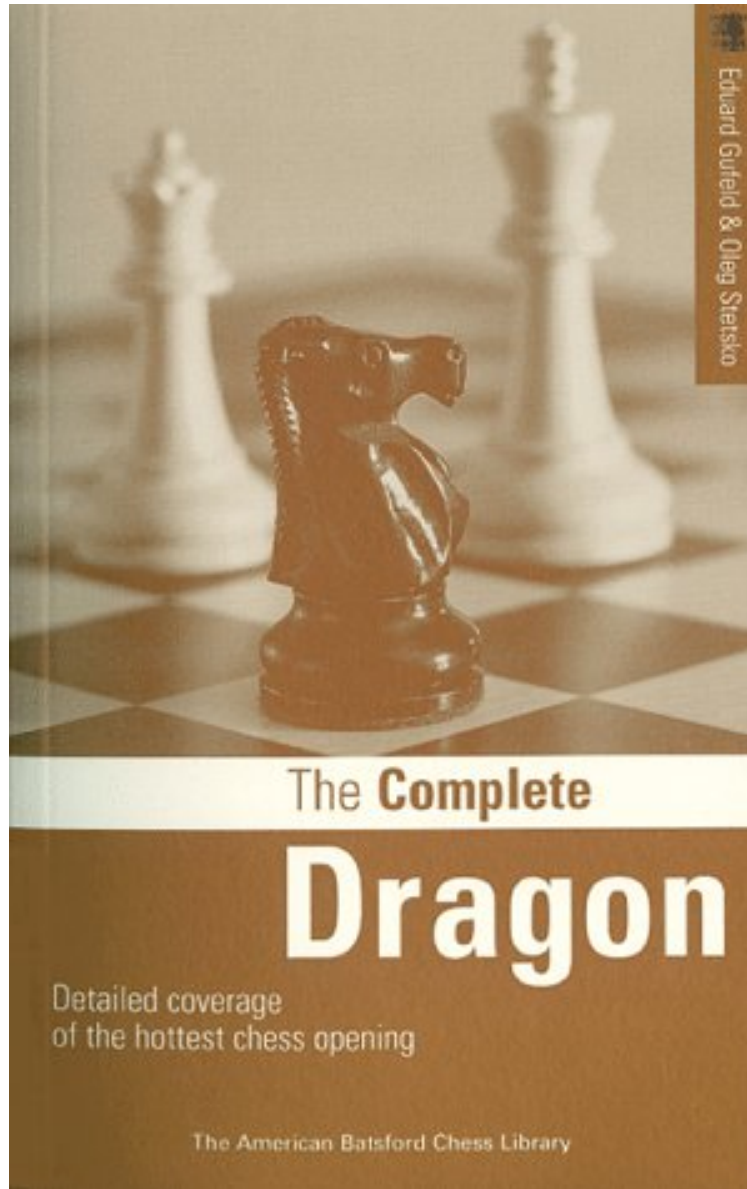


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**Eduard Gufeld, Oleg Stetsko : The Complete Dragon** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Complete Dragon:

13 of 16 people found the following review helpful. \*Only\* about the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian DefBy A Customer Let me start by explain my rating of this book. If you are looking for a book specifically on the Dragon, you probably won't find a better one and this one is five stars. As a general Chess book, this book is pretty awful and

would rate one star - maybe two since it covers what is proposed so well. Given that anyone who purchases a general chess book with the title "The Complete Dragon" didn't bother to do \*any\* homework, I give this book 4 stars. To show the scope of this book, let me quote the introduction: "... decided to limit our coverage to just the 'real' Dragon, 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 ... and not deal with the so-called Accelerated Dragon (2 ... Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6)." What follows is a 348 page discussion on the "Yugoslav Attack..., classical variations..., modern variations... and... a misc group of less common continuations." So, given that: 1) you find yourself playing black and 2) have played the first five moves of the Dragon and 3) you're within 100 points of your opponent and 4) the two of you aren't within 200 points of Eduard Gufeld and 5) you've pretty much memorized 348 pages: you can reasonably expect to mop the board with your opponent. "Look into the eyes of the Dragon and despair." Though I don't believe this was Gufeld's intention. He does a truly \*excellent\* job with his material. Even if you don't memorize the variations, as a previous reviewer says s/he has (a monster task to be sure), following the development and understanding the logic behind it is enlightening - whether you play white or black. I would have to say this book is written for "terminally chess curious," "serious club" players and above. "Casual coffee house" players and those under, say, 1500 should probably stick with Seirawan's "Winning Chess" series published by MS Press, My System by Nimzovich or The Mammoth Book of Chess. 2 of 23 people found the following review helpful. The Complete Waste... By A Customer I'd have to say a better name for this book might be The Complete Waste... I remember when I first got this book I thought wow I'll just play this as my system and be set... Yet as I got into the reality of play I realised just how many gaps were really in this book... Besides the fact many games you can't even setup the Dragon they give you nothing but the pure dragon... They don't even talk about the Accelerated Dragon at all in the least... Too many people play Sicilian Lines anyways to be honest... If your reading this thinking of picking it up don't really waste your time... I find it best to not play sicilian and to just plain avoid it as white... No reason to enter a game vs. someone that's all booked up with no life... Many Sicilian players do not know how to play chess and simply resort to memorizing lines and variations... They seem like better players than they are cuz of so much coverage of opening... They spend so much time learning and studying over line after line just to get a false inflated rating... Bout only good thing about this book is its sorta shiny and reflects the light funky :).... If you have money to waste on a chess book you can find lots better... 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Want to be a Dragon Slayer? Get this book! By A Customer Most books out there that cover the Dragon put all the hype and emphasis strictly on the Yugoslav Attack, and cover maybe 10 pages total on other lines. Why go down the beaten path? All you are doing is playing into Black's hand. This book, while still having a good chunk of coverage on the Yugoslav for those "Bandwagon" players (roughly 175 pages out of about 275 on Analysis prior to the 78 games), there is actually about 100 pages worth of analysis on lines such as the Classical, Levenfish (my weapon), and a few other lines that are occasionally played. None of these are unsound lines where White is lost if Black is aware of the trap, they just aren't played as often, and therefore most players as Black aren't quite as prepared, as they expect a Yugoslav as soon as White commits to playing the Open Sicilian. Since reading over the Classical and Levenfish lines (and choosing to go with the Levenfish, primarily out of taste, Classical may get another visit by me), the Dragon has become the least of my problems, and would become the least of yours too! Dragons can't beat Dragon Slayers!

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