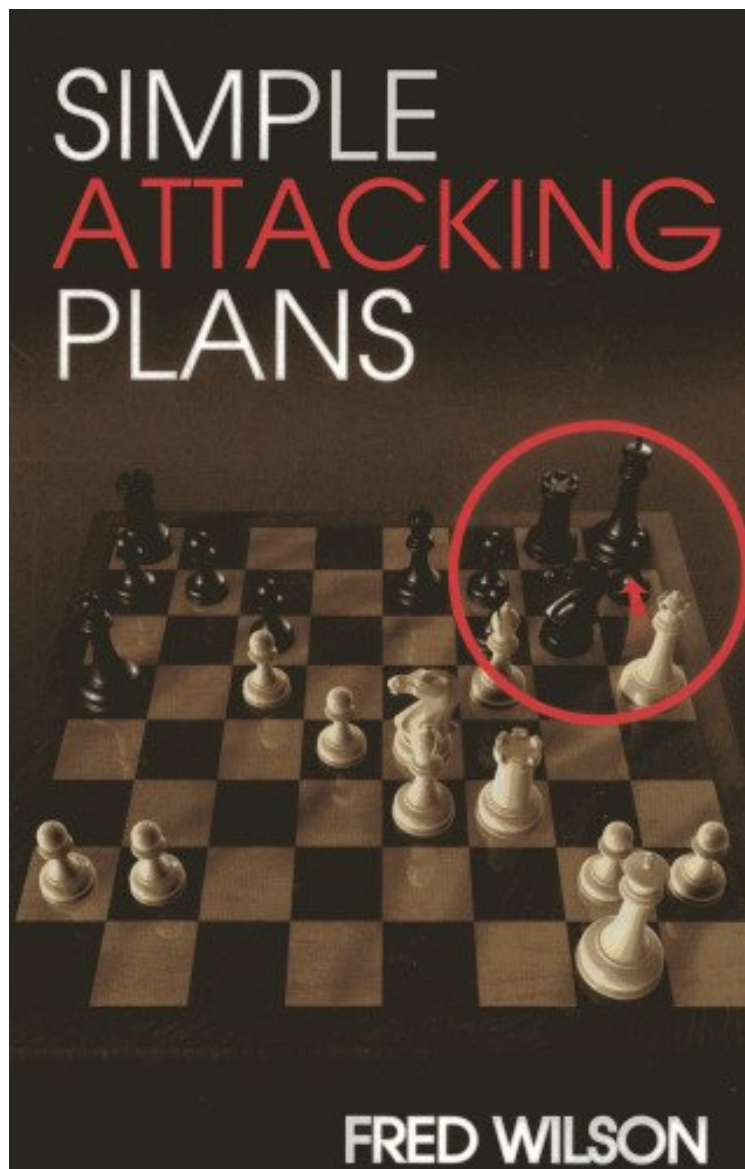


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Fred Wilson : Simple Attacking Plans before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Simple Attacking Plans:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Short and sweet!By Erik C. KnudsenThis is a delightful little book. It some ways it reminds me of "Best Lessons of a Chess Coach" in that the theme of the games is how/when to attack.

Also, the authors of both books ask the reader questions along the way, such as "Can you find the best move? or How can White continue his attack?" It's a very easy read. In total there are 37 games and many of them are less than 30 moves long (some even less than 20 moves). Essentially there are six main sections: Intro, Selected games, Greco's sacrifice, Attacking the fianchetto castled position, More selected games, Removing the guard. The author believes that the attack in chess is grounded in the following simple rules: attack the f2 or f7 points, most kingside attacks hit h7 or h2, open the central files if the enemy king is in the center, and point all of your pieces at the enemy king. I think another idea that pops up in several games is the idea of meeting a threat with a stronger counter threat. Numerous opening systems are covered: Sicilians, Pirc defense, KID, Four Knights, Scandinavian, Reti, Philidor, Caro-Kann, and several others. The author gives lots of useful nuggets of information for the opening phase of the game. That makes sense since these games aren't overly long and sometimes critical opening mistakes are made that enable a quick kill. I think the coverage of the Pirc defense is very nicely done. Essentially you are getting a lesson on how NOT to play this defense. Or looking at differently, if you are an e4 player you get some great analysis on how to capitalize on poor opening play. What didn't I like? For such a short book (173 pages) there are a few typographical errors. There might be a handful of analysis mistakes too, but that doesn't really subtract from the quality of the book too much. The helpful instructive comments, review of openings, and a 'short list' of attacking tips make this book a real bargain. You can easily read it over several weekends too. If you are mid-level club player, this book is right up your alley (I am 1620 USCF as of this writing). I think you will see some of the attacking patterns presented in this book since many of the openings that are covered are popular in the Class C and D sections (Sicilians and Four Knights for sure). 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A Great Foundation for Attacking Play By J. Scott. Simple Attacking Plans is a great book, on how to attack. For a beginner, it will not turn you into a great attacking player. But what it will do, is give you a nice, solid foundation, and the roots of learning how to create plans in chess. It breaks down the attack to six fundamental principles, that I have honestly found in EVERY attack I have seen over the board. It teaches the barest of fundamentals that all other books seem to miss because the authors of those books find those fundamentals to be "obvious" and overlook them. Even more advanced players will benefit from this book, because it is also a great games collection, and brushing up on the fundamentals is ALWAYS a good idea. A fundamental concept in learning is, "the brain cannot learn anything it doesn't already know." What this means is the brain must have something to build from in order to make sense of anything new it learns. If you go into a book such as, The Art of Attack in Chess, without a foundation to build from, you won't get much out of the book. This is one reason why chess is so hard to learn. But this book starts with the ABSOLUTE bare essentials and gives you a firm foundation to build from. I highly recommend this book, and believe it should be the first book read after someone learns how the pieces move, and the principles of the opening. After that, you should read, Simple Chess by Michael Stean. Not only was it the inspiration for Simple Attacking Plans, but it is the single best book I have ever read on chess. Plus the great thing about both Simple Attacking Plans, and Simple Chess, is they are very easy to follow and they are short. You can read each book in a weekend, if you are properly motivated. And they are cheap. But the value of both of these books is in the foundation they will give you, which will serve you for your entire chess career. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Primer on Attacking chess. By voltron. The book is a collection of games on how to attack certain formations that occur in chess like the fianchetto. If you are an advanced player, this book may not be for you. This book in my opinion is suited for an advanced beginner or intermediate level players 1200-1600 uscf. I have a ton of books, and I use the book ART of Attack as a baseline to compare. The two books cover similar topics, but this book does so in a simpler manner. So it's a great primer on attacking. This is a very nice book. If I had to recommend a way to study attacking chess, I would recommend this book first, Art of Attack second, and finally Formation Attack. The last book is just loaded with games on how to attack, so it is like a practice manual for the first two books, that cover more theory. I recommend this book for those wanting to learn how to attack.

I had a fantastic position, but I couldn't figure out what to do next! Sound familiar? If so, then Fred Wilson's Simple Attacking Plans was written for you. The author distills the complexities of mounting an offensive against your opponent's king down to four principles that lie at the root of most successful chess attacks. Novice players and amateurs of intermediate strength will benefit from the explanations of ideas and tips for practical play, all presented in an easy, conversational style. More experienced competitors will appreciate this book as a game collection featuring masterpieces of enterprising play some of them never before published.

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