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Colin Crouch : Magnus Force: How Carlsen Beat Kasparov's record before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Magnus Force: How Carlsen Beat Kasparov's record:

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on the period of time where Magnus went from slightly better than others to unquestionably better, from a ratings point of view), and asking what he was doing differently than before. It's interesting that someone who seemingly spurns opening theory can dominate the best players in the world. I'm giving this 5 stars, in part, for the value, as a Kindle book, for the amount of money, it's easily worth the purchase if you enjoy chess books. 34 of 38 people found the following review helpful. Please write a book as advertised! By Boomer49 On the back cover this book states there is in depth analysis of Carlsen's games. No there is not!! The discussion Crouch talks about Carlsen's chess is interesting but it most certainly is not in depth either. He really short shrifts us in this book! If you want excellent analysis of the games that Crouch presents, London 2012 and Wijk aan Zee 2013 plus several losses before these tournaments, go to ICC, the internet chess club, and click on their video coverage which is done in great depth. In one of the losses, to Anand, he wraps up commentary at move 34 while Carlsen battled on to move 76. He makes other comments like, "Black has to do something with his pawns, otherwise the White Knights are going to gallop through", page 16 on the McShane-Carlsen game. This is just plain awful commentary. It is so bad it is not even superficial. Maybe players who are new to the game will like this book but if you are rated over 1200 USCF, save your money.