

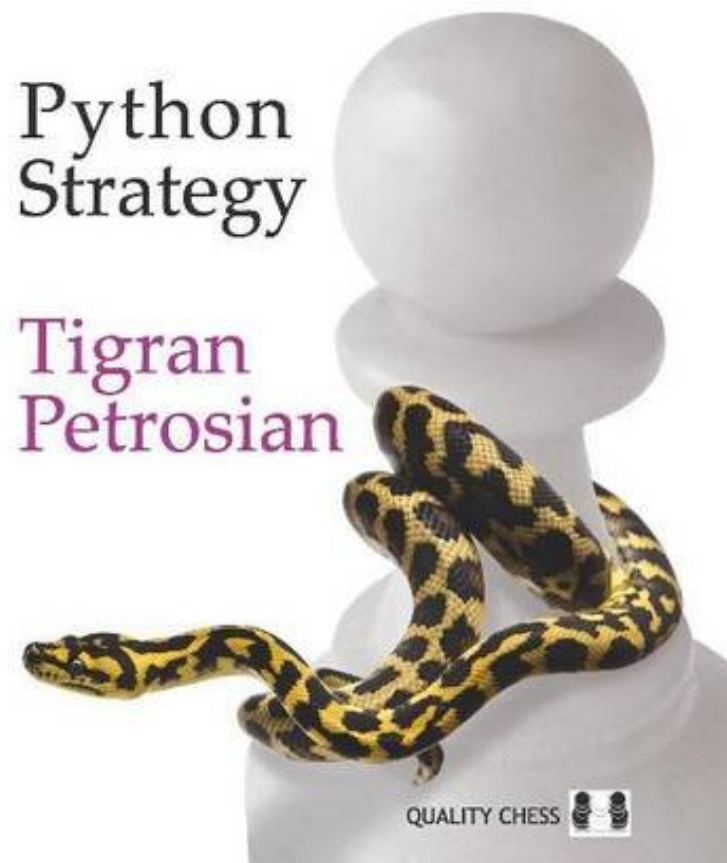
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**Tigran Petrosian : Python Strategy (Chess Classics)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Python Strategy (Chess Classics):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Party like Petrosian!By Eric N.Nicely designed book, with high quality paper and cover. Most of the games are annotated by Petrosian himself, and he does a nice job balancing variations with simple explanations and his personal reflections during the games. My only gripe is that it was not available in Kindle format.10 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Meet World Cahmpion Tigran PetrosianBy Danny WoodallIf you love chess history and want to improve your chess, this is the book for you. Tigran Petrosian is often the forgotten world champion. This book shows you how to win, the way most amateurs win in

weekend tournaments. The grind it out round by round style. Occasionally a flashy combination, but usually improving your position move by move. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Nice historical read. By Customer Basically this is a games collection with commentary written by Petrosian. It shows his development from early years. Thus, part of the historical value. It's a nice games collection, with the players thoughts as they occurred to him at the moment (more or less). He did have opportunity to change his analysis but chose to keep the original thoughts for historical purposes. The reality is that most communist era chess writers assumed their readers had a certain level of aptitude to figure things out themselves. My feeling is they deliberately kept things "close to the chest" to keep their competitive advantage... and this trait (make the reader work for themselves) was highly valued. However, if you want to learn how to play like Petrosian, then be prepared to do your own homework and theorizing. Which is what strong players would do naturally on their own, but this is a very advanced book. If you want a book that is easier to read on Petrosian's style, check out "Petrosian's Legacy" published by his widow. It is a sneaky book in how practical it is, if you are willing/able to shovel through the manure. Still, even that gives interesting historical perspective. So if, "place all your pieces on white squares and control the dark squares" is a bit thin on specifics for you, don't feel bad. Mortals have been trying to decipher this strange genius for a long time now. The one thing that was interesting to me was how he played the openings (and the reason I purchased the book). Granted today's computers have shredded more than a few of his ideas... but looking down the wrong end of the barrel of a Queen battery or choking on a pawn on the 6th rank; is way different than the cold all knowing calculation of the computer beast (so humans can be given grace in those lines). So buy it for the interesting insight into the mind of a rare world champion. Just don't expect something that will completely restyle your game and make you suddenly great. (I have an international rating of a bit over 2100.)

Tigran Petrosian is a titan of chess history. All agree he was a genius of strategy, defense and sacrifice, but didn't he take too many draws? Possibly so, but when Petrosian selected and annotated his best games, that flaw disappeared, leaving only brilliance and profound chess understanding. As Garry Kasparov said: "My games with the 9th World Champion broadened my understanding of chess. Had it not been for these two defeats, I would possibly not have reached the top in chess." This book is an English translation of a Russian classic that is a favorite of many grandmasters, including Mihail Marin and Levon Aronian. A literal translation of the Russian title might be 'The Strategy of Soundness' but Python Strategy is a better fit for Petrosian's more ambitious games. As another World Champion, Max Euwe, once wrote: "Petrosian is not a tiger that pounces on its prey, but rather a python that smothers its victim."

About the Author Tigran Petrosian was World Chess Champion from 1963 to 1969, as well as a superb team player for the Soviet Union. In Olympiads he won nine team gold medals and six individual gold medals, winning 78 games, drawing 50 and losing just once.