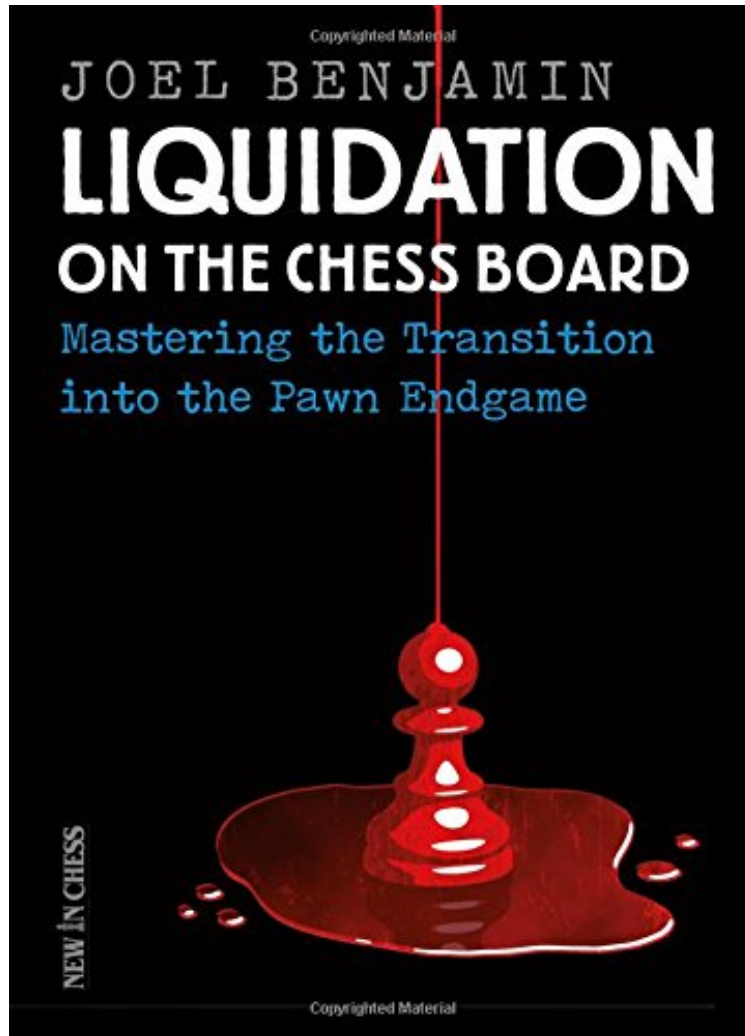


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analyzes which position you should trade the last pieces and enter a winning pawn ending, and in which positions you should not enter a lost pawn ending. he looks at transitions from these endings to pure pawn endings.4) So many good chess books are written every month now. My initial impression was this is just another book, however I was wrong. I usually read half an hour or so, before sleep, and my impressions immediately changed after I started reading this book.5) The book is good for wide range of players (mostly from 1500 USCF to 2400+masters) Not for beginners, but would even help them a lot.6) GM Benjamin also has interesting stories which makes reading the book enjoyable (his game/loss against Korchnoi and Serianwan's seemingly lost ,amazing pawn ending in one of the Olympics)7) This is GM Benjamin's masterpiece! it will stay for years as an excellent pawn ending book! (I also read his previous book "American Grandmaster" was more of a fun reading, but not of academical value.) You can also get interesting fact about Benjamin's devotion and help with Deep Blue in book "behind Deep Blue" by feng-Hsiung Hsu when they beat Kasparov.I have a section for my best chess books (100 books or so). This book is a classical, it belongs there.Summary:1) Excellent pawn ending book.2) Most importantly, the author analyzes the positions just before transition to the pawn ending, helping you make better decisions if entering the pawn ending is good or bad for you. This is very important.3) Level: probably most benefit is for 1500-2400 (though it may help players even lower or higher rated)1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I started studying Chess books a few months ago. ...By CustomerI started studying Chess books a few months ago. This is the 3rd book I have studied and with each one I start out thinking, "Oh, no! This material is too difficult for my skill level!" But once I get used to the author's writing style and review the material over and over I realize you just have to jump in and not be intimidated.I am 3 chapters in and I feel this book is mainly developing my calculation skills and pawn endgame knowledge, with some knowledge about the role of other pieces in the endgame as well. I am loving it.18 of 21 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining and usefulBy A. AliEntertaining and useful. I didn't know what to expect with this book and was quite prepared to be disappointed. Instead I find myself pleasantly surprised. This is a book of enduring worth. It covers a key endgame topic: transitioning from a queen/rook/bishop/knight endgame (or endgames with more pieces) to a pawn endgame. The only other book (that I know) which covers similar topics as this one is the book by Nesis ("Exchanging to Win in the Endgame"). But that book is not as organised as this one.This 253-page book is divided into eleven chapters (queen ending, rook endings, etc) and a mini 7-page chapter at the end (but not labeled as such) dealing with thematic positions such as breakthrough, zugzwang, and competing pawn structures. Each of the eleven chapters is divided along the themes of technical liquidation, zugzwang, king activity, passed pawns, pawn races, breakthroughs, and sacrifices. Each chapter culminates with a series of exercises taken from real games, followed by carefully annotated solutions.So far so good. What sets this book apart, however, is the quality of prose: it's that ideal but difficult to define mix of insightful explanation and concrete analysis that makes for riveting reading. The analysis is of course engine-tested but combining this with elegant and lucid prose is what makes for a great chess book -- and this is one unequivocally.It's a great chess book. But will it improve one's playing strength? Yes again. Unequivocally. Making the transition to won pawn endgames is a key skill. Reading this book will allow you to surreptitiously smirk while you lure your unwitting opponent into a lost pawn endgame. To reiterate my first three words, it's entertaining and useful.

2015 Best Book Award of the Chess Journalists of America (CJA)Pawn endings do not arise out of nowhere. Before emerging as endgames with just kings and pawns, they pre-existed' in positions that still contained any number of pieces. Isn't it strange, then, that most chess endgame books make it look as if they came out of the blue? Liquidation is the purposeful transition into a pawn ending. It is a vital technique that is seldom taught. Strange, because knowing when and how to liquidate can help you win games or save draws.In this book, former US Chess Champion Joel Benjamin teaches you all you need to know about successfully liquidating into pawn endgames. He focuses on the practical aspects: what to aim for and how to get there. When to start trading pieces and how to recognize favorable and unfavorable liquidations.Liquidation is much more than just trading pieces. Enter a fascinating world of tempo games (triangulation, zugzwang and opposition), breakthrough, king activity, passed pawn dynamics, sacrifices and counter-sacrifices. Exercises will test your growing skills. Joel Benjamin does not just asks you for the winning or drawing continuation, he aims to make you think. A ground-breaking, entertaining and instructive guide.

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