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**Peter J. Tamburro Jr. : Learn Chess from the Greats (Dover Chess)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Learn Chess from the Greats (Dover Chess):

15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Both Instructive and Entertaining By Jon Parker This is a collection from the USCF's weekly syndicated chess column written by Peter J. Tamburro. Pete's mission was to resurrect some

of the treasures of the past that had been lost due to the changeover to algebraic notation. Think about it...How many of you would buy a book published in the old descriptive notation? Probably not many of your hands shot up so Pete was really onto something. The positions and games that he highlighted in his column are true treasures and by converting them to algebraic notation he has made them more accessible to a new generation. Some people might say that the games and positions can't be of value because they are so old, but that kind of comment just belies the person's ignorance of chess. I recently purchased Samuel Reshevsky's "The Art of Positional Play" and about five minutes afterwards a buddy stuck his nose up at it and said he preferred books with more recent games. I gave him the most disapproving look I could muster at such short notice and told him he should have his FIDE master's rating stripped for such a moronic comment. The point of Reshevsky's book is to increase your pattern recognition of positional themes and to learn how to handle them. The date the games were played has no bearing whatsoever on the relevance of the positions to modern play because the same themes appear in all chess games...and will continue to appear in all chess games. The same can be said about Pete's book: "Learn Chess from the Greats". As Pete points out in one of his columns: "The same positions you see in a model game may not occur again, but the ideas will." Pete says his goal with the columns was to "instruct and entertain." He certainly succeeded. Pete's style of presentation is certainly entertaining and the positions and games are indeed instructional. He has chosen real gems to illustrate key ideas that all chess players need to grasp. And one of the beautiful things about Pete's book is that it is not written for any particular niche. All players, regardless of level, will find benefit within these pages. I recommend this book to all people who love chess. Jon Parker 7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Very Impressive By al capone This book is outstanding. It goes through a variety of moves, not just openings. Also this book taught me how to get a checkmate with only two bishops left. Once I was in a tournament and I lost my rook and only had two bishops left. The other guy only had his king left. The judge told me I had to draw because you can not get a checkmate with two bishops. I refused and I proved him wrong. If I did not read this book I would have just settled for a draw. Thank you Pete for a very impressive book. 9 of 13 people found the following review helpful. great format By ej davis Unlike other geeky chess books, this condensed book has a lot of meat to it. It allowed me to choose an article by the informative index (which was amusing, also). I will keep this book by my side, or in my backpack, so I can continue my learning curve in an upward motion. A chapter at a time, even randomly, will allow me to completely digest each new idea before moving on to the next one.

Beginning students of the game as well as veterans of the board will find this chess guide offers a wealth of inspiration, enjoyment, and practical chess advice. In providing valuable instruction for players at all levels, noted chess writer and teacher Peter Tamburro initially presents elementary ideas that can be used immediately by beginners. The attack section features the tactics of such great masters of the assault as Fischer, Keres, Alekhine, Larsen, and Rubinstein all demonstrating how to win the middle game. A survey of endgame concepts follows, along with a selection of challenging chess problems and 60 complete games by Blackburne, Marshall, Tartakower, Polgar, and other champion players. An accessible, enjoyable guide, Learn Chess from the Greats allows readers to learn the fundamentals and improve their game in an informal, user-friendly way.

About the Author Peter J. Tamburro, Jr., is a syndicated chess columnist.