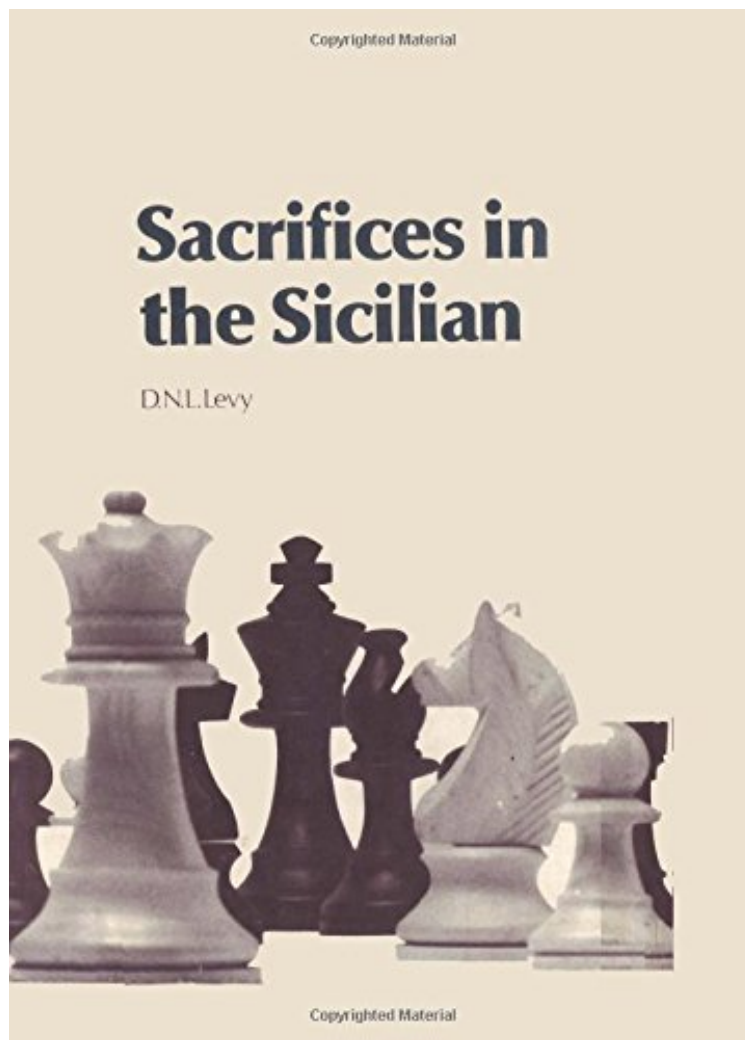


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David N. L. Levy : Sacrifices in the Sicilian before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sacrifices in the Sicilian:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. For class A or better playersBy CaptkirkThis is an excellent text about common Sicilian tactics. Each chapter is a different sacrifice. Levy begins each chapter with a description of the sacrifice and its purpose - usually showing examples in an ideal setting. He then proceeds to give many examples of each sacrifice - sometimes it is successful, sometimes it fails through an improper follow-up, sometimes it was not justified in the first place, and sometimes it wasn't justified but succeeds anyway. I think this variety (i.e., not just showing it in its best light) is very helpful for the student. It allows us to develop a "feel" for the sacrifice and when it

might be successful. Most of these are true sacrifices - i.e., they could not be calculated to the end, but only appraised intuitively. My title says this is for class A players. That's because the analysis is rather variation-thick, and lesser rated players might get lost in the thicket. Even so, a class B, or maybe even C player could certainly read his intro in each chapter and get an idea of how the sacrifice is supposed to work. But I think to get the real meat of this book will require someone class A or better who is willing to put in the time (probably a couple hours on each example - and there are hundreds in the book) to really look deeply at each example, check the analysis himself, look for other defensive resources, etc. Only by doing that repeatedly can one really develop one's intuition. One note that might be important to some, this book was originally written in the 70s, so all of its examples are very dated. I don't think that detracts from the book, since this is not an book on the latest lines, but more about how to assess tactical situations that arise in the Sicilian. For that purpose, this is an excellent text.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Dated but intensely relevant

By A. Ali
The standard Sicilian sacs -- exchange sac on c3, knight sac on f5, bishop or knight sac on b5, bishop or knight sac on d5, and bishop or knight sac on e6 -- are all given. If you play the Sicilian as either white or black, you need this book. The caveat is you have to test Levy's analysis with a modern engine -- some of his analysis is suspect, some of the key lines he doesn't mention. But that's how it was in the pre-computer days. I have two copies of the book -- that's how important I consider it to be. If you need more examples or more current ones, I suppose you can use the search facility on ChessBase 12.5

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Incredible!

By A Customer
Another incredible Levy book from the '70s, this one details all the major sacrificial themes in the Sicilian, in a manner that is incredibly instructive and practical. This series of books, including "How to Play the Sicilian" by Levy, is as fine as anything done in chess openings. Good stuff.

The Sicilian Defense is the most exciting of all chess openings and the most popular at all levels of play. The attacking and tactical possibilities of the Sicilian are numerous. There are many sacrificial ideas that occur time and again in the Sicilian, and it is the task of this book to clarify and analyze them.

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