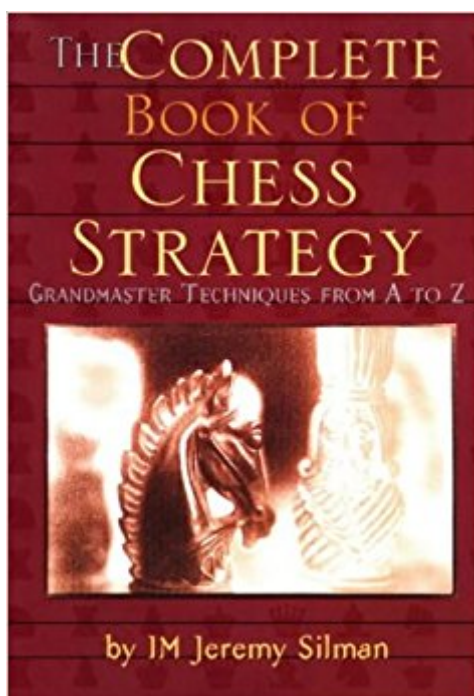


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# Complete Book Of Chess Strategy: Grandmaster Techniques From A To Z



## Synopsis

This comprehensive guide, in dictionary form, makes all aspects of chess strategy quick, easy, and painlessly accessible to players of all degrees of strength. Each strategic concept is listed alphabetically and followed by a clear, easy-to-absorb explanation accompanied by examples of how this strategy is used in practice.

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## Customer Reviews

I think "The complete book of Chess strategy" is a primer to just that, Chess strategy. Now maybe the title is a bit misleading, "The complete book of Chess strategy", as a matter of fact it is because this book just scratches the surface of Chess strategy but for me that's good enough but that's what I wanted, it is not however "complete" in any way, one can argue that a whole set of books can be written on each element of Chess strategy he has in this book. I was looking for a book that would give me a definition or tell me what the basic Chess Strategy elements/devices are and this book does that for me. I think some sections are a bit too short, I think in some sections he should have gone into a bit more depth, the "Planning" section is one that I can think of off the top of my head but I'm sure there are more. However I'm not at all disappointed with the book, I haven't read it from cover to cover, I'm just skipping around in it right now. I did learn something from it today and I'm happy enough with that, what did I learn? the minority attack, I looked this up before a while back on youtube but I had forgot about it, and I looked it up again today in this book and well there it was, he had a couple of pages on it, so I played over the moves on my Chessboard. Here is what I learned:

learned that the "Minority Attack" is when 2 pawns on the Queenside attack 3 pawns on the opponent's Queenside, now normally it would seem like the side with 2 pawns is outnumbered and the side with the extra pawn should win. It's not that simple though, the side with 3 pawns, actually gets saddled with a weak pawn on c6 (from white's perspective, meaning white is the one delivering the "minority attack"), also C5 might become a weak square in Black's camp, meaning that would be a great home for a knight or a Bishop. The idea I think is that, as I said White saddles Black with a weak pawn, that pawn, later, then becomes a target, or an object of attack by White. Now you probably won't need to know about these things until you reach a certain level in Chess, which I'm not at yet, I'm at the, I need to keep drilling tactics stage. :) I mean but I think that it's still good to know and I learned something from this book, which to me suggests that I got my money's worth and I think you would too if you sit down with your Chessboard and carefully and slowly go over some of the examples in this book. So yeah I mean, this book is good enough for me, it's nice to know that you know what a minority attack is or overprotection or any element covered in this book, when you see them in your own games or when you see them in a game that you're going over, such as in a game collection etc. However those looking for a more deep study of Chess strategy should look elsewhere, perhaps you can try his (Jeremy Silman) "Reassess your Chess" or his Endgame book, you can't go wrong with either one. Also there are other good Chess strategy books out there as well, that go into in-depth study. On the other hand if you're looking for a brief introduction to some of the seemingly myriads of Chess strategical elements and 1 or 2 examples for each one, then this book is for you, so it all comes down to what you're looking for.

Some of the chapters, especially, the early ones about the opening strategies can be rather confusing because the author provides only meager explanations. In these chapters, it is as though he reveals random thoughts and expects the reader to understand what he meant by just filling in the blanks. It is an extensive book that provides numerous abbreviated examples of tactical and strategic scenarios, but one might have to struggle to understand why and how they are good or bad. Reading and working through the entire book, it certainly has so many topics covered that I am sure it will help me learn enough to justify my buying it.

This is just not a good book. It's not well-written, not well-edited, and not well-organized. Though I was at first impressed by Silman, I don't care for this effort...there are much better books available for the novice. A good deal of this book is devoted to (very basic) discussion of the openings, and while openings are of course the basic elements of any strategy, that's not what I would expect from

a book with this title. I can't recommend this to any but novice players.

Very good book for the chess enthusiast and even better for the chess beginner. there are many ways to play chess and this approach is only one (or several) ways. It teaches a way of visualizing the board and using the information gained to plan (and change) your game strategy.

Wonderful! It is more than I expected with one exception. It seems to have a bit of a lack in pictures. A few more pictures to help show us what's going on would've helped me a bit more, but if you take chess seriously enough you can just test out the strategies yourself. What I like about it is simply that if you're new to chess, it explains some of the core concepts which can help you formulate better strategies. Kind of like chess theory. Ha. Anyways, I would recommend this book to anyone.

Already commented on this item. I did the first time because I was pleased with it. However, I think you guys should try to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing.

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This is a good book on chess strategy. The author clearly knows his stuff and gives solid advice. But, I don't care for the way the sequences of play are given. There is a lot of chess notation, but not enough diagrams to picture all the moves and where the pieces would be. I think if you use this book with a chess board and actually play the games and sequences as you go along then it would be helpful and quite good. I can't always do that - sometimes I just like to read and study without a board and it is difficult to that with this book.

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