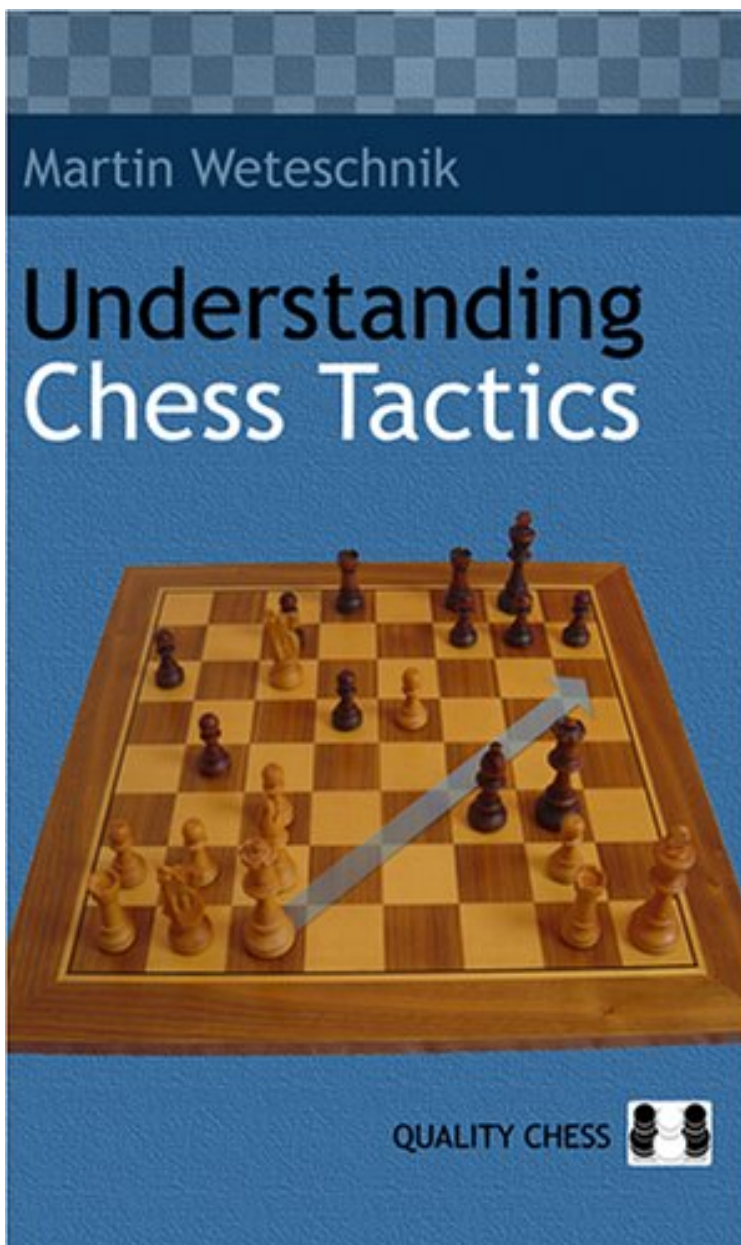


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**Martin Weteschnik : Understanding Chess Tactics** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Understanding Chess Tactics:

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great book helping the aspiring player "understand" chess tactics. There is something in this book for everyone below master level. The author does this by presenting a basic tactical motif (such as the pin) in an organized sequence:1. The basic building blocks of the motif.2. Examples of the motif used in actual master games showing how diverse and creative the motifs can be used. This helps you create and identify tactics in your own games.3. And finally, a few exercises which are explained in good detail in the solution section to test what you learned. What the book did for me was help me understand tactics in a more organized way. If we were to analyze our own games as well as master games for tactics and the thought process we undergone or should have gone through, we would definitely improve our tactical abilities. However the author has done all this hard work for us! This is definitely a book I would have liked to have around when I first started chess...it would have given me a stronger foundation to my game from the very start.17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding explanations!By Sebastian FernandezIn the last few years there has been an abundance of chess books in the market, and even though a large portion of those are related to openings, there has been a fair share of tactics books too. The typical recipe is to group the examples by tactical motifs and challenge the reader to solve them. At first glance, it seems that Weteschnik follows the same pattern, but this could not be farther from the truth. The author dissects each example using clear diagrams to explain the ideas behind each combination. This is not only helpful for understanding the example better, but also for being able to find combinations in your own games. Knowing when to look for certain motifs is one of the most important factors in finding combinations when you do not have the caption "White to play and win" below the board. If nothing else, after reading this book you will feel that your creativity has soared, and that is the result of knowing just what to look for. The book has a wide range of examples in terms of difficulty, but the clever use of diagrams allows the reader to go through it without the use of a chessboard. Don't get me wrong, doing this will require hard work, but the rewards will be immense. I am looking forward to seeing more books from this great new author!25 of 26 people found the following review helpful. Most useful tactical book written in last two yearsBy I. KnezovicFirstly, this is a book for players rated 1800-2200 Elo by toughness of material inside, but for educational value in explaining the tactical motifs this is the book for everyone. Here, I saw for the first time the real graphical schemes of explaining the tactical motifs on the board. And yes, this is the first book I read that doesn't require the need for reader to set up the position on real board, coz book is guiding us perfectly by step-by-step explanations. So, I can really read this book well when I'm in the bed too. Neat. Overall, "Understanding chess tactics" is my first fully read tactical book in two years; actually first after the John Nunn book "Learn chess tactics".

Chess is 99% tactics is an old saying. This may be an exaggeration, but even the remaining 1% still depends on tactics. When Martin Weteschnik started working as a trainer in his local chess club, he quickly realized that even the stronger club players had great weaknesses in their tactical play. He also discovered that simply asking them to solve a huge number of puzzles did not fix the problem. These players clearly needed a good book, but when Weteschnik looked for it he found nothing suitable, so he decided to write it himself. But Weteschnik was not completely satisfied with the book and decided to restructure and rewrite it completely.

About the AuthorMartin Weteschnik is a German chess master with years of experience in helping club players improve their play.