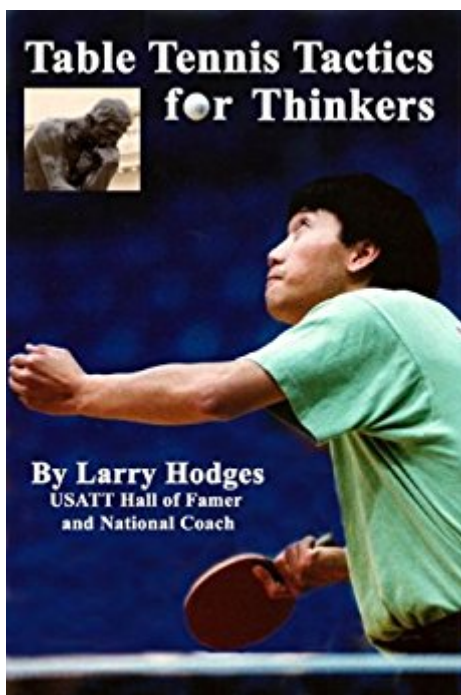


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# Table Tennis Tactics For Thinkers



## Synopsis

Learn table tennis tactics from U.S. National Coach and Hall of Famer Larry Hodges. Includes tactics against different styles, grips, and surfaces as well as tactical and strategic thinking. 21 chapters, 102,000 words, 90 photos.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book when I was out of the game for a few month because of injury, so I really had time to read and think about what I read. Immediately after my return my rating went up from 1700 USATT to solid mid 18xx and I truly believe it's because of this book. Several people in my club suspected that I wasn't out because of injury but went away to some sort of table tennis school for intensive training - that much of a difference my game was just because of this book. There is lot's of material and it's hard to remember it all during the game, but I keep rereading it, practicing one or two aspects at a time and every time I spend time rereading the book I play better because I play smarter. Definitely a better purchase then yet another "tenenergy" or new blade you might be tempted to try just because they are new and shiny and the advertisement promises they will raise your game to the next level. New equipment wont, this book definitely will.

The title says it accurately and more. If you think about it, a lot of concept can be applied to life. It talks about the concept of strategies and tactics. Strategies are what you want to achieve in life and tactics are steps you take to get there. The author gave an example of who a player concentrated on improving the weaker skill but ended up neglecting the other skill he was naturally good at and subsequently suffered more losses. How many people do the same thing in their lives? He also emphasized this game is a life long learning path. There are always new playing styles and tactics out there I never saw. Do I need to show more examples? This book is a must have for every table tennis player.

As with most, mid to lower level table tennis players, I am always looking for resources. Sure the Internet forums and YouTube have some great content... But for me there are a couple of problems utilizing online content. First, are they someone worth listening to? Hard to know with most forums and YouTube channels. Second, and most important to me...Can they make the information they are putting out understandable? Sure they can play... But are they good teachers? I have a copy of this book on my nightstand and after I play someone who totally baffles me with a style or rubber or whatever thing that I have no idea how to deal with... This book tells me what it was... And what to do about it. My copy is bookmarked and highlighted to the extent of nearly requiring a fresh copy. It is simply the best book on table tennis. The title might give some the impression that it's only for high IQ table tennis masterminds... My suggested alternative title would be "Table Tennis for People Who are Tired of Getting Beat".

This book contains a wealth of knowledge offered by Mr. Hodges on how to improve your game tactically and strategically. What you will not find in this book is how to properly execute a forehand loop, or a reverse pendulum serve, but rather what to do with these tools in a game once you have already developed them. There is also a whole chapter on reading and understanding spin which I found extremely useful. I would say this book is mostly aimed at beginner and intermediate players, but advanced players could no doubt benefit from the tactical insight offered by Mr. Hodges in this book.

Excellent book. A lot of thinking condensed in one place. Well worth reading even if you have been exposed to the concepts discussed.

It's an awesome book to read if you would like to learn about table tennis in depth as a table tennis professional player or not, very nice book

I've been playing seriously for about two years so I am still learning the many important aspects of competitive Table Tennis. While searching the internet and other places I found a lot of information on technique but not much on tactics. This book is a fantastic resource that covers a wide variety of topics. I feel like it focused my thinking onto a number of important aspects that apply to each of the different shots and situations that you can face against each opponent. My only small issue is I have been following Mr. Hodges' blog and I have read a number of his articles and tips of the day. Since much of the information in those online sources was also included in the book, I had seen a lot of it before. But having it all in one place was well worth the price of the book.

This is a great book that I wish I had read when I started playing 6 years ago. In addition to correcting my bad strokes I can now work on correcting my bad mental habits. It opens a whole new world to improving my game. I was pleased to see that the ebook edition I bought was updated after purchase to add the photos.

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