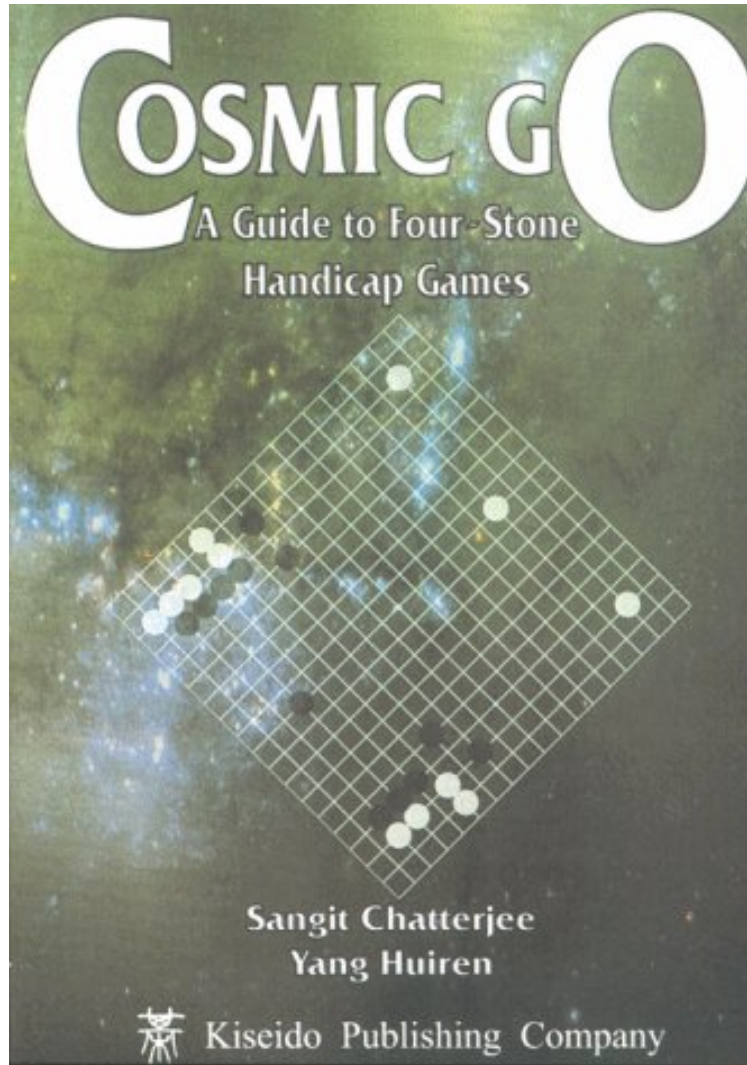


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Sangit Chatterjee, Yang Huiren : Cosmic Go before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cosmic Go:

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Defeat the Author using his own materialsBy A CustomerThis is a joint review by Daphne and Michael Ryan.This book provides something usually missing from Go books providing information on josekis and lines of play: follow through into the fighting that results from choosing the line. Not only are good lines followed up, but the consequences of slightly off the mark play is shown as well.The sections are just the right length for study in the harried lives most of us live.Even though the book is devoted to handling the four stone handicap, the ideas are based on good Go, and they are applicable to san-ren-sei even games. Examples of the

ideas as used in even games (between professionals) are given, so their use in handicap games is amplified by these contrasts. Proof that the ideas are well developed comes from a game that one of us played with the Mr. Chatterjee. Four stones had never been enough for us against Sangit. After reading the book, one of us played Mr. Chatterjee on four stones. Early in the game he played a variation not in his book, but which he had discussed at the San Francisco Go Congress with professionals and other strong players. Because of the clarity of the ideas in this book, the person playing Mr. Chatterjee was able to come up with the right move and won the game quite handily. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Breakthrough in four-stone game analysis By Robert T. Myers "Cosmic Go" is a great blend of theory and practice as applied to the four-stone handicap game. All the analysis assumes White starts with a one-space low approach move against one of the Black handicap stones, which Black pincers at a side star point -- a very clean and easy to understand approach. The book then goes into detail on all the major White double approach moves against the Black handicap stone. "Cosmic Go" is easy to read, has a great sense of humor, and shows a good understanding of the mentality of the weaker player who will be taking four stones. One hopes Dr. Chatterjee will soon follow up with additional books bringing his keen insight and teaching ability to other handicap levels.

There are few books on Handicap Go that attempt to give recipes for good play. Those that do exist advise simplistic, safe, but slightly ineffective josekis. Cosmic Go takes a different approach. The authors teach you to take the severest path in the opening and play on a large scale. They instruct you to create big open spaces and not worry about territory in the beginning. Handicap books will tell you to create thickness but his book will teach you how, and then use it to construct moyos and pick advantageous fights.