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Underscoring the fact that 2...Nf6 plays second fiddle, the author's attention to general overall observations (and how welcomed a small offering of prose can be in efforts of this sort) and unusual early move variants is almost exclusively focussed on 2...Qxd5. The author also presumes that every opponent will know the first dozen moves or so of theory for every 2...Nf6 line, and information to aid Black in punishing weaker White responses is lacking. Having said all that, I'm not aware of much in the way of satisfying alternatives. There is a monograph on the Portuguese Variation, but there are a lot of other lines, including reasonably intuitive lines, throughout the 2...Nf6 tree that appear to have escaped being the subject of any significant inquiry in Emms' book or elsewhere. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well selected games! By sleepless Great book! and having the games available on the publisher's website was a nice touch. One (minor) quibble was with the font used by Everyman for game deviations. The 'a' can be easily mixed up with the 'e' by those of us with failing eyesight; a victory for style over functionality.

From a theoretical backwater to a fully blown main line opening, the rise of the Scandinavian Defence (1 e4 d5) has been nothing short of meteoric. Over the past 15 years the Scandinavian has become more and more popular both at club and Grandmaster level. It even managed to obtain an ultimate seal of approval when Vishy Anand employed it in his World Championship match with Garry Kasparov! This book provides a complete update of Emms's original and best-selling edition of *The Scandinavian*, published in 1997. Since then there have been many new and important discoveries from both sides of the board, and these are included here.