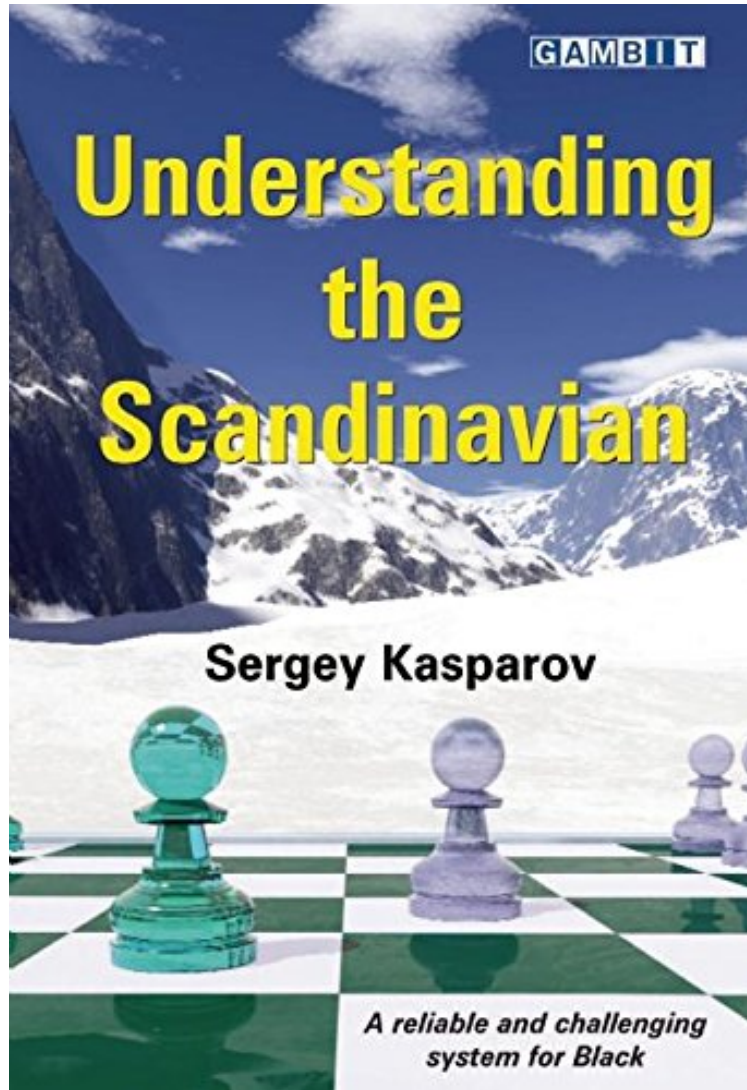


## Understanding the Scandinavian

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**Sergey Kasparov : Understanding the Scandinavian** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Understanding the Scandinavian:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Good survey of the Scandinavian By M. Ararat Understanding the Scandinavian by GM Sergey Kasparov is the latest addition to chess literature on this popular opening system. The book is developed around the current trend in the Scandinavian system, named the 3Qd6 variation. The author also covers the 3Qa5 and the 3Qd8 variations respectively. The Scandinavian with 2Nf6 is also discussed by Kasparov in

this book, although the positions arising after 2Nf6 are of a different nature than the positions after 2Qxd5. The main premise in this book is to show the reader the thematic ideas and plans that emerge from the Scandinavian in a clear fashion without sacrificing analysis. Chess books usually reflect the shift in opening fashion. In the Scandinavian, we can track the dominance of the 3.Qa5 variation to the work of Bent Larsen in the 70s including his amazing victory over Anatoly Karpov in Montreal (1979), followed by the publications of high quality books on this opening such as the Modernes Scandinavisc (2002), Play the Scandinavian by Bauer (2010), and the Modern Scandinavian (2011). In 2010 the theoretical landscape of the Scandinavian started to change after Sergey Tiviakov was crushed on the White side of a 3Qd6 Scandinavian and started defending the Black side of this opening! . In the following decade, Tiviakov single handed popularized the Qd6 variation and contributed extensively to its development to the point that this variation become the main line of the Scandinavian. In my opinion, Kasparovs book is the first high quality book that place the Scandinavian Qd6 as the main line of the Scandinavian system. The Book is a good read and I recommended it. My only criticism is about how the author uses the space in the game Kasparov vs Anand (game 14 Wch 1995). The author used most of the space available to analyze the options between move six and eight at the expense of one the most amazing Scandinavian middlegames games ever (in my opinion)DisclaimerPublisher provided a review copy and the present review is a fragment of a more complete version.7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. The book did not meet my expectations, although it ...By Richard H. DickhautThe book did not meet my expectations, although it might have some benefit for those at the master level or above. It was basically a litany of chess games with the opening and associated commentary. I was hoping for a more strategic analysis of the openings' possibilities, possibly a repertoire approach.0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Gabriel Adrian RomanelliExcellent

The appeal of the Scandinavian Defence is easy to understand: it is very forcing Black is virtually guaranteed to get his desired structure. There are no annoying Anti-Scandinavians to study! But for many decades the Scandinavian was regarded with some suspicion, as Black apparently loses time recapturing on d5. Modern players have a different view. The great Danish player Bent Larsen kickstarted the revolution with his provocative assertion that it is an improved Caro-Kann (and, not least, beating Karpov with our opening)! But the 21st-century Scandinavian is a different beast altogether; the new main line of the whole opening (3...Qd6) has proven to have great strategic richness, with more than a few tactical tricks lurking just behind the scenes. The Scandinavian has been transformed into an opening that strong grandmasters are willing to use as their main defence, rather than as an occasional surprise weapon. This thoroughly modern guide focuses on these new approaches, while also covering the more traditional main lines. Kasparov guides the reader carefully through each system, explaining his recommendations with wit and clarity. With his help, you will have your opponents wishing there really were some Anti-Scandinavian lines!