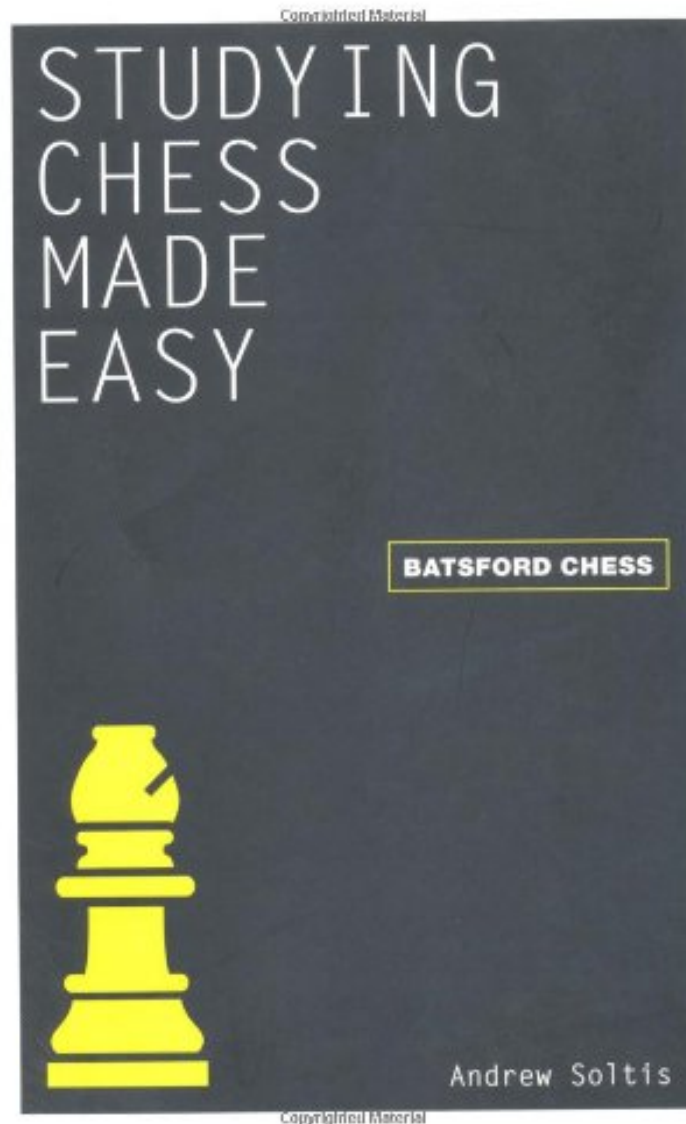


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**Andrew Soltis : Studying Chess Made Easy** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Studying Chess Made Easy:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good, But Not Great SoltisBy R. TobiasWell first, lets get the obvious out of the way: chess isn't an easy game, and neither is the study of the royal game. Soltis even admits this in the text, eg: 'One of the most valuable skills that you can improve by playing a machine is the coordinating of your pieces. Learning to get your pieces to work together is VERY DIFFICULT' (emphasis mine) p.62. But marketing is

marketing, and 'Studying Chess Made More Effective', though more accurate, probably wouldn't sell. So enough for my minor quibble. The real issue, of course, is whether Soltis delivers with this book. I would give that a qualified 'yes' answer. This is a pretty decent book, but it is not revolutionary in its content. Nor is it remarkable for thoroughness, organization, insightfulness etc. It is a series of, if you will, lectures on various topics on how to study chess, many if not all which can be found in other improvement texts. There are certainly some good points made, such as the centrality of pattern recognition in being able to find strong moves, and the need to learn by experience, playing many, many games and studying them. But you if you have been around for awhile, you probably already knew those things, right? One aspect that he brings up that I liked was the need for (most of the time) only having to calculate 2 1/2 moves ahead to be successful. Of course, seeing ALL of the key lines in that 2 1/2 moves takes years of practice, but it helps to know what to focus on. Overall, this is a helpful book, but as much as I like Soltis' work in general, I think there are better improvement books out there. For example, I would look at Yermolinsky's 'The Road To Chess Improvement', which is better overall, particularly for more advanced and/or motivated students. If you are a big Soltis fan, though, you will get much out of this book, at least if you are a relative beginner. More experienced players who have already worked through a couple of self-improvement books will not find a great deal new here, but there may be just enough for some to make it worthwhile. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful.

Worthwhile, But Not Comprehensive  
By Robert Pearson  
I am an experienced tournament chess player, and came to this book from that perspective. I have a number of Grandmaster Soltis's earlier books including "The Inner Game of Chess" and "Pawn Structure Chess." All are worthwhile for those striving to improve their game. However, Soltis does write his "improvement" books with a certain structure or formula and this book follows that formula: Wittily-titled chapters, each containing a few fairly long examples from grandmaster chess to illustrate the points he's making. The style is conversational, enjoyable and easy to read, but the amount of information per page is not enormous. Still, for players with a little tournament experience up through USCF Expert(2000+) this book could be a very valuable resource about what NOT to spend your study time on, as well as the more conventional "How to study." His insight that chess study must be enjoyable to be effective may seem obvious, but it bears repetition. He does a good job in this book showing you how to make it so. In my opinion, the strongest chapters are on how to study the opening, "two and a half move chess" and how to benefit from master games. I agree with some of the other reviewers that the book could be more specific in places, especially about the best ways to use computers, databases and Web resources. That's why it gets four stars instead of five. There are several books on this topic already in print, but I don't own any of them. That may be my next purchase! Ultimately, playing and studying "real" chess is never going to be easy, but it can be a lot of fun if done right. This book's title may be a little misleading, but it's utility is well worth the price asked. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Buy this without hesitating. You won't regret it.  
By Good Book  
Few people know how to study chess for optimum results. In this book Grandmaster Soltis shares the methods of study adopted by masters. It is worth every penny. The only grouse I have about this book is the Kindle edition, where the notation is faded and the diagrams are not so clear. I need my reading glasses for this. Incidentally this is not the first time I am giving a thumbs up for a chess book but a thumbs down for the Kindle edition.

Study is a necessity for competitive chess players, and acclaimed chess author and International Grandmaster Andrew Soltis explains how it should be done. In his trademark witty, accessible style, Soltis provides tips on everything from the need for memorization to the use of computers-and even how to develop that indefinable thing called intuition.

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