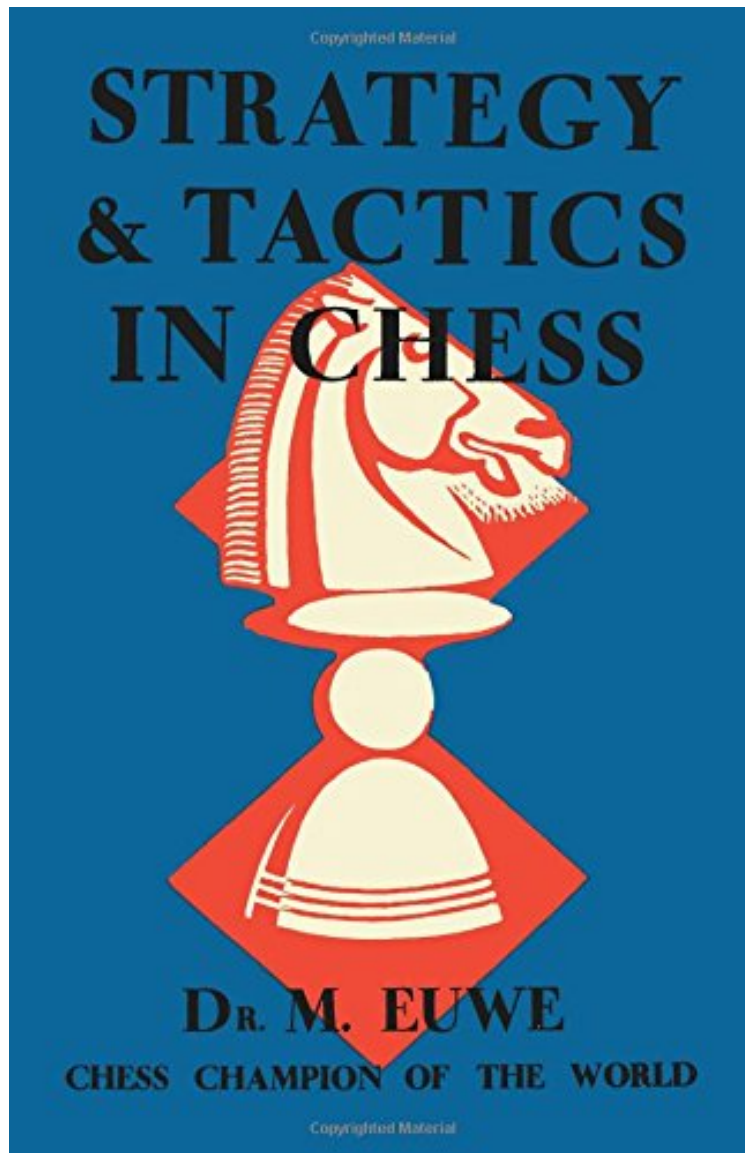


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Max Euwe : Strategy Tactics in Chess before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Strategy Tactics in Chess:

16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Chess teaching that you won't find today.By jmatThis book " Strategy and Tactics in Chess" by World Champion Max Euwe is an excellent book for any aspiring player of the royal game. It will imprint many of the important ideas and principles of the game of chess on the reader's mind

without subjecting him to the tedious methods used today. I have many books on chess tactics and chess strategy and chess in general, and one thing that stands out—especially with modern chess writers—is their inability to explain the subject that they are master of. In the pedagogy of chess, there are very few writers that can explain the game or any of the phases of the game adequately. Max Euwe, the modest and quite influential champion, was one of them. In this work, he does not bury you with unnecessary reams of examples or tries to subconsciously make the process of the game more complicated than it should be for the aspiring player. On the section on Strategy, he presents you with the central, enduring ideas of the game. Ideas such as: maintaining the greatest possible field of action for the pieces, maintaining the option of playing on either wing of the board through the proper use of the center, creating and using strong squares, taking the initiative where you are strongest, and directing the attack on the most important strategic piece of the game—the pawns. It is a clear, compacted, and memorable presentation of chess strategy. His method here is like a lecture because the book grew out of a series of lectures that he had given. It gives the reader a bird's eye view of the proven, important strategic concepts of the game in only 57 pages. You might say that it is a sparse way of presenting the subject, but that is what makes this work more valuable than many other such works. Euwe was a very logical and economical writer of the subject. Most of the book, from page 58 to page 170 is really dedicated to chess tactics, and he introduces the reader to an easy and logical system of tactical classification which will assist the reader in getting a clear view of the subject. Tactics are the part of the royal game that give it an artistic angle because the player has to actually create something out of nothing by combining (Combinations) various tactical elements to create results that affect strategy and the outcome of the game itself. Strategy, on the other hand, has certain sets of repeatable principles that are akin to a sort of scientific approach to the game. You can never really play chess well if you do not make an effort to master tactics. He teaches the reader how to trace the idea of a combination, how to calculate its moves, and how to evaluate the result of the process. Out of necessity, he divides the subject into: 1. MATING COMBINATIONS* Direct Mate Combinations* Break-up Combinations* Penetrative Combinations* Lateral Combinations 2. OPEN-FIELD COMBINATIONS* Combinations for Gain in Material* Focal-Point Combinations* Pinning Combinations* Unmasking Combinations* Overload Combinations* Obstructive Combinations* Desperado Combinations* Cumulative Combinations And: COMPOUND COMBINATIONS END-GAME COMBINATIONS On this section on Tactics he has to be a little more detailed about what is the hard part of chess and that is being creative. These are like the various tools that the artist needs for his work. But, even here, he does not venture into a dense jungle of unnecessary examples and explanations. He simply classifies the subject into memorable imprints for the reader and the attentive reader gets a feel for how this master thought, analyzed, and calculated the different positions. And that is the beauty of this work; it presents the important subject without making the reader feel guilty for dropping the subject before he has a chance to finish it. He also introduces the idea of basing the search for tactical elements on certain latent weaknesses in a position on the board. In the middle of page 9, he states: "By a weakness we understand a piece or an important square which is in a state of balance, that is, one which is threatened as often as it is defended, but to which extra pressure can easily be applied." That is an important, undervalued tactical principle that many chess writers don't bother to bring up today because they rather quickly concentrate on the most basic and random themes such as the fork, the pin, the x-ray attack, etc. as the central starting ideas of the combination. This is one of the books revived by Ishi Press, Int. without any change. It is a very readable work on chess and, except for several not-hard-to-read typos, it is one of the better written works on chess. I just had to get me another copy to replace the worn out one in my library. It is highly recommended for anyone wanting to start learning the royal game in the most economical, memorable, and productive manner. That is not bad for a chess book written in 1935. 24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Any Player can Benefit from this Book By David De Sousa In this book, Dr Max Euwe, a former Chess World Champion and great Dutch grandmaster of his time, discussed in a clear and conversational way about both strategy and tactics theory and practice, laying special emphasis in tactics. I enjoyed and played a lot chess in high school and in college and since I started working I had less and less time available for playing so my game suffered from it. Having said this currently I consider myself a novice again after about twelve years without being able to play a single game of chess. When I recently started playing again I found myself confused and kind of lost questioning if I should attack?, defend?, and if so when?, where?, how? I was looking for some books to start from scratch and try to reassess my game. I bought this book as part of a used chess book collection on an auction, and I was not disappointed at all with this title. The book showed me again the essentials about both strategy and combinations to actually play stronger and wisely. Since the Table of Contents is not included in the book information presented above by the seller, I am including how the book is organized, so everybody can visualize what topics are covered in this book: I. Strategy and Tactics. II. Strategy: General principles.- The greatest possible field of action for the pieces.- As much choice as possible of intervening III. Strategy: Special principles.- Taking the initiative where one is strongest.- Directing the attack in general on fixed pawns. IV. Tactics: Combinations in General.- Mating combinations.- Open-field combinations. V. Mating combinations.- Direct mate combinations.- Break-up combinations.- Penetrative combinations.- Lateral combinations. VI. Open-field combinations.- Combinations for gain in material.- Focal-point combinations.- Pinning combinations.- Unmasking combinations.- Overload combinations.- Desperado combinations.- Cumulative combinations. VII. Compound

combinations.VIII. End-game combinations.- Forcing combinations.- Advancing combinations.- Promotion combinations.Absolutely an excellent book for its price.

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About the AuthorDr. Max Euwe was world chess champion from 1935 to 1937. He played all of the great players from Lasker to Fischer in tournaments and studied all of their games in great detail. He knew more about them and their games than anybody else. Max Euwe was born on May 20, 1901 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Among the world Champions, Euwe was certainly the most active and prolific writer about the game. He was never a professional player. He had a real job. He was a math professor. After retirement he became a chess official. He was president of FIDE, the World Chess Federation, from 1970 to 1978. This was during the Cold War and Euwe had to make difficult decisions for the good of chess. It was absolutely, definitely because of Euwe that Bobby Fischer got to sit down at the board to play a match for the World Chess Championship. Fischer had been disqualified many times along the way, the first time being when he refused to play in the US Championship that was a necessary preliminary to the World Chess Championship competition. Max Euwe, himself a past world champion, acted as both referee and official at the famous Iceland matches in 1972. Max Euwe died on November 26, 1981 in his native Amsterdam at age 80.