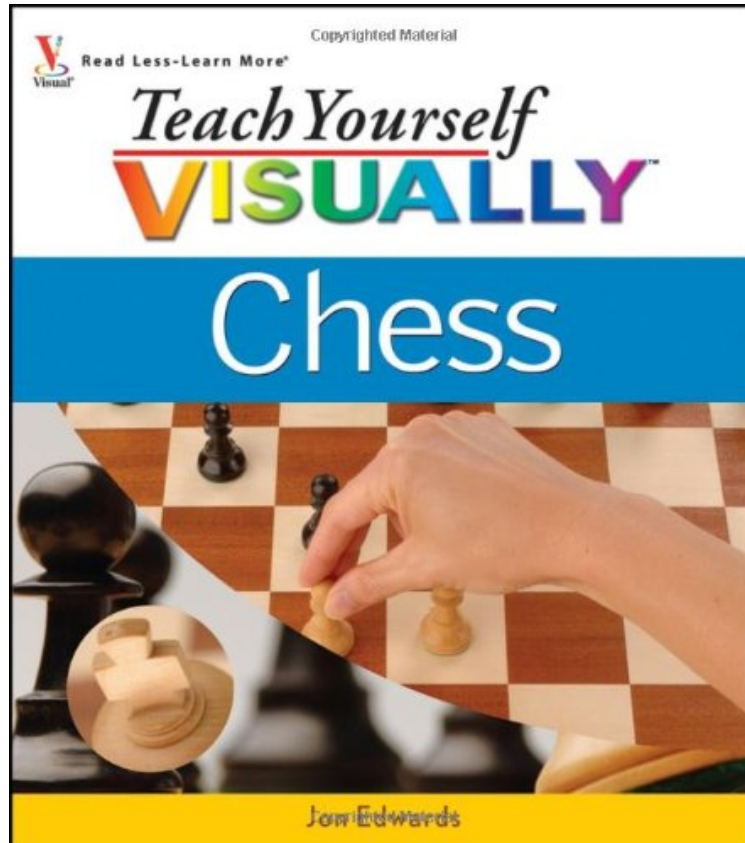


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. All the important information for beginners and weaker casual players - easy to understand, hardly any chess notation! By Klaus Petritsch This is by far the best chess book for beginners I have seen in many years. I wished I had this book when I got interested in chess and beating my friends. I thoroughly disliked chess notation when I started. I just wanted to learn the most important basic principles and guidelines. I did not have the patience to learn a new language just to learn some basic principles and ideas. John Edwards makes it possible. I gave his book to some adult (near) beginners and they loved it. Their children (7 and 10 years) even loved it! Chess can be so much fun already from the beginning. There is no need to learn variations and weed through many "theoretical lines" in those early stages. Anyone completely new to chess may want to read the book from the beginning until they can finish games according to the rules. After that it probably makes sense to pick the pages or chapters that appear most interesting. Everything in this book is important or at least very useful to know. The author did an amazing job condensing the most important ideas into so few pages. Yet there is plenty of eye pleasing space and - more importantly big photos of the key positions. Even a child that cannot yet read could get useful ideas from this book if it is interested, perhaps with some initial parental help. One of the children who used it

doesn't speak English - but she (7 years) really liked this book too. Her father told me "it works for her". The only principle I had to explain to some beginners who read this book are some (very) basic tactical ideas and principles. For example, often several pieces attack a single piece at the same time. It makes sense to eat the heavily attacked piece when it is protected less often than attacked - provided the material gain is less than the material invested. This is the only aspect that I wish the author had explained more explicitly. Other important tactical ideas like skewers, forks and pins are cleverly included in chapters that focus on strategy associated with particular pieces. Showing several important mating patterns and naming them is very helpful and rare. It is also great to see the most common sacrifices explained and labeled with intuitive names. Most of the information can easily be understood without a real chess set although it does help to have one. The book is such a rare gem for beginners (or anyone under 1300 Elo). It deserves 5 stars - easily. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great self chess learning book. By Hiking maniac This is a great self chess learning book. It's the best I've ever read. I've learned a lot of opening, mid-game, and ending game tactics and skills from this book. I strongly recommend this book to any chess lovers. It will make you a better chess player. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Always thought easier to learn visually and this book proves it! Thanks Seller!

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