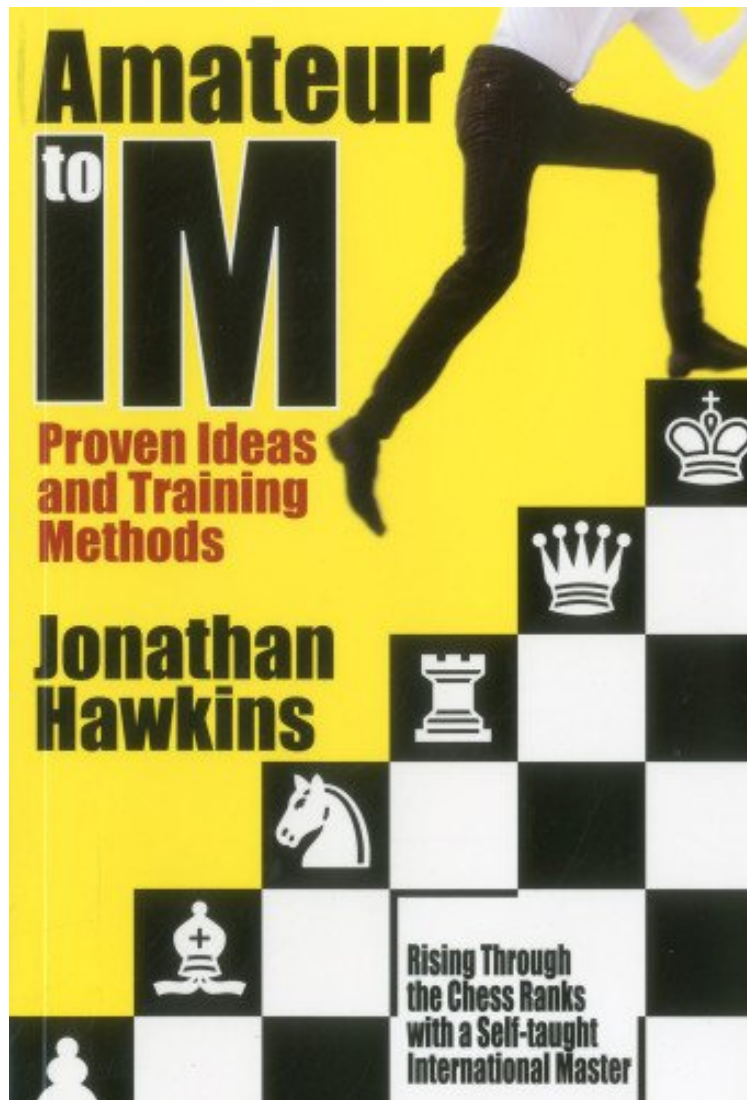


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By Steven L. Wesbur  
This is a nice endgame book. It complements the book "100 engames you must know" by Jesus de la Villa. While Jesus' book is a bit more like a manual, Hawkins takes small positions and works up to what is a simple (yet complicated) endgame, with further examples laden throughout his book. I haven't finished the book yet, since I play out the positions on a board, but the book seems to follow this style.

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Better investments of time and money available  
By Nalton Jannise Jr.  
Mr. Hawkins spent a lot of time analyzing a few high level GM end games and put those notes into a book. While this provides insight into his end game and analytical abilities, it does not offer an "amateur" meaningful road maps to studying, playing or how to analyze OTB end games. I regret the purchase and the time for having gone through this book. For those rated less than USCF 2200, I recommend reading, studying, playing the examples in Jeremy Silman's end game book: Silman's Complete Endgame Course. In fact, I will go back to that work one more time.

How did Jonathan Hawkins manage to go from being an average tournament competitor to a player on the brink of clinching the Grandmaster title? The secret was knowing what to study and how to learn as efficiently as possible. Focusing his attention firmly on the endgame, Jonathan devised a number of building blocks and identified a number of very important areas of study. The result of his hard work was a meteoric rise through the ranks, as he became firmly established as a prominent GM killer on the English tournament circuit. These pages reveal the secrets of his notebooks for the first time. IM Hawkins presents special material aimed to help you become a much better practical player, one armed with a deeper understanding of key aspects of chess. A careful study of the lessons presented in this book should enable the chess student to gain significant improvement.

About the Author  
International Master Jonathan Hawkins was a relatively slow starter in the world of chess. He learned the game at age eight, but, by his own admission, by the time I was in my mid-teens my age-to-playing-strength ratio was distinctly average. He started to study chess very seriously in his late teens and achieved a rapid rise through the ranks. He became a FIDE Master in 2008 and earned the title of International Master in 2010. 2011 brought Jonathan two Grandmaster norms. One of them was earned at the super-strong British Championship, in which he outscored numerous Grandmasters to share third place.