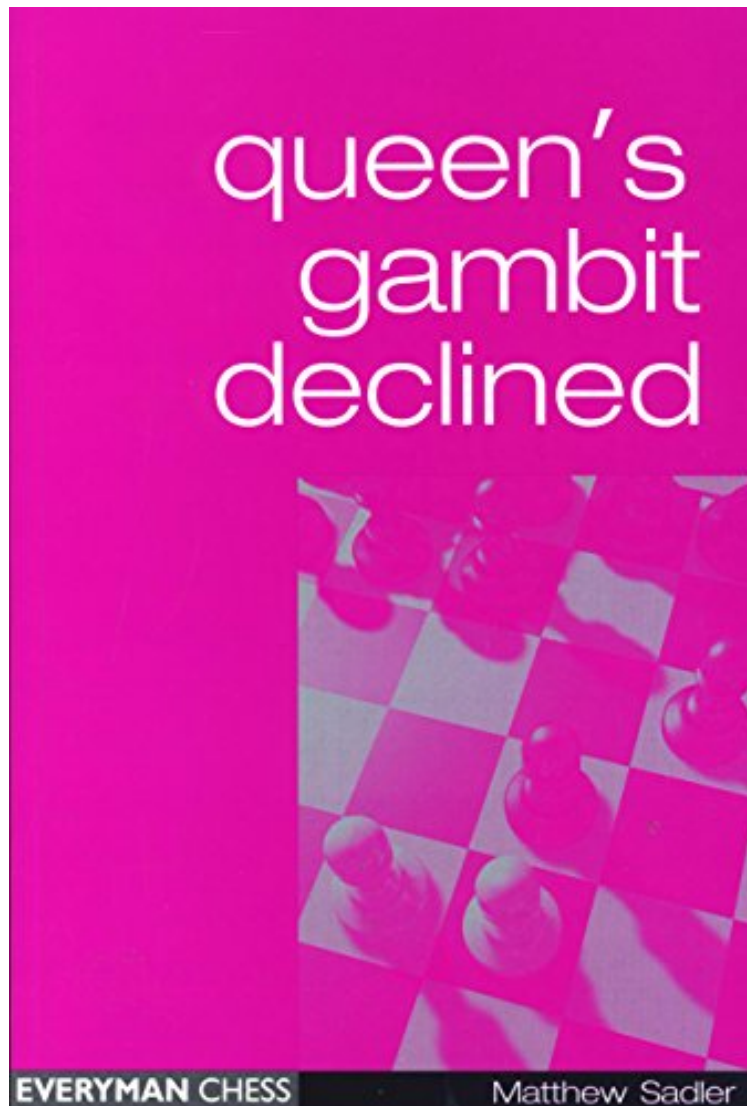


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This is a gem of a book. It won the Book Of the Year award in 2000 from the British Chess Federation. It is a general survey of the QGD. It is in the form of a games collection (112 gm) with extensive educational comments. Many are given in a very useful Q and A format, and Sadler is by no means without a sense of humor! So the book is more fun to play through than some, and Sadler's notes show that he has a real heart for teaching chess. In case you don't know, he is a quite strong English GM rated close to 2700 at his highest. He covers all the main 'flavors' of the QGD, including the Lasker and Tartakower vars, the 'Orthodox' QGD, the Exchange Var (VERY popular at club level. If you play the QGD, you must learn this var very well!), and the other main vars, the Bf4 lines and Bxf6 lines. The Cambridge Springs and Ragozin vars do not seem to receive coverage. This is a very fine opening reference. Rather than learn endless branching trees of variations (which you will often either forget or mix up in a serious game!) you will grow in UNDERSTANDING of not only the QGD but of chess in general thanks to the quality of the notes and the games covered. Highly recommended. Addendum: Don't let the age of the book scare you off. The QGD, being a strategic opening, doesn't see its theory change as rapidly or drastically as more tactical openings. The general notes are still quite helpful, and you can supplement this fine reference with newer works and/or a database to keep up w/ the theory.

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