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Editorial Review

Review

Many of the chapter titles are very helpful for remembering the theme. IM van de Oudeweetering has done a good job identifying and classifying instructive middlegame positions by theme. Club players rated between 1600-2200 will benefit from this book and master level players (2200 and up) are also likely to pick up some new ideas by carefully reviewing the material. (James Rizzitano *ChessCafe.com*)

Very practical and perfect for self-study. The book is written in an entertaining way, working with it is a joy (...) Suitable for beginners as well. (Uwe Bekemann *German Correspondence Chess Federation*)

I think it's an excellent book, and while it's not systematic in a way that would turn it into a primer on positional play, there is no question but that this will improve the positional understanding of many club players. I'd highly recommend this to players rated around 1400 to 2100, and I think even master can (and will) learn something from this book as well. (Dennis Monokroussos *The Chess Mind*)

Once the reader has started applying these patterns in their own games, they will find that the post-opening phase of the game becomes easier and they will more often build up a strong position. (Grandmaster Ian Rogers, Four-time Champion of Australia)

Every improving player will learn a lot from this book. (IM Gary Lane *Chess Moves Magazine*)

It is an excellent book when it comes to freshen up the arsenal of typical but also unusual positional themes. This book calls for collecting positional ideas just as you collect typical combinations. Normally in a game the positional ideas precede the combinations and that's why this middlegame book is so important. (International Master Thomas Engqvist *SchackSnack*)

The experienced Dutch IM, analyst and coach helps us to realize which positions are worth remembering. Nowadays the term 'building blocks' should be familiar to most readers and they form the core of Van de Oudeweetering's book. (*CHESS Magazine*)

Perfect for chess trainers who wish to teach their pupils themes in a way that is easy to remember. (*Max Euwe Centre, Amsterdam*)

About the Author

Arthur van de Oudeweetering is an international Master and an experienced chess trainer from the Netherlands. He has written regular columns for the chess news website of ChessVibes and Chess.com, and is a frequent contributor to New in Chess Yearbook, the Chess Player's Guide to Opening News.

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