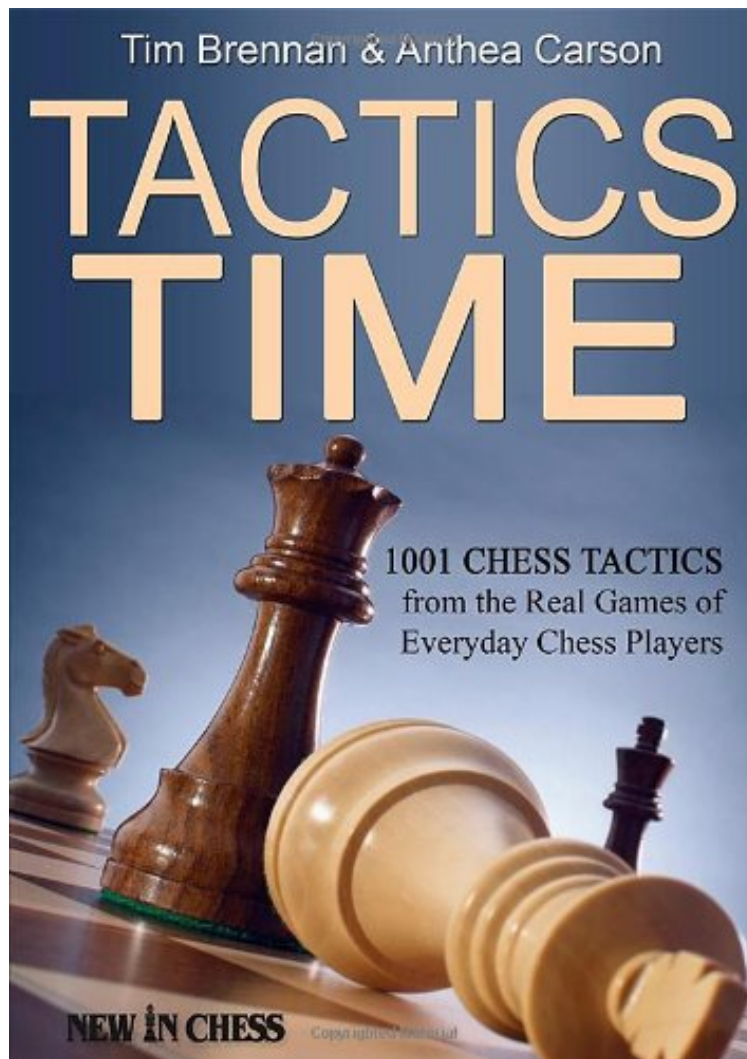


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fantastic price compared to other chess books. But like Tim says in the beginning of the book. (Not exact quote) "These tactics are from real games from average players like you and me. No grandmaster games, no computer generated games that have positions that you would more than likely never see in your lifetime." Not only is it true, but the helpfulness is out of this world. It trains you to seek the fastest wins, positional advantages, and those hidden gym moves that you would see in an everyday game. It took a while to apply what I learned. But when I did, I saw a 1,000 point jump in my rating. Thanks Tim!

The only thing that would tempt me to give it four stars, is that when you try to play the game from the links provided after every problem, it isn't compatible with the Kindle Paperwhite. But the material and witty, sometimes hilarious explanations far outweigh that one small issue.

69 of 74 people found the following review helpful. Real World Solutions from Real Games

By Kindle Customer

This book is my kind of chess book. The authors give literally one thousand examples of real world chess games at the moment that a power shift should have happened but didn't. The key here is that I'm looking at real-world games. The tactics puzzles that I so often see are manufactured to show something or prove a point. Because these are taken from real games, from players ranked as high as the 2000s they are created from situations that I often face. I'm popping this book open on my kindle whenever I had a spare minute. It's perfect on the subway or waiting in at the grocer. The solution is on the next page so my eyes can't drift to the answer. That's the beauty of an ebook and the authors have used the format to its best effect. If it was paper, it would be 9,400 pages!

One of the greatest features is the search. If I want to see all the puzzles that involve a knight taking a piece, I just had to search for "Nx" and I had every single example. I'm not close to finished but wanted to recognize and recommend a detailed and thorough book.

6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Tactics for the Rest of Us

By Steve Nicholas

This book lives up to its advertisement! In the Foreword, the co-author, Anthea Carson, suggests studying just 10 minutes a day with these tactics for 30 days to see how your tactical ability has improved. My tactical ability lags far behind the rest of my game (my biggest problem is difficulties in spatial abilities). On chess.com, I am a Class E player, but my tactical ability was much lower. After 30 days, my tactical rating improved from 741 to 789, and I won some tournament games against players who had ratings approaching 1200.

One thing that I think helps in the presentation of the book is that the puzzles are presented from the perspective of the player who is to move (i.e., a8 is in the lower right-hand corner when White is moving, and h1 is when black is moving). I have only worked through about 140 of the problems so far, and I have done other reading at the same time, but this book has helped my tactical understanding the most. If you keep missing Mate in One or leave major pieces hanging, this is a great tool to help correct those problems!

Everyone knows that the way to improve at chess is to solve tactics puzzles. But why do tactics books make amateurs study grandmaster or master games? How useful is it to analyze games that are unreal for everyday chess players? In the real world of beginning and casual players openings are dubious, positions are messy, material is uneven, and cheap traps and oversights are occurring constantly. Most amateur games are won by rather primitive means, compared to the cool and fancy moves that masters need in order to gain victory. This book only takes positions from amateur games and puts them out there, warts and all. Tim Brennan and Andrea Carson have assembled thousands of games by everyday players, and selected the most instructive tactical examples. If you have limited time and energy to devote to chess, you want to study positions that are happening in games you yourself might have played!