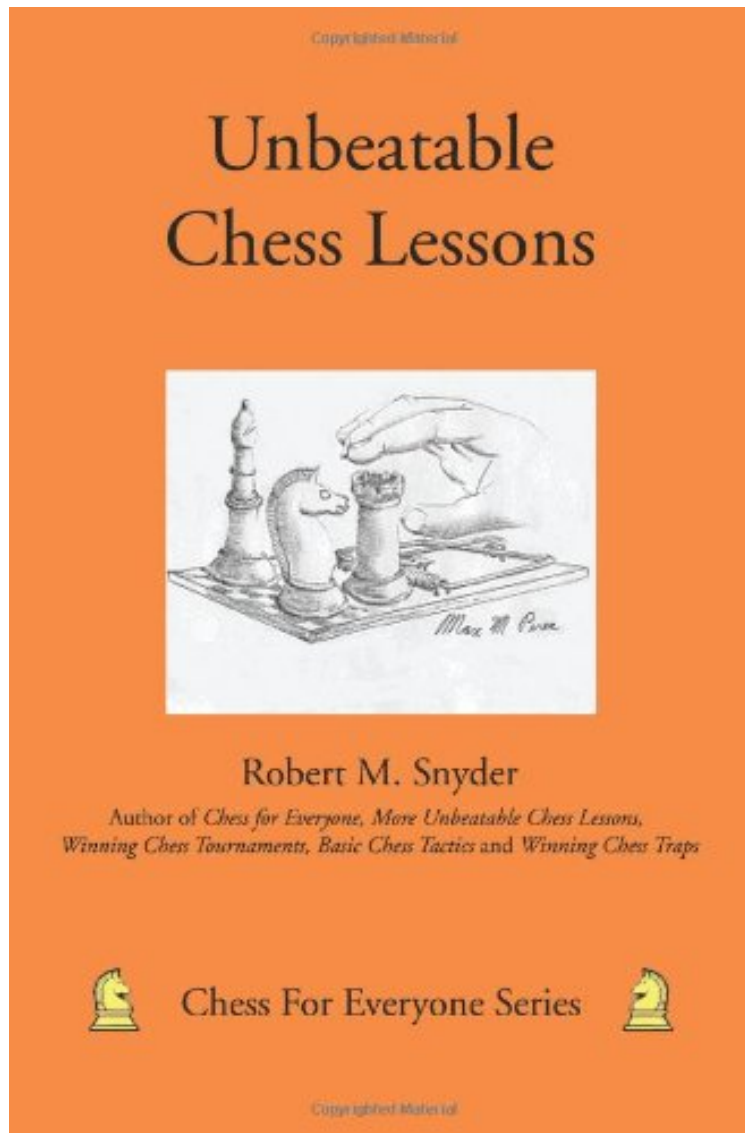


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**Robert Snyder : Unbeatable Chess Lessons** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Unbeatable Chess Lessons:

2 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Unbeatable Chess Lessons is a great book By Goonie-goo-goo Unbeatable Chess Lessons is a great book aimed at advanced beginners and intermediate players. What I like about the book is that it groups games by opening which is helpful for studying games with a particular opening you want to get better at. The lessons are easy to follow because there is a diagram for every 2-3 moves. However, for some of the

long variations that the author provides that are not in the game, a chess board is probably a good thing to have (at least for beginners like me) Also, what I learned from the book is planning. The author gives both black and white's short and long term planning. Long term planning is certainly something I need to work on. Also, all the books in his Chess For Everyone series is supposed to be able to give the reader an opening system. The challenge questions are also good. These also help with tactical problems. From what I have read, studying master games is an important part of improving your chess game and I have found this book to be a great tool for accomplishing this. 13 of 18 people found the following review helpful. A Worthy Addition to the Move-by-Move Genre By Howard Goldowsky I really wanted to like this book for a few reasons. One, the book has gotten good reviews, and I wanted to see if it lived up to its reputation, and, two, my understanding is that the author is currently in prison (I'll let the reader google that fact for more information), and I was curious about his writing style/ability. The sample pages also looked pretty good. What I found is that Unbeatable Chess Lessons is an above average addition to the move-by-move genre. I'm currently a Class-A player, and as part of my daily training regimen I try to review at least one master game per day. So I'm constantly looking for new instructive game collections. I don't have any problems going through 'beginner' books like this one, because I still manage to learn something from pretty much every game, especially if the notes are good. Even Tal liked to read beginner stuff now and then. My impressions of the book are as follows: 1) Twelve of Snyder's games are mixed in with twelve games from the world champions' and other strong players of the past. The games are roughly grouped by opening, so maybe this is why Snyder organizes the book with his games mixed in rather than group his own games separately. Grouping his games together with the world champs' gives the impression to the beginner that Snyder is a better player than he actually is. This fact, however, does not take away from the instructional value of the games. This is just a stylistic observation. 2) Snyder never loses a game. This fact combined with the organizational structure mentioned in #1, points to a little showmanship by Snyder, but, all in all, the games are instructive enough, and that's the most important thing for a book aimed for beginners. 3) Snyder sometimes gives long strings of opening analysis that is a little out of place for a book aimed at the advanced beginner, but may help the beginner develop an opening repertoire. As a more advanced player, I sometimes found these sidelines interesting. 4) Many of the notes point out obvious characteristics of the position, in the same generic manner, like "move X frees/defends/attacks the diagonal/file/square for White's bishop/rook/knight/queen." This type of note appears about five or six times per game, and helps the beginner increase his board vision skill, and it's a way for the notes to be written at a level understandable for kids. But it's also a bit boring, because instead of incorporating these board vision ideas into more stylistic notes, Snyder repeats the same phrase over and over, changing only the piece moved and the diagonal/file/square -- a minor point. 5) Most of Snyder's games come from correspondence play. Overall, I enjoyed the book, learned something from each game, but by game #19 or #20 I was ready to move on. Snyder does not quite compete with Logical Chess: Move By Move: Every Move Explained New Algebraic Edition or Chess Master vs. Chess Amateur. These last two books have more flair than Snyder's, give a bit more practical instruction, and recognize the thoughts of an amateur better than Unbeatable Chess Lessons (for instance, Snyder always tells the reader what he was thinking, and rarely [not never] tries to predict what a beginner might think); but Snyder's book is definitely worth adding to a chess student's training program, if only for a month's worth of games. Go through a game per day, then move on to another game collection. I'm looking forward to reading Snyder's More Unbeatable Chess Lessons: Instruction for the Advanced Player. 2 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Played like a Grand Master By Ken I haven't even got the book yet and played like a grandmaster. I took a sneak peak inside the first chapter, and little did I know that the next game I played I done just what I learned in the first chapter. Had a superior position, reckoned my opponents position and kings safety. With the positional sacrifice of two minor pieces, I would have never known the superior position is unstoppable. Not only that, but some how, I played the rest of the game through thinking like a grandmaster. My opponent, my brother-in-law, was also stunned at how he had no moves whatsoever to make and that I was improving position, also telling him what I was doing and at the same time, knowing my plans couldn't prevent them due to my superior position. I can't wait to get this book and honestly, I have never applied a book so fast into one of my chess games. I don't even have the book yet, that astonished me and my brother-in-law. He said, "Your gonna have to let me see that book, what was the name of it"? We hopefully can study it together and this all happened after I purchased the book, just waiting on arrival. So that did make me feel confident in the choice that I chose, I also got "More Unbeatable Chess Lessons", (basically the same as "More Unbeatable Chess Lessons For Youths") a little more advanced than Unbeatable Chess Lessons but I'm confident that after this book I will be ready for the advanced book More Unbeatable Chess Lessons. Currently, I am around 1400 rated player, and looking to get to 1600 this year. I always wonder ratings, so I figured I would through that in. And the bad review here for this book, is about the author, not the book. I also didn't let one review change my mind after I had already read like 50 other five star reviews. Once I get the book, I will keep this review updated every week till I finish the book.

In Unbeatable Chess Lessons, chess coach Robert Snyder takes his Chess for Everyone book a step further by covering twenty-four games with commentary on every move in each game. Games arranged by opening to help

students improve their knowledge of important openings. Games and analysis contain important tactical and positional themes to improve pattern recognition and planning ability. Games played by the author and world famous players such as Fischer, Spassky, Alekhine and Capablanca. Challenges at various points to find the best move. Written for the beginner to intermediate player.