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Gary Lane : Winning With the Bishop's Opening (Batsford Chess Library) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Winning With the Bishop's Opening (Batsford Chess Library):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy William GreenleafInteresting book for any chess player.1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Galvin CampbellVery Good2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. better book, when I recently ordered this (c) 1993 ...By Michael J. CashenThere is a later book on the subject by the same author, Gary Lane, The Bishop's Opening Explained, (c) 2004, 160 pages, that's not available on (at least as I write this). I was initially angry that I wasn't aware of that later, better book, when I recently ordered this (c) 1993 book.But the newer book is a total re-write: Lane says he started over from scratch because his 1993 book was written on "museum piece" word processor. Consequently, there are a lot of different things covered in each book, and there are few books on the Bishop's Opening, especially covering variations besides the Urosov Gambit (1e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 d4!?).The newer, 2004 book is updated, slightly larger, has additional sections on overlaps with the Vienna Opening, the Evans Gambit, and unusual variations, and has a MUCH better openings variations table in the back.Both books cover the Urosov Gambit, a blitz time-limit favorite, in only about 10 pages. The 1993 version focuses all of its pages on the variation: 1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nf3 Nxe4!?! The 2004 book says, "This (4...Nxe4) is fairly standard at club level because some old books favored black. But (not) nowadays..." after spending half of the variation's page on that move, the rest on 4...Nc6." Other works covering the

Urosov Gambit are also fixated on 4...Nxe4!?, but also cover 4...d5, 4...c5. 4...Bb4+, 4...Bc5, as well as 4...Nc6. There are significant differences between the books at points.. For example, in the Paulsen Defense to the Bishop's Opening, 1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 d3 c6, for the 4 Nf3 d5 5 Bb3 variation the 1993 book looks in detail at games with 5...Bd6, 5...Bb4+ where the 2004 book looks at 5...Bg4, 5...a5, and 5...Bd6 - both showing why 5...dxe4 is bad for Black.(6. Ng5).The 2004 book is clearly more thorough but the 1993 version makes a lot of unduplicated points.Since there's not a lot on the Bishop's Opening -I originally studied it in the '90's while coaching a high school team to three county championships and 3rd, 4th, 5th in state in those years - their opponents were at an opening disadvantage after 1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 where white can often get a pawn to f4 or f5 and launch a devastating K-side attack.I'm getting back to competitive chess in retirement and plan to use this opening, playing at sub-1800 rating levels!

The Bishop's Opening is an ideal opening for club and tournament players as it leads to positions in which a successful outcome depends on a thorough knowledge of the important ideas for both sides rather than time-consuming theoretical preparation.* Dynamic opening popularized by Grandmasters John Nunn, Michael Adams, and Bent Larsen* White dictates the pattern of play from as early as the second move* Completely annotated games illustrate the main ideas* Every important variation included, with an emphasis on currently fashionable systems of attack and defence