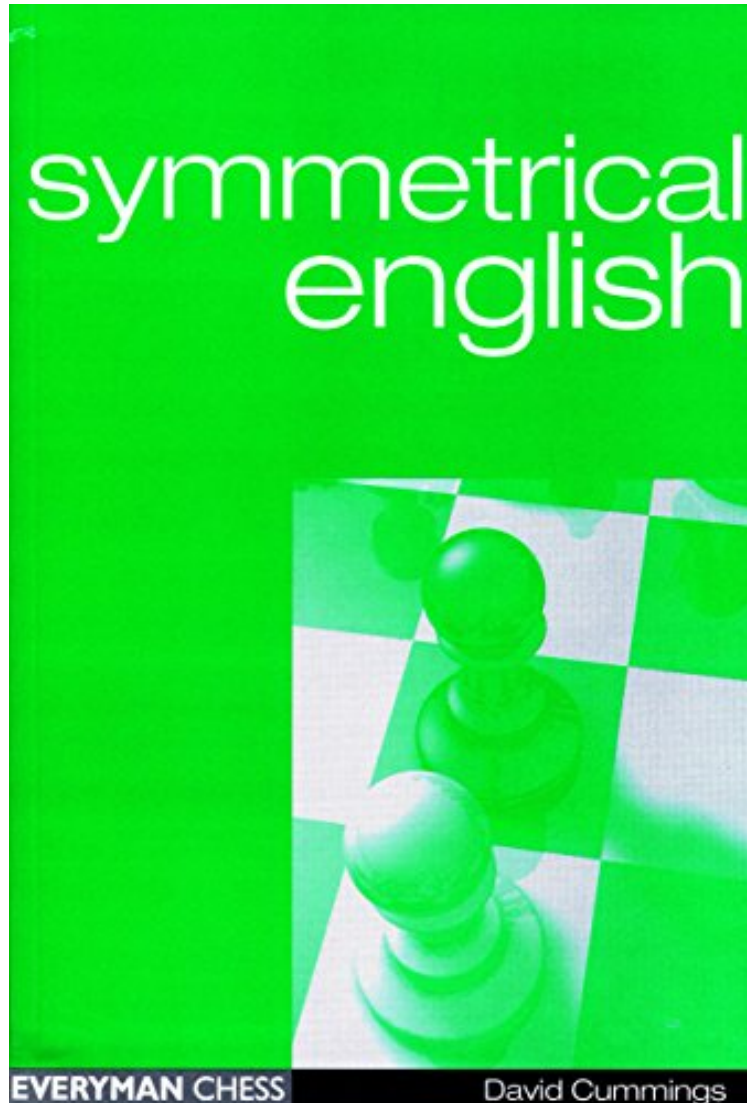


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David Cummings : Symmetrical English (Everyman Chess) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Symmetrical English (Everyman Chess):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Symmetrical, Yet Contains a Drop of Poison!By R. TobiasThis is a quality opening survey of an opening (1.c4 c5) that has received less coverage than perhaps it deserves. It is a symmetrical response to 1.c4, but not necessarily a tame one. E.g., Bobby Fischer used this opening numerous times in his career (I find a total of 6 games in my database after 1.c4 c5, with Fischer scoring 3 wins and 3 draws, including a win over Larsen in their famous 1971 Candidates match). This is a survey that is probably oriented mostly for the non-

master. It is very good at verbal explanations, and is in a complete games format. The explanations are pitched at a basic level, like explaining just what a 'Hedgehog' formation is. There are very helpful list of the major ideas for both White and Black in each section. Being rather short in length for such a complex opening, and being a complete games format as opposed to a variation tree, far from all lines are covered. So higher rated players will definitely need supplemental material, but I think that any club player who conscientiously worked through this fine work would be very well prepared against the English. You would just need to supplement this work with study of lines that occur in your own games. This is an opening that needs a new work, as this text is a dozen years old, but for the non-master, it may well be the best current work available. Carsten Hansen, who wrote a book on the same opening in the same year, aimed at a higher rated audience, thinks highly of this work, which is a better recommendation than I can give! 9 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Seems good...but not for me. By A Customer This is the first opening book I ever read, and I must say that the lists of variations are overwhelming. Every so often the author includes 'ideas' behind a certain position, but I had trouble referring back to them in the jungle of variation lists. This book seems geared toward the more experienced (1800+) player than to someone looking to amass an opening repertoire. Perhaps I chose the wrong opening to begin with? Hope this helps.

The Symmetrical Variation is one of Black's most popular and reliable methods of meeting the English Opening, which in itself has become one of the most prominent openings. Depending on the variations chosen, this line can lead to a wide variety of positions. In this book International Master David Cummings examines the various strategies for both white and black players and presents an up-to-date account of the latest theory. *Expert coverage on a fashionable opening system* Covers the principal ideas for white and black *Ideal for club and tournament players

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