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**Michael J.; Keene, Raymond Gelb : Samurai Chess: Mastering Strategic Thinking Through The Martial Art of the Mind** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Samurai Chess: Mastering Strategic Thinking Through The Martial Art of the Mind:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Very Valuable If Used With CautionBy Robert J. NewellI found this book so compelling that I read it through in practically one sitting. Why, then, three stars instead of more?Because the \*chess\* advice is very general, and in fact at times so general as to be suspect ("always capture an enemy piece if it is safe to do so"); and as a \*chess\* book it is at a rather elementary level, spending a lot of time on the rules and basics of movement.Comparing chess to martial arts is not new, but here it is done in a more comprehensive, appealing, and gripping manner. In terms of \*chess\* advice this translates to a handful of general principles, such as "seize the initiative," which the book does not illustrate very well with practical examples or "how-to" advice. This has disappointed many previous reviewers and will likely disappoint many readers.Instead, to get the most from this book, you need to think in terms of changing your philosophy of play, and turn to other books to help you do that. If you are a passive player, as I was for a long time, take the "seize the initiative" principle for what it's worth and then go out and study other books on tactics and the art of attacking. In other words, use this book as a guideline for how you think about your approach to chess, and seek detailed knowledge elsewhere.Especially useful is the wholistic approach this book espouses. Information on diet, physical conditioning, meditation, pre-game physical exercises (they recommend

stretching before play, something I had never before considered) can all be found elsewhere but nowhere in a \*chess\* book; and though you might initially be skeptical, it makes a great deal of sense. Should you buy this book? I think so. It is relatively inexpensive on the used market, and if approached correctly, will teach you many things which apply to chess, even if it won't teach you a lot about chess itself. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great use of chess and working. By GearChess is something that everyone can use to find a strategy to all the games in life. I used it to teach family members, young and old. I also found the knowledge useful for everyday life. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The physical and mental meet By Neil The Unreel Good title and great execution. The two authors unite and merge the martial arts aspect of mind and body control into a strategy for playing chess. A good book for novice and expert alike. Explaining the seven samurai principles and how they relate to chess is the basis for this book, but there is much more. Just reading the history of the games and how it relates is enough for any chess enthusiast. The real reason for buying this book, is for its "Art of War" like approach, not just to chess, but to life.

A guide for chess players at all levels.