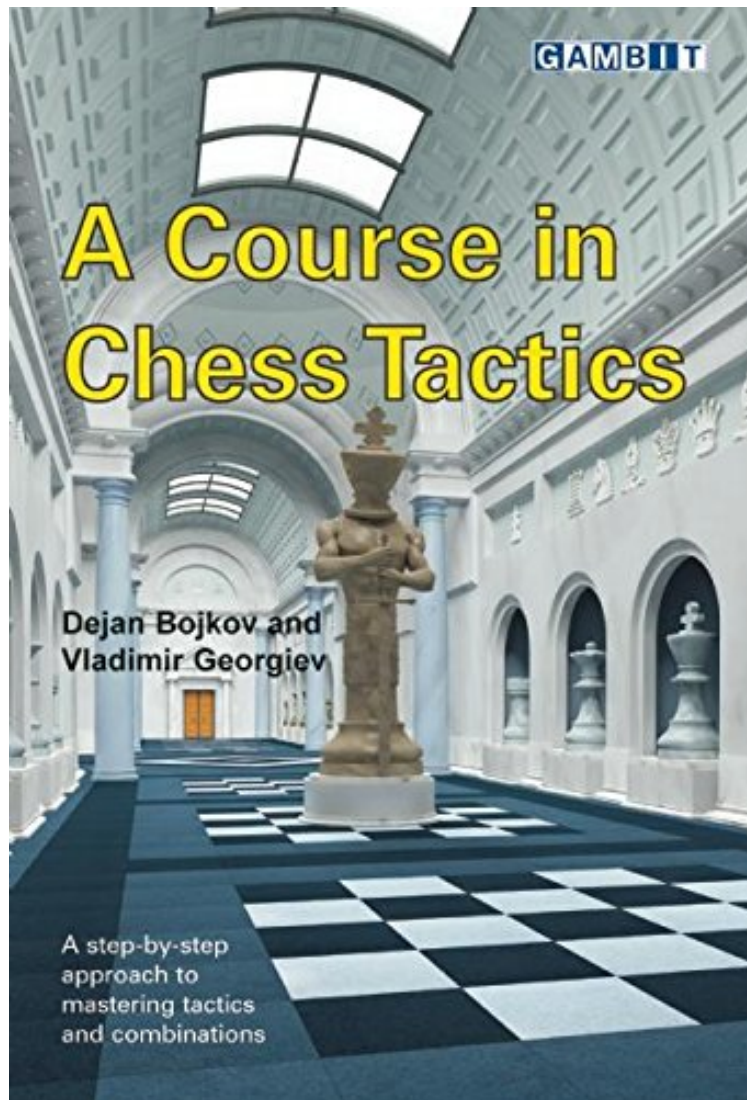


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Dejan Bojkov, Vladimir Georgiev : Course in Chess Tactics before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Course in Chess Tactics:

25 of 26 people found the following review helpful. A GREAT primer on tacticsBy Strawberry EaterThis is a pretty versatile work on tactics. What impressed me the most was its organization and definite structure, which isn't that easy to convey in a book about tactics. It's divided into two sections.The first section explains each tactical motif divided by chapter. Within the chapters several examples are given illustrating under what conditions the chosen tactical motif is

effective and also the main strategy you should be following if you have the motif in your own game. For instance, the very first chapter under the "PIN" basic theme it gives a diagram with a piece pinned and there are an adequate number of pieces defending the pinned piece. So it illustrates an example on how to undermine the pieces that are defending the pinned piece (usually by a deflection) so the net result is that there are an inadequate number of pieces defending the pinned piece. After hammering through several examples, there are about a dozen exercises to apply what you have learned. This is great for calibrating your thought process. The second section combines positional evaluation with tactical motifs. This is a very practical chapter since a lot of the situations will play a role in your own games (eg: attack on the castled king, king in the center, or against certain pawn structures) It almost reminds me of a crash course of the book: *The Art of Attack in Chess*, which I highly recommend as well. In short the book is a great course on tactics. Many would argue that it may need some more practice examples, however there are so many other books that solely use this approach alone (eg: *Sharpen your chess tactics*). I find it hard to suggest an improvement since I have yet to master much of this material, even though I consider myself a pretty good tactician. 35 of 36 people found the following review helpful. Somewhat Misleading Subtitle By Thomas L. Ritchie The subtitle of this book reads 'A step-by-step approach to mastering tactics and combinations'. While I agree with the previous reviewer that this is a (very) good book on tactics, I must disagree with him and with Gambit Publications, as well, when they state this book is a primer on tactics (or a step-by-step approach, respectively). In the very first page, for instance, the authors present a (complete and complex) game in which Yasser Seirawan gets bewildered with the nasty tactics Dreev throws at him and fails to hold a defensible position. Six pages below we can see 'a terrible blunder' of Kramnik playing against Anand, but the deadly consequences of this "blunder" only become apparent to the average player (like myself) after five moves, when a brilliant Anand's move forces Kramnik to resign. This pattern of subtlety, alongside with considerably complex analysis, is kept throughout the text. In fact, the book does an important job showing that mastering tactics and combinations goes much further than solving isolated chess puzzles. The focus here is on the process through which tactics originates, rather than just on the final blow. However it's definitely not a primer or a step-by-step approach. If you are not a strong or advanced player (below ELO 2000, say) and want to understand how and why tactics crops up in a game of chess, I would strongly recommend "Understanding Chess Tactics" (by Martin Weteschnik) before you try the book under review. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. excellent book on tactics By Woodpusher This book has some very interesting positions. I agree with the previous reviewer that this is not for beginners, but it can be very instructive for even average club players. You can't own too many good tactics books.

The advice frequently given to chess-players eager to improve their results is straightforward: study tactics! But there is often little useful guidance as to how this is best done. By solving puzzle positions? Or endgame studies? By dissecting the games of great tacticians? Few books present a structured approach to tactics, so this book fills a valuable niche in the ambitious player's library. The authors present each major tactical theme in turn, explaining how it works and providing inspiring examples. They then explain how you can spot the idea in your own games and use it to your advantage. You immediately get a chance to put your knowledge to the test, as there are challenging exercises throughout the whole book, with detailed solutions. The second part of the book offers more advanced material, and takes us inside the professional's tactics laboratory. Here we see how tactical themes are combined, and employed to achieve strategic goals. We are also shown how grandmasters spot the targets for their breathtaking combinations, which we thus come to see not as sheer witchcraft, but as the product of disciplined thought and training.

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