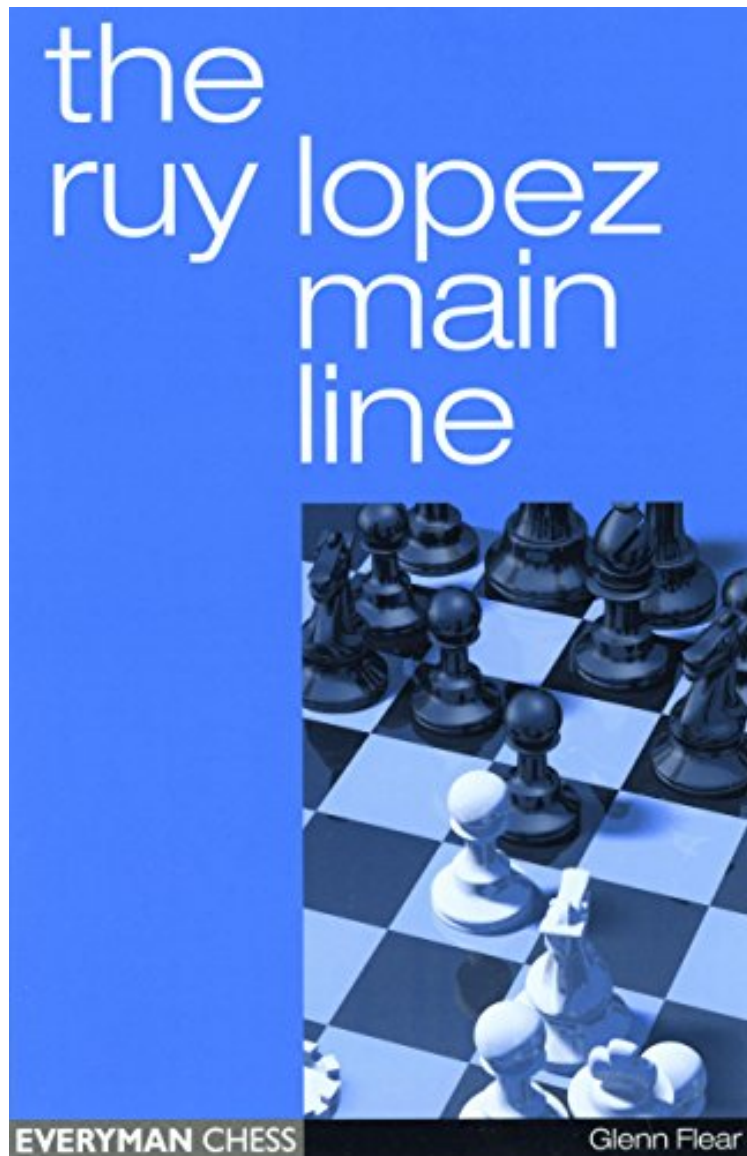


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begin from 9. ... Nc5 10. Bc2 c5 11. d4, namely the Keres' Defense (11. ... Nbd7 12. Nbd2), Borisenko's Defense (11. ... Nc5 12. d5), 11. ... Re8, 11. ... Bb7, 11. ... cxd4; and finally two chapters on the Chigorin Defense, which goes 11. ... Qc7. He begins with the Chigorin because it is the mainline of the closed defense and works back to less common variations. There are a few oldies but goodies (Kasparov - Karpov, WCh 1985 game 5; Fischer - Spassky [rematch] 1992, game 1 - a couple Fischer games from the 60s are in here), but very few of the games are older than 1999. The world's strongest players show up all the time: plenty of Anand, Kasparov, Shirov, Short, Adams, Ponomarev, Leko, Bologan, Morozevich. This is not a "repertoire" kind of book - Flear is not interested in advocating for white or black, but in finding the objectively best lines for both. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Book for the Advanced Player By Jennifer Sinclair
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