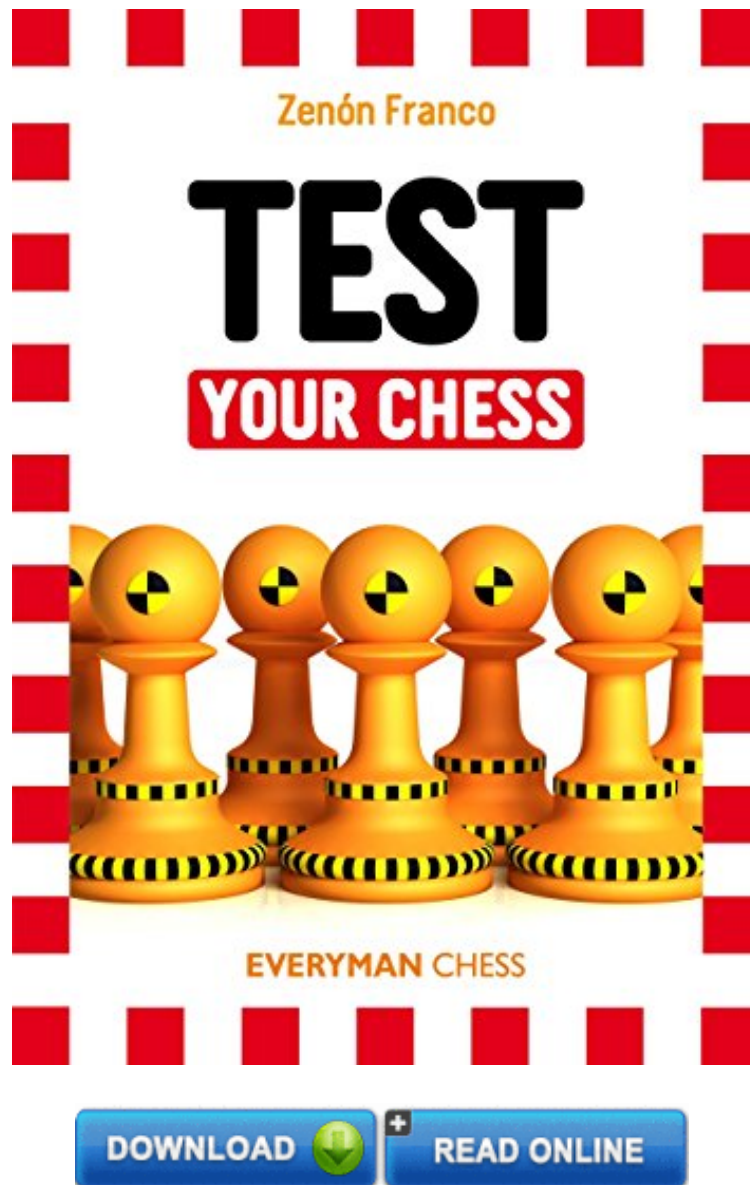


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Zenon Franco : Test Your Chess (Everyman Chess) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Test Your Chess (Everyman Chess):

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Best of GenreBy Ron L.I really enjoy solitary chess games--they are actually more fun than real games since you don't get punished for your mistakes. This book is a collection of 40 such games and it varies from similar works in that you often have to find the best moves for both sides. I'm a class B player and this book has just the right amount of tactical lines in addition to good positional explanations. The structure of the book uses grey lines so you know when a new question will appear, so it a simple matter of covering

everything below that with a note card in order not to cheat. I recommend spending at least 2 or 3 hours on each game and going through all the tactical lines. Franco has really created a masterpiece and it stands head and shoulders above any similar work that I have seen--thorough study of this book would comprise an almost complete course on the middle game of chess. Highly recommended! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book of Solitaire Chess By Los Angeles Master This book contains 40 games, in a format designed for solitaire chess. There are about 20 to 25 points in each game where the author stops you and asks you to find the best move. The positions have a fairly wide range of difficulty, making the book useful for players of a correspondingly wide range of strengths. The format of this book is well thought out; practically ideal for this kind of chess book. The game are well-chosen for their educational value. Overall, I feel this book is very well done. Once you learn some basics about openings, tactics, positional themes, and endgames, solitaire chess is an excellent way of testing your ability to put all these concepts together and apply them in a practical setting. To get the most out of a book like this, it is necessary to put in some real effort on the positions before looking at the answers. I recommend using a chess clock or other timer, and giving yourself 5 to 10 minutes per position to make a serious effort to solve it. Unless you are Garry Kasparov or Magnus Carlsen, your answers are not always going to always be correct. But don't get discouraged: the real value in a book like this is seeing where you make your mistakes and trying to learn from them. This kind of effort can really pay off and help you level up your game. This book is highly recommended for any person who has a good basic knowledge of chess and is willing to put in some effort in return for some real improvement. For beginners, it might be a bit too advanced. 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Highly instructive but has one annoying flaw By SteveNJ - Management Psychologist This author has written some of my all-time favorite chess books (e.g., "Chess Self-Improvement"). This book contains annotations of similarly high quality. However, the author went too far in this book by having the reader try to guess the moves for BOTH players several times within each game. In most books with a "guess the move" format, the reader attempts to guess the moves of one of the players to simulate the thought processes of a real tournament game. Franco bounces back-and-forth within these games by having the reader guess the moves of one player and then has you guess the moves of the other player. It is an important skill to be able to anticipate the potential moves of our opponent when it's OUR turn to move. In chess training, this is called "prophylactic thinking". But to try to guess the moves of the opponent when it's THEIR turn to move is artificial and distracting. To avoid this issue, I started to skip those sections of the games where the author switches sides. Had the author not used this annoying method of teaching, I would have given the book five stars.

Grandmaster and renowned chess coach Zenn Franco provides a training course designed to help all aspiring players to improve their chess. During each lesson, you are invited to play a 'game' in which you try to find the best moves at all the important moments. Points are awarded for selecting the best moves and are deducted for selecting blunders! At the end of each lesson there is a points scale to indicate how well you have 'played'. This means you are able to accurately measure your progress as you work through the book. Readers are tested in all aspects of chess: attack, defence, counterattack, tactics, structures, strategy, endgames and so on. Following this interactive course of lessons is an ideal way to improve your game. *A structured course of chess training* Includes 40 deeply annotated exercise games *Ideal for both chess students and trainers

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