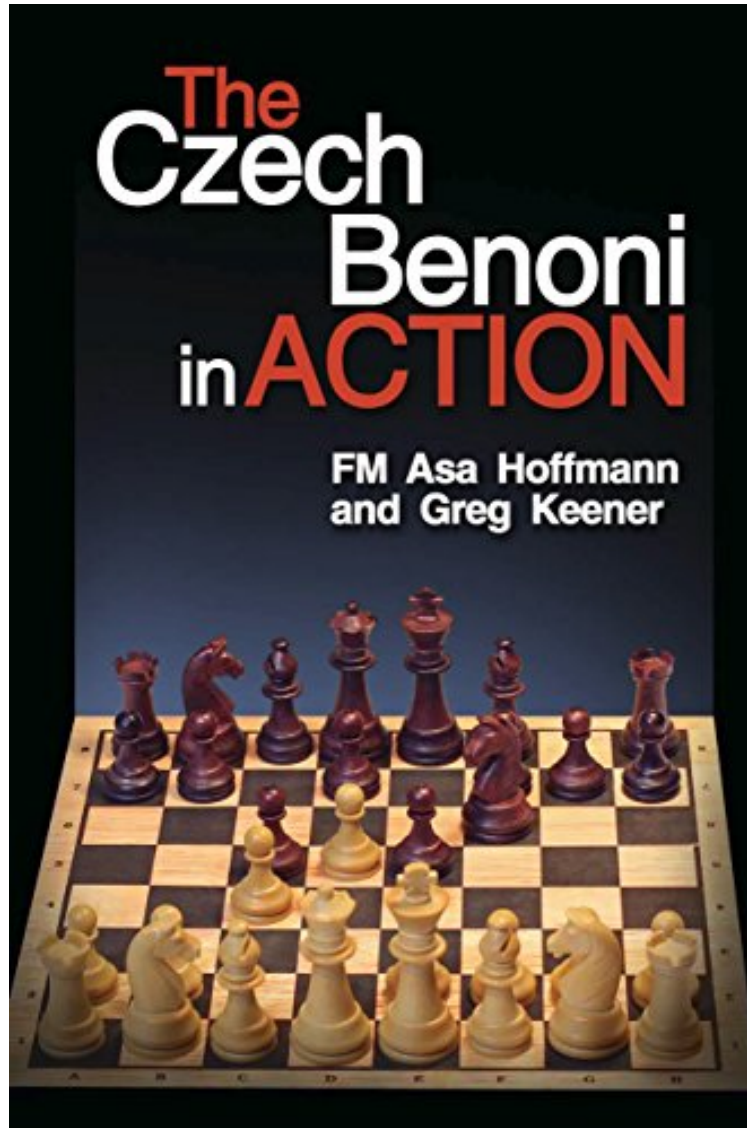


## The Czech Benoni in Action

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**Asa Hoffmann, Greg Keener : The Czech Benoni in Action** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Czech Benoni in Action:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. an undeservedly neglected defense...By C. carnesSeems I am the first person to review this book since 2015 so I am guessing that you can still take your opponents by surprise with this defense.That would be a good thing in and of itself but the fact that this is a very difficult defense to crack requiring a

true understanding of how to play a closed position is the real plus. There are interesting and little known heroes of this defense introduced in the book which makes it a more interesting read than most opening books... I have only played this opening a few times against humans and won all the games but one. Against computers I do better than usual since positional understanding matters more than variations or computer calculations. I play the modern Benoni and the Benko gambit as well as the Czech Benoni and I have to say that the Czech is easier than the modern Benoni and less fun than the Benko...But If you are good at closed positions and know a good knight from a bad bishop you would do well to check out this book and see if you want to add this line to your defense...3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I really enjoyed looking at the ideas Black played with and I ...By Chris ColeI bought this book a while ago, I really enjoyed looking at the ideas Black played with and I found it difficult to find information on this defense anywhere but in this book, It gives suggestions on a lot of possibilities that White can diverge and I highly recommend this book for anyone who is willing to learn or play this defense!18 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Both instructional and very entertaining - a sad rarity in chess booksBy Boris IzrayelitBoth instructional and very entertaining - a sad rarity in chess books. I've used some of the suggested lines to surprise, and beat, higher rated opponents. Hoffman and Keener do a great job of explaining the ideas for black, and I think the book would benefit players looking for a new surprise weapon as well as 1. d4 players making sure that they don't lose their way in the complications.

Had enough of the same old queens pawn openings? Afraid of losing just because you forgot Whites latest move 23 novelty in the main lines? Tired of giving up draws to weaker players whove learned how to drain the life out of Blacks major defenses to 1.d4? If so, then the Czech Benoni (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5!?) may be exactly what you need.In *The Czech Benoni in Action*, two practitioners of this little-known but sound counterattacking system join forces to show how you can pose novel problems for opponents of all strengths, leaving them to fend for themselves as early as move 3.F flank gambits, deep behind-the-lines maneuvering, and wildly unbalanced positions are the norm here. Focusing on strategic ideas rather than masses of variations, and using complete games to show how the themes persist even into the ending, the authors survey Whites common responses and explain how to handle attempts to sidestep Blacks setup. To help guide you through the complications, a concluding selection of typical tactical motifs rounds out the most complete treatment of the Czech Benoni in print.

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