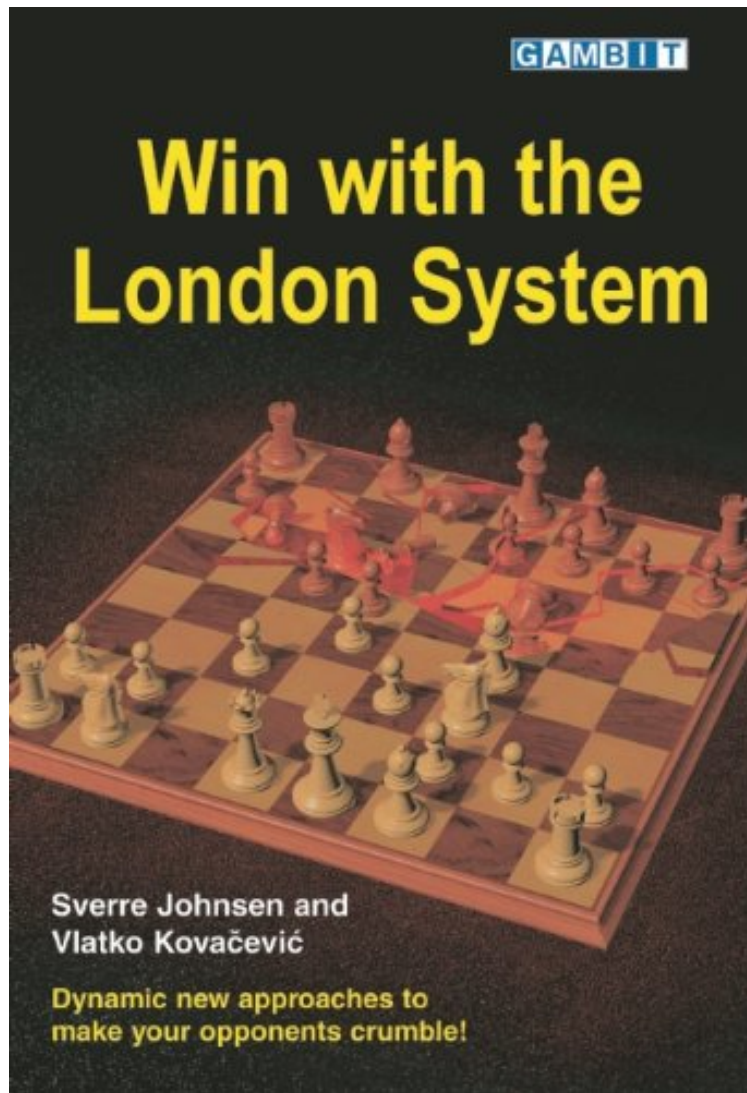


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11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. A pleasant surprise By I. Knezovic I must agree with other fellow reviewers on this one. The book about London is truly excellent book. Young Sverre Johnsen is gifted explainer and, I could say very good narrator of whites discussed strategies, and GM Kovacevic had been a guarantee of line viability and profound knowledge of the opening as its greatest practitioner in last 4 decades of playing it. I myself had been an avid spectator at Solin 2001 tournament (I live in Split which is 6 km apart) where he played a game Kovacevic-Kozul

(Kozul is current european chess champion for 2006) and he crushed Zdenko Kozul with 2.Lf4 in under 30 moves (i think).I reccomend warmly this book, and it may especially be good to black french players because of its familiar pawn structures.P.S. If u dont know the caliber of Vlado (Vlatko) Kovacevic, just watch his game vs Bobby Fischer at Zagreb 1971, where he beats Bobby with french defence. It was a shocker that year.7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The most complete London bookBy Hussain Taher JanahiI was reluctant when I wanted to order a book which covers the London System. Like many, I tend to use this system as my back up emergency plan. As it's very solid, and few people know how to counter it. When you play the London system right, Black's problem wouldn't be on how to refute your set up, but on how patient he is, and how hard he could try.That said, any chess book would think twice before ordering a book published by two very famous publishers, the 1st is Everyman Chess, and the 2nd is Gambit. Both are the best when it comes to chess books, and as far as I'm concerned, Everyman Chess are the best in the business when it comes to openings. Yet, The reviews of this book made me almost sure that it's a good one. And it was indeed.What does this book entail? Will it's so detailed about the London system, that even Masters would learn a lot from it. The author is a very honest writer, he tells you why he selected such set ups, and where did he commit mistakes in the past, and apologizes in some chapters for the complications that might arise. This book is for mastering the London system on a microscopic level, and I'm still enjoying it.The "Play the London system" book by everyman Chess, is also a good one. But not detailed as this one. That book is easier to read yes, and can becomes very funny sometimes (the author is a witty person). But again, it doesn't not entail as much as this book does, nor it approaches you in the same way this book does. This book is a course like system, where the 2 authors approach you with sample games first from every system. And then explain each system in a separate chapter a lone. The final section of the book is for the odd lines. If you did study this book in the right way? you'll be a very tough player to beat, and I really mean very. This system is so solid, that it would grant you blitz wins easily if you had a good memory, only a very experienced blitz player would stop you.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This is a good book on this systemBy R. HutchinsonI have added the London System to my opening repertoire because I want to use it as a surprise weapon. If I know my opponent plays a nice line vs my other white opening system, (the English). I can play this as a change of pace.Even if you are an 1.e4 player, you can take up the London as a change of pace. There are some basic positional plans in the London and this book covers them. It is not the strongest opening for white, otherwise you would have Super GMs playing it all the time. But it is not as bad as it's reputation. So if you want to play the London this is the book to get!

The London System is a perennial favourite of club players, as it is a very sound and solid system with a real practical sting. The authors of this new book seek to maximize this sting in two principal ways. Firstly, by explaining in detail the typical plans for White, they help readers to make the most of their chances, whether they are based on a kingside attack, queenside penetration, central play, or transition to a favourable endgame. Secondly, they advocate some subtle move-orders that limit Black's options, and give White possibilities to change the nature of the game and go straight for the kill if Black responds casually or inappropriately. These move-orders have been tested successfully by co-author Kovacevic at grandmaster level, and much of the analysis presented here is of totally new variations, and is previously unpublished. Covers all responses to 1 d4 against which White can use the London System.

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