "if you know the strategic theme of your opening well, understand how to apply it in middlegame play, and if necessary can also make use of your knowledge in the thematic endgame to follow, then you will be a very successful tournament player." Restricting his approach to exploring lines that lead to closed positions, the author focuses on dozens of games, describing the important strategic themes of the openings, and then demonstrating how these themes should be carried through all applicable phases of the game. An excellent teacher and expositor, Mr. Medina brings to bear years of experience and technical knowledge as he analyzes 30 games, including contests between such chess giants as Petrosian and Korchnoi, Karpov and Kasparov, Gligoric and Kaplan, and many others. Highly instructive, fun to read, and full of revealing insights into the intricacies of the game, this book is an invaluable guide to playing strategically clear openings more successfully, and achieving a higher level of play. Masters and amateurs alike will find a wealth of instructive tactics and techniques in this informative work.