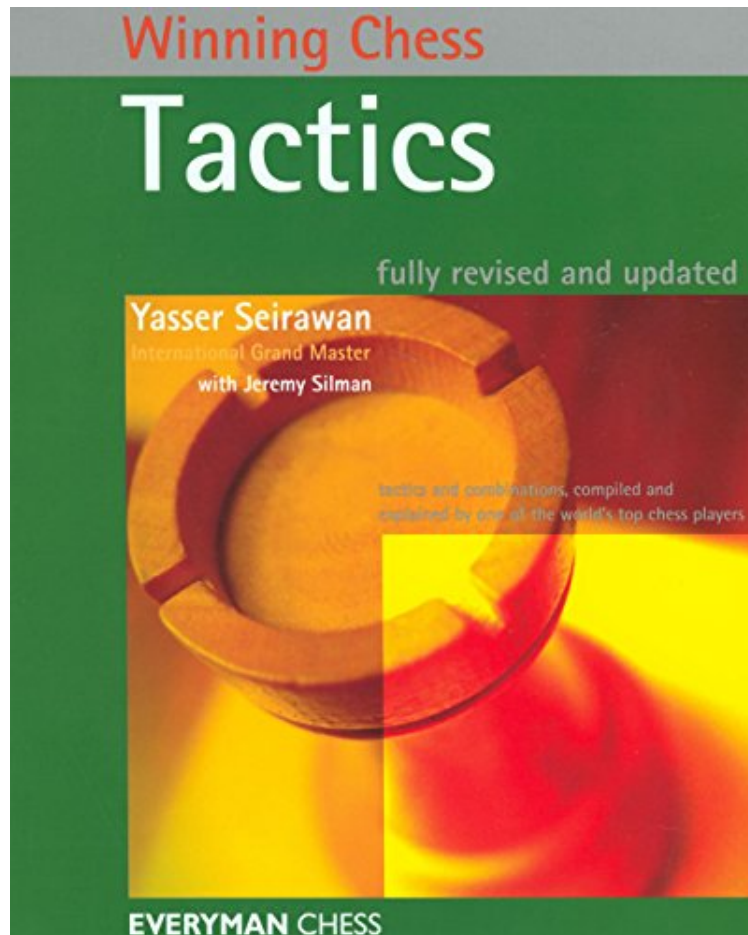


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Groundwork for Tactical PlayBy E. M. HodgeThe second installment of International Grand Master Yasser Seirawan and International Master Jeremy Silman's three part series for chess amateurs, "Winning Chess Tactics" was the easiest of the three to read. Having read "Play Winning Chess" and having a pretty solid grasp of chess fundamentals already, the learning curve for "Winning Chess Tactics" wasn't nearly as steep. All the old favorites are here: Forks, skewers, pins and discovered attacks; along with some more advanced tactics that amateurs don't usually see, like Zwischenzug. Each of them is presented, explained, dissected and incorporated into play in their own chapter with tests and puzzles liberally peppered throughout.After all the tactics are out of the way, Seirawan and Silman present selected games from some of the greatest chess tacticians of the last 150 years. Each game is presented with annotations and commentary from Seirawan and Silman to help the

reader understand the tactical mind of chess masters and grand masters. The games are very illustrative of the sort of tactical ideas the top chess players use. Lastly the book finishes off with more tests and puzzles that can be used to increase the reader's understanding of the concepts detailed previously. While I thoroughly enjoyed "Winning Chess Tactics", and it was probably my favorite of the series, I was a little unhappy with the layout and writing style. I'm convinced that Seirawan is writing for children, and that can be a little off putting. Having read some of Silman's other work, I don't think that his writing style is represented in "Winning Chess Tactics" nearly as much as in the other two books in the series. Putting the solutions to the puzzles of part 1 in part 3 also threw me off a little, because part 3 has its own series of puzzles also. I had to go back and forth between three different sections to find the solutions and see if I was right. It didn't detract from the overall book that much, it just made enjoying the book a little more difficult. Overall, though, I think "Winning Chess Tactics" is an excellent addition to the serious chess amateur and enthusiast. Players from 1000 Elo to about 1400 Elo will probably get the most out of this book. Too far below that and you probably won't understand the concepts being presented. Too far above that and you probably won't need the information this book has.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great resource for the developing hobbyist to take a step deeper into chess theory

By David Johnson
Seirawan offers a compelling toolbox of chess tactics - patterns that you can look for and exploit in novel and surprising ways - and the resources to train you to recognize them. He offers a great balance between lecturing, practice puzzles, and raw delight as he examines dramatic games with an excitement that is contagious. His focus is mostly on the mid-game and end-game, with almost no material that will help with openings - you'll want to find other resources for that. But in his focus he does a good job of covering patterns not only in an introductory way, but showing how to spot opportunities to use them that might not be obvious even if you were familiar with them. If you are an aspiring novice chess player, you will at very least enjoy this book and will almost certainly come out a stronger player.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Improving my game considerably

By ProfTom
I got this book along with the Complete Idiot's Guide, and I'm plowing thru the idiot book first. Both were recommended to me by a friend who is a very strong player. Tactics (a series of moves to accomplish a goal) is separate from openings, and from strategy, etc. Very well presented, a good chess writer.

Readers will learn sure-fire tactics and combinations from one of the world's top chess players. Attack? Defend? Swap pieces? Tactics are the watchdogs of strategy that take advantage of short-term opportunities to trap or ambush opponents and quite possibly change the course of a game in a single move. Why should players only hope that opponents will blunder when International Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan can show them how to put the tactics of the world's chess legends to work. Choose from the double attack, the pin, the skewer, deflection, the dcor, x-rays, windmills, and many more time-tested tactics. Using classic board situations arranged in chapters by tactical themes, Seirawan teaches readers how to: Plan the entire game from the very first move Think ahead, step-by-step, anticipating every obstacle opponents can throw their way Position themselves for the smashing combination and endgame they have always dreamed of Board positions from actual games played by history's great chess tacticians are provided throughout. Review tests for each topic let them track their improvement. In no time they will be playing better, with more confidence than they ever thought possible.

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