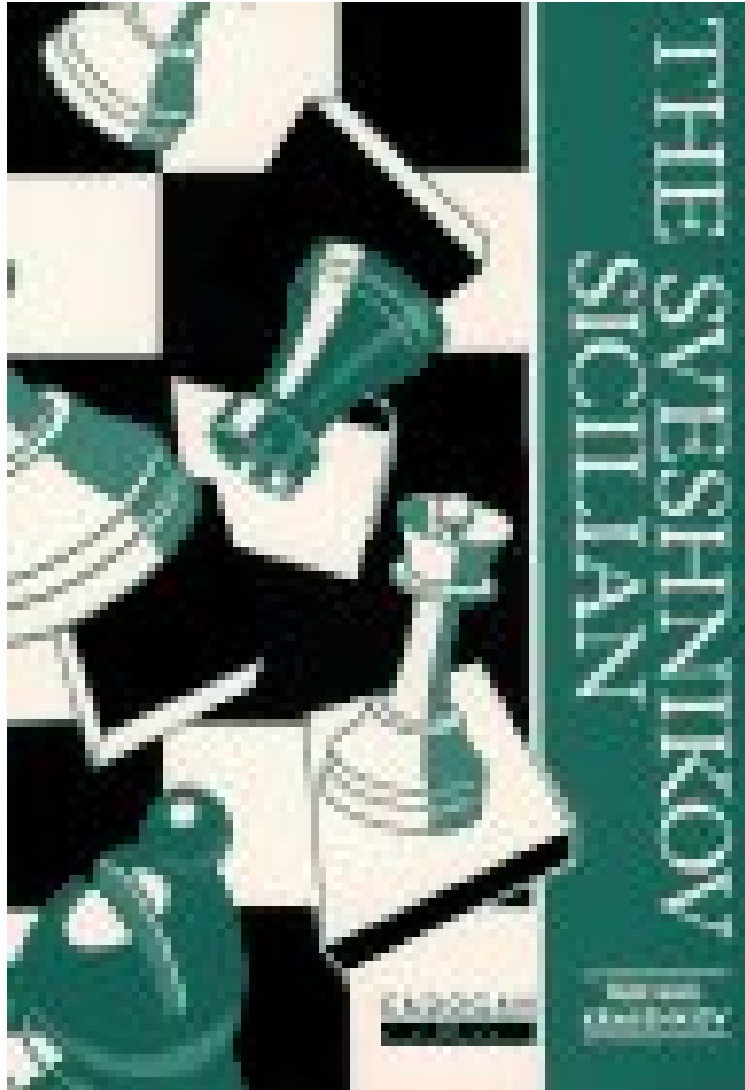


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**Everyman Chess : Sveshnikov Sicilian** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sveshnikov Sicilian:

6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Probably the best Sveshnikov book. By Paul Beach This is an excellent book. The author says that he loves this opening and it shows. Special features of this book include a separate chapter at the back with 40 important annotated games (see Brodsky-Kramnik 1991 for a violent treat), comments in the introduction on strategies and piece placement, etc, and a two-page index of variations with assessments right there. The only minor problem I have is that the lines contain so many sublines and variants I can

almost get lost. You can't play this opening with NCO alone. There are just too many savage alternatives for each side. Which brings me to my last point - are you considering taking up this opening but are not too sure about it? Then be warned, this is not the opening for those who believe in weak squares! You need to be an aggressive player who loves piece activity and despises draws. 2 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very good reference for key variations

By A Customer  
The Sveshnikov Sicilian is an extremely dynamic aggressive opening which has been used by top grandmasters including Kramnik, Shirov and Nunn. Black sacrifices pawn structure for dynamic piece play, and the middle game strategies can be very rich and complex as a result. White usually tries to get a grip on the light squares, to try and reduce black's counterplay, whilst black will try and exploit piece play, usually by trying for a violent king attack. This book by Krasenkov who is a loyal exponent of this opening, provides up to date coverage of this defence, and can increase the black player's confidence in playing this opening. Indeed it is the possibility of such as razor sharp defences like this, that is prompting White players to chicken out with moves such as 2. c3 :-)

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. good book, strange format.

By A Customer  
The book is written in a format of mass variations, followed in the last chapter with annotated instructive games. the lines are well detailed and complete. All you need to buy to learn the opening. For a reference book I recommend The Pelikan Sicilian, by Sveshnikov himself.

Grandmaster Mikhail Krasenkov is one of the leading experts on the Sveshnikov variation of the Sicilian Defense, one of the sharpest and most combative of all chess openings. Krasenkov, also author of the bestselling *The Open Spanish*, discusses the main ideas of the Sveshnikov Sicilian and provides a highly instructive selection of illustrative games to explain the key ideas.

From the Back Cover  
The Sveshnikov variation of the Sicilian Defense leads to dynamic positions with free piece play and provides enterprising players with the type of active game on which they can thrive. It became fashionable in the 1970s under the influence of Evgeny Sveshnikov and other grandmasters from Chelyabinsk, and has remained at the cutting edge of opening theory ever since. In recent years it has been a favorite of the exciting young stars Vladimir Kramnik and Alexei Shirov, and of the author himself, all of whom have introduced important new ideas. This book provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of the Sveshnikov Sicilian available. It focuses on currently fashionable variations and provides club and tournament players with everything they need to know to play the opening with confidence as White or Black. Learn the secrets of the Sveshnikov from one of its foremost exponents! Mikhail Krasenkov is also author of *The Open Spanish*.