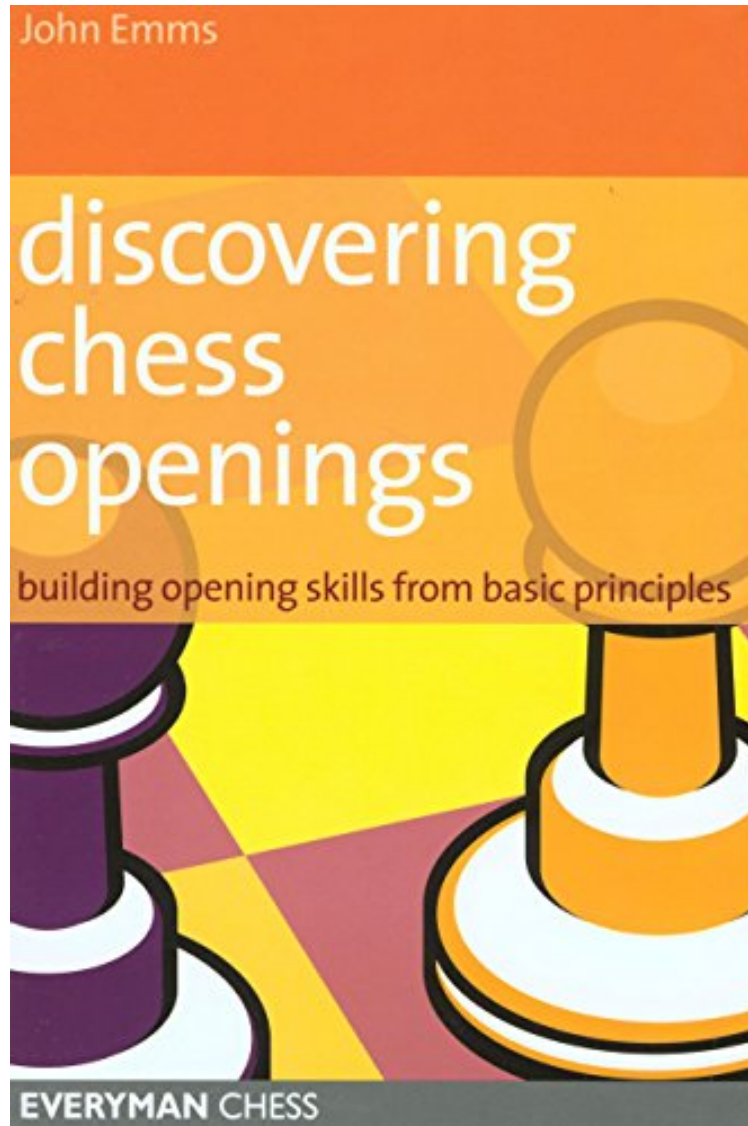


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Easy to follow !By PatAs a relative beginner, i found this book easy to follow and agree with the positive reviews. I have four books on chess openings and this is the first time i have been

able to work through ALL the variations. Not because they are few and far between.. but because they are clearly presented. I almost gave up on learning from books when i would lose my place within numerous variations. I mean, i was never sure how to get back into the main line? This book makes it easy. The author says things like: "... now lets go back to move 8" ...and i would know exactly where i was suppose to be. I have worked through the book twice.. cover to cover each time.. and it was refreshing not getting lost trying to follow branching variations. As some reviews have pointed out, candidate moves may not always be the strongest on the boardbut they would set up a position and provide insight. Seeing how to respond to them has helped me determine which moves are stronger.. and WHY they are stronger. I learned a lot.17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. The best chess book I have ever read!By Christy. . . and believe me, I've read lots of them. I'm a struggling intermediate player (a "developing" player, as this author would call me) and I've never read anything so clear or so helpful. I plan to read through the book two or three more times, to glean everything I can from it.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Introduction to chess opening PRINCIPLESBy RLBellFirst lets be clear what this book is and is not. The book is NOT an openings reference or manual. It does not attempt to deal comprehensively with the myriad lines of any chess openings. There are many other (thousands!) of books that serve that purpose. The book contains 6 chapters, the first 5 of which deal exclusively with chess opening PRINCIPLES, their theory and application. There is no other single book that deals with this topic as exhaustively and effectively, at the beginner/novice level (I own 400 chess books so I'm reasonably confident about this). The last chapter rounds out the book with a succinct survey of some of the major openings, from the perspective of how these openings apply chess principles. So, I could not disagree more with the one reviewer who opined that this book could have been better. In fact, this is an outstanding book and admirably achieves its intended purpose, which is to explain and clarify fundamental chess opening PRINCIPLES!P.S. - the only other similar book focused on explaining opening principles, and also targeted to the chess novice is How To Play Good Opening Moves (Chess) by Edmar Mednis. For its intended audience, It is also worth a read.

In Discovering Chess Openings John Emms argues that studying openings doesn't have to be hard work - it can be both enjoyable and enlightening. The key to successful opening play is not simply learning lines off by heart; instead it's the understanding of the basic principles, and here the reader is guided through the vital themes: swift development, central control and king safety.

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