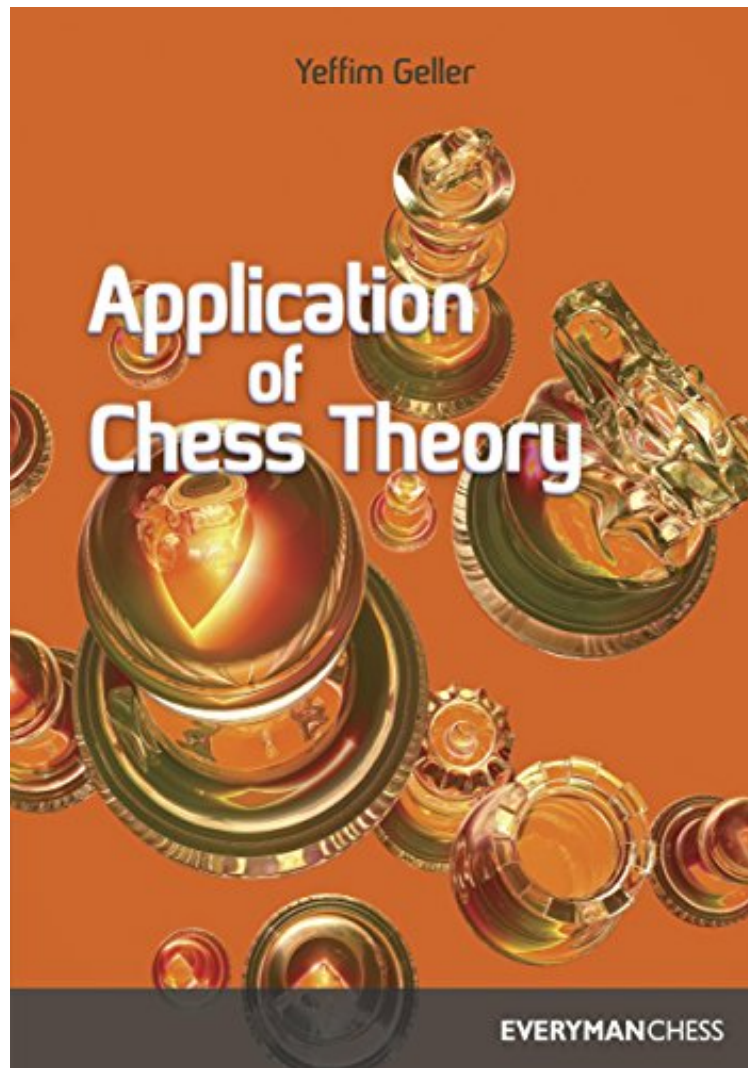


## Application of Chess Theory

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**Yeffim Geller : Application of Chess Theory** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Application of Chess Theory:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Gabriel Adrian Romanelli Excelente 23 of 24 people found the following review helpful. A worthwhile read By N. Beach Evfim Geller is probably not well known to many younger players, yet he was one of the top GMs in the period from 1953 to 1980. He had a plus score versus Fischer and his score versus past, present and future world champions was commendable. If he had ever developed a knack for beating Korchnoi his place in history might have been much different. This is a series of annotated games arranged by opening. I've always liked this arrangement (like in Tartakover DuMont's 500 Master Games of Chess and the

Informator series). It allows one to get a good feel for an opening by playing through several successive annotated examples in one sitting without searching around for them. One cannot help but learn by consistent exposure to top-class games presented as Geller does. This is not a "desert-island" classic, but a very worthwhile effort from a strong and dynamic player. Buy it. 37 of 37 people found the following review helpful. From the man who was almost King. By A.J. Goldsby IHi, I am a Master, and for many years now I have made a living by teaching chess, lately all on the Internet. I also ask if you are seriously considering buying this book, that you stop and read all of the other reviews FIRST! Don't be fooled by the four-star rating, the material in this book is super-outstanding. (The pages are somewhat see-through, the fonts are not the kind I prefer, and the diagrams are the old-style type that I don't care for ... they are too hard to see clearly.) And I almost never give a five-star rating anymore, I save that for the chess books that border on perfection. {A shrinking group, to be sure!} One of the things you should know is that GM E. Geller was a VERY STRONG PLAYER!! (Maybe he belongs in the 100 strongest of all time!) He won the championship of the Soviet Union twice - one of these tournaments was (statistically) one of the strongest of that type ever held. He was a CANDIDATE for the World Championships ... SIX (6) TIMES!!!! He had a PLUS (lifetime) score against many great players like Bobby Fischer! (Only Spassky proved to be his undoing, stopping him twice in the Candidate Matches to the tune of 2.5 - 5.5.) Another important fact he was EXTREMELY respected by his peers as both a theoretician AND a teacher. (Mikhail Botvinnik said of him: "Before Geller, we did not understand the King's Indian.") He was also a hard working player who was an extremely industrious analyst. One player - whom I shall not name here - was very suspicious of others analysis, and trusted almost no one. But when he was given a piece of Geller's work, he took it at face value, and did not even bother to check it!! So the only question that remains to us now is determine is this a good chess book, and does it have something worthwhile to offer? I think the key here can be found in the title ... or HOW DO I APPLY CHESS THEORY??? (I have always been a theory hound, and if I had won all my games where I stood better out of the opening, I would have been a GM a long time ago!!) In the intro to game # 30, Geller tells you: # 1.) About the Dragon; # 2.) How it got its name; # 3.) And the general procedure with which to tackle this tough line. His notes are extremely incisive, I do not see how anyone could not learn something if they were to apply themselves. This is NOT a perfect book - but almost no chess book is! (I have studied all 100 of the games here. A small handful I have subjected to DEEP, computer-assisted analysis.) And as one gentleman already noted, this is NOT a beginner's book. But consider this: # 1.) ONE HUNDRED very carefully annotated games; # 2.) MANY different opening lines; # 3.) Geller often tells you there are 2-3 good ways to meet certain lines, and which one may be best; # 4.) Things like openings, mid-game plans, and the technique for certain endings are discussed in GREAT detail. I personally think that this book would benefit ANY player who fell into one of the following groups: # 1.) Might be a fan of Geller's; # 2.) Is looking for a SERIOUS chess book, maybe one he (or she) could study for years!; # 3.) Is looking to model themselves after a very strong player; # 4.) Is looking to sharpen or improve your tactics. If you feel you belong in any of these groups, then this is a book for you. (But if you would characterize yourself as a lazy person, don't bother.) My rating of the MATERIAL and game choice in this book would be outstanding, A+. As long as you really want to work hard and have good study habits, I feel this could be a book that you could benefit from. IT IS ALSO A BOOK WITH SOME REALLY NICE GAMES AND SOME FANTASTIC ANALYSIS!!

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