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Kokology 2

Kokology 2 offers all-new insights into the surprising real you. Kokology, the popular Japanese pop-psych quiz game, is now an American bestseller, and Kokology 2 offers more than 50 all-new quizzes, perfect for beginners and experienced kokologists alike. Kokology, the study of kokoro ("mind" or "spirit" in Japanese), asks you to answer questions about seemingly innocent topics -- such as which is the cleanest room in an imaginary house? -- and then reveals what your answers say about you. Play it alone as a quest of self-discovery, or play with friends, if you dare!

Kokology

A collection of more than fifty psychology games that ask readers to imagine particular situations and answer questions about them, offering interpretations of the answers that explain how the reader feels about such aspects of life as love, sex, family, and work.

The Big Book of Personality Tests

This fascinating collection of 100 fun-to-take and easy-to-score personality quizzes--devised by an expert psychologist--provides unparalleled insight into what makes us tick and why. Are You a Romantic? What's Your Emotional IQ? Body Language: Can You Read It? Who's the Boss, Your Work or You? Are You a Risk-Taker? How Honest Are You, Really? Dr. Salvatore V. DiDato has spent his career helping people unravel the answers to these and similar questions. Now he's channeled his years of experience into an enlightening collection of simple tests designed to get to the real truth about ourselves. By asking all the right questions, DiDato helps us arrive at the sometimes astounding answers to who we are, how we got that way, and what, if anything, we can or should do to change. Each quiz addresses a distinct aspect of the human persona, from ambition, self-esteem, and romance, to ingenuity, creativity, sexuality, and more. And Dr. DiDato's insightful explanations help guide us down the path to self-awareness, and, ultimately, self-improvement. On top of everything else, the quizzes are fun!

What's Your Personality?

Are you outgoing or quiet? Do you consider yourself daring, caring, witty, or wise? How would your friends and family describe you? Personality can teach you a lot about yourself! What are your preferences, behaviors, and learning styles? What does the way you approach life say about you? Find out with fun quizzes and fascinating facts exploring personality!

2 Kinds of People

It takes all kinds of people to make a world, the expression goes. But maybe it really takes only two kinds. People who put ketchup on their fries, and people who put the ketchup on the side. People who squeeze gently from the bottom, and people who manhandle the toothpaste tube. 2 Kinds of People is the interactive visual personality quiz that's as much fun as a game. It works by showing two illustrations side by side. If you and your partner pick the same one, score it on the foldout wheel in the back, and move to the next. At

the end, the number of matches determines where you fall on the Scale of Compatibility, ranging from mortal enemies to soul mates. There are 85 pairs in all, covering food, home, technology, travel, and more. It's the perfect icebreaker, a clever way to find out if you and your best friend/date/coworker and/or person you just met in a bar are compatible. Cup or cone? Cash or plastic? Shower or bath? Escalator or stairs? Toilet paper over, or toilet paper under? Like they say, it's the little things in life that really count.

The Cube

Spread the word . . . but keep the secret! The Cube is an imagination game—and more—that holds a secret you are dared not to reveal. Last seen making the rounds in the coffeehouses of Eastern Europe, the Cube is rumored to be of ancient Sufi origin, but no one really knows for certain. This mystery game just seems to reappear when and where it is needed. Now it is here! Inside these pages, the game is revealed along with intriguing stories of others who have played the Cube—including such celebrities as Gloria Steinem, Willem Dafoe, Erica Jong, and Judy Collins. So don't be square . . . Get Cubed!

Who Do You Think You Are?

Find out what makes you tick in 20 psychological quizzes. Written by award-winning children's author Alice Harman and illustrated with the bold, geometric artwork of Blok Magnaye, *Who Do You Think You Are?* takes you on an interactive tour of the history and study of psychology through its most prominent tests. After a science-based exploration to establish what exactly personality is and the different ways it can be measured, test yourself to discover your personality types and traits, intelligence, creativity, unconscious, and most importantly, whether you are more like a pizza or a salad. Each chapter begins with a discussion based on modern psychology that sorts out the fact and fiction behind the different tests. Find out: Which of the four ancient Greek humours is most dominant in your personality (If you're a great listener and avoid arguments, you might be Phlegmatic.) How you prefer to think and learn with the Left Brain–Right Brain Quiz How impulsive you are with the Barratt Impulsiveness Test How much you enjoy new objects and experiences with the Neophilia Quiz How your abstract reasoning skills measure up with the Culture Fair IQ Test (You'll have a chance to test yourself in a few different areas of intelligence to find out where your strengths lie!) After taking all these intriguing tests, you might just want to become a psychologist! A section at the back describes the different jobs psychologists do and provides resources for more information on the field. Have a blast learning more about yourself and the field of psychology with this brightly illustrated quiz book!

How to Pass Exams

Everything you need to know to improve your memory and increase your chances of passing that exam with flying colours! Dominic O'Brien, eight-times World Memory Champion, outlines in simple language the steps you can take to increase your memory skills for all exam situations. *How to Pass Exams* also includes useful advice on revision, speed-reading, note-taking and mind mapping, as well as special features on specific subjects from history to modern languages. In this practical and accessible guide, a living memory legend shares with you the secret of his amazing talents and offers you the key to success in your studies.

Self-Scoring Personality Tests

To become successful, you have to understand every aspect of your personality--what you enjoy doing, how you work best, whether you interact well with others, and where your strengths and weaknesses lie. These tests will help you gain that knowledge, so you can make the right life choices. Each of the four quizzes contains a series of questions designed that measure such traits as creativity, emotional stability, strong-mindedness, and sociability. Of course, there are no right or wrong answers--just revelations about the person you are. After you complete the tests, there is a key to help you interpret and understand your scores, along with practical explanations of each personality factor.

The Book of Personality Tests

The Book of Personality Tests is a comprehensive collection of classic and modern personality tests put into everyday language for everyone to enjoy. Including Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and many others, this book is jam-packed with 25 engaging quizzes to find out more about who we are and what makes us tick!

The Book of Questions

The phenomenon returns! Originally published in 1987, *The Book of Questions*, a New York Times bestseller, has been completely revised and updated to incorporate the myriad cultural shifts and hot-button issues of the past twenty-five years, making it current and even more appealing. This is a book for personal growth, a tool for deepening relationships, a lively conversation starter for the family dinner table, a fun way to pass the time in the car. It poses over 300 questions that invite people to explore the most fascinating of subjects: themselves and how they really feel about the world. The revised edition includes more than 100 all-new questions that delve into such topics as the disappearing border between man and machine—How would you react if you learned that a sad and beautiful poem that touched you deeply had been written by a computer? The challenges of being a parent—Would you completely rewrite your child's college-application essays if it would help him get into a better school? The never-endingly interesting topic of sex—Would you be willing to give up sex for a year if you knew it would give you a much deeper sense of peace than you now have? And of course the meaning of it all—If you were handed an envelope with the date of your death inside, and you knew you could do nothing to alter your fate, would you look? *The Book of Questions* may be the only publication that challenges—and even changes—the way you view the world, without offering a single opinion of its own.

The Man with a Shattered World

Luria presents a compelling portrait of a man's heroic struggle to regain his mental faculties. A soldier named Zasetzky, wounded in the head at the battle of Smolensk in 1943, found himself unable to recall his recent past or speak, read, or write without difficulty. Woven throughout his first-person account are interpolations by Luria himself.

Counselling Skills and Theory 5th Edition

Trusted author Margaret Hough updates this bestselling resource that will provide you with the clearest introduction to the major approaches in counselling. Easy to read, clear and concise, this full colour updated edition will take you from learning to application with a variety of group tasks and case studies to explore and evaluate. - Explore the new extended sections on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Neuroscience, and Cultural Diversity and Counselling to highlight new approaches, developments and research. - Consolidate learning with new student exercises - now over 70! - Translate theory into practice with new case studies, including some that will illustrate the problems clients experienced during Covid-19, with special reference to emotional and psychological effects of lockdown - Understand the ways in which neuroscience helps us understand the beneficial effects of counselling and psychotherapy with the regular references throughout the book.

Now Eat This! Diet

On the heels of the bestselling success of his low-calorie *Now Eat This!* cookbook, Rocco DiSpirito expands his brand with a weight-loss program guaranteed to produce maximum results with minimum effort. Award-winning celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito changed his life and his health-without giving up the foods he loves or the flavor. He has lost more than 20 pounds, participated in dozens of triathlons, and-after an inspirational role as a guest chef on *The Biggest Loser* changed his own diet and the caloric content of classic dishes on a

larger scale. In *The Now Eat This! Diet*, complete with a foreword by Dr. Mehmet Oz, DiSpirito offers readers a revolutionary 2-week program for dropping 10 pounds quickly, with little effort, no deprivation, and while still eating 6 meals a day and the dishes they crave, like mac & cheese, meatloaf, BBQ pork chops, and chocolate malted milk shakes. The secret: Rocco's unique meal plans and his 75 recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, and snack time, all with zero bad carbs, zero bad fats, zero sugar, and maximum flavor. Now readers can eat more and weigh less-it's never been so easy!

101 Fun Personality Quizzes

Pop culture-themed quizzes for a quirky, fun way to better understand your personality. Open this book to any page and you'll find a personality quiz that's both fun to fill out and revealing in its results. Just grab a pen and get started. You already know the answer to every question, but do you dare discover what those answers say about who you are . . . really?! HOW SEXY ARE YOU? Sweet Playful Red Hot WHICH FRIENDS CHARACTER ARE YOU? Rachel Monica Phoebe ARE YOU DRAMATIC? Zero Sorta Drama Queen YOU'RE THE LEADING LADY IN WHICH ROM-COM? Bridget Jones's Diary Legally Blonde You've Got Mail WHICH BEYONCÉ ERA ARE YOU? Destiny's Child Single Ladies Drunk in Love WHICH CELEBRITY SCANDAL WOULD YOU HAVE? DUI Caught Cheating Leaked Sex Tape WHERE SHOULD YOU LIVE? New York City Austin San Francisco WHAT ALCOHOLIC DRINK FITS YOUR PERSONALITY? Beer Martini Champagne WHICH TV POLITICIAN MATCHES YOUR STYLE? Frank Underwood Selina Meyer Leslie Knope HOW WEIRD ARE YOU? Run-of-the-Mill Quirky Creepy WHICH LITERARY HEROINE ARE YOU? Elizabeth Bennet Hermione Granger Jo March

The Club Player's Modern Guide to Gambits

This is no ordinary opening book. This practical guide describes only such openings in which White or Black sacrifices material at an early stage of the game. They are called gambits (in Old Italian, gambetto means tripping). The justification for such sacrifices can differ quite a lot. In most cases, the side that sacrifices material tends to get ahead of the opponent in development and/or opens lines to attack the enemy king. However, there are also gambits aimed at the occupation of the center (Blumenfeld Gambit), depriving the opponent of castling (Cochrane Gambit or Traxler Variation), weakening the opponent's pawn structure (Anti-Moscow Variation), luring an opponent's piece to an unfavorable position (sacrificing the b2-pawn), obtaining a certain positional compensation (Volga Gambit), etc. Gambits are often associated with the romantic chess of the 19th century. Indeed, that was the heyday of such sharp openings as the King's Gambit or Evans Gambit, but even nowadays, many games begin with one of the well-known or even innovative gambits. This should come as no surprise: gambits help to reveal the true essence of chess, "the triumph of spirit over matter." The concept of this book is to examine practical games and give theoretical insights in the notes rather than in stand-alone articles. Practice has shown this to be the most effective way of mastering new material. More often than not, recent games by the world's top players have been chosen as an illustration, played in the last few years in particular. However, the most important classic games are mentioned as well. The present book analyzes almost 50 of the major gambit lines and systems. Almost 140 games are given in full, with many game fragments selected to illustrate the important deviations. And there is a special section about types of sacrificial themes, such as sacrificing the b2-pawn, sacrificing on f7, etc. Readers who may wish to employ one of the examined gambit variations on a regular basis should, no doubt, study the specific books on that very opening, although in most cases the lines and ideas given are sufficient for a beginner or club player to include the system in his or her opening repertoire and give it a try.

Pawn Power in Chess

Profoundly original book demonstrates how basic relationships of one or two pawns constitute winning strategy. Multitude of examples illustrate theory. 182 diagrams. Index of games.

Secrets of the Cube

A mysterious ancient game which requires nothing but your imagination, The Cube resurfaced in Eastern Europe in the late '80s and is believed to have ancient Sufi origins. Revealed by the authors of Secrets of The Cube as a powerful tool for self-discovery, the game -- revolving around a simple set of self-created images -- throws open the door to understanding ourselves and our relationships. To be experienced alone or in a group, Secrets of The Cube begins with an initiation that unlocks the secrets of the "game". After playing The Cube, you are left with a "soulprint"

Rob DJ's Monday Night Pub Quiz Book

For those 7.3 million people who tune into "The Chris Moyles Show" in the mornings, Rob DJ is a household name. This plain-speaking Yorkshireman, who hosts a weekly pub quiz in Leeds has become a cult figure after his regular appearances on the show. Every Tuesday morning Chris, Dave, Dom and Carrie attempt to answer five of the questions Rob set in his pub quiz the previous night. Rob's catchphrases are legendary: 'Schnizzle my quizzle, mother', 'let's get busy with the quizzly', 'what a thicko' and 'I say pub - you say quiz' are all instantly recognisable, as is his one rule - Rob DJ's answer is always right (even when it isn't..). In Rob DJ's Monday Night Pub Quiz Book, Rob compiles the best questions from his five-year archive so that you can host your own "Monday Night Pub Quiz". Featuring posers on a multitude of subjects, plus some mind-bending anagrams, these questions will provoke as much debate with your friends as they do in the Radio I studio. So turn your texts off and get your phones out of your area, the quiz is about to begin.

The Essential Enneagram

The First and Only Scientifically Determined Enneagram Personality Test and Guide A centuries-old psychological system with roots in sacred tradition, the Enneagram can be an invaluable guide in your journey toward self-understanding and self-development. In this book, Stanford University Medical School clinical professor of psychiatry David Daniels and counseling psychologist Virginia Price offer the only scientifically developed Enneagram test based upon extensive research combined with a self-discovery and personal-development guide. The most fundamental guide to the Enneagram ever offered, this book features effective self-tests to determine simply and accurately what your personality type is. Daniels and Price provide step-by-step instructions for taking inventory of how you think, what you feel, and what you experience. They then guide you in your discovery of what your type means for your personal well-being and your relationships with others, and they show you how to maximize your inherent strengths. Brimming with empowering information for each of the nine personality types—Perfectionist, Giver, Performer, Romantic, Observer, Loyal Skeptic, Epicure, Protector, and Mediator—this one-of-a-kind book equips you with all the tools you need to dramatically enhance your quality of life.

Positional Chess Handbook

Learn to develop a more powerful strategic game. Key squares, bad bishops, pawn structures, other examples appear in ascending difficulty, with cross-references. For players at every level. 495 black-and-white illustrations.

Why Smart People Hurt

Make the most of your creative and intellectual gifts by overcoming the unique challenges they bring with this guide by the author of Natural Psychology. Many smart and creative people experience unique challenges as a result of their valuable gifts. These can range from anxiety and over-thinking to mania, depression, and despair. In Why Smart People Hurt, creativity coach Dr. Eric Maisel pinpoints these often-devastating challenges and offers solutions based on the groundbreaking principles and practices of natural

psychology. Are you still searching for meaning after all these years? Many smart people struggle with reaching for or maintaining success because, after all of the work they put into attaining it, it still seems meaningless. In *Why Smart People Hurt*, Dr. Maisel will teach you how to stop searching for meaning and create it for yourself. In *Why Smart People Hurt*, you will find:

- Evidence that you are not alone in your struggles
- Strategies for coping with a brain that goes into overdrive at the drop of a hat
- Questions that will help you create your own personal roadmap to a calm and meaningful life

A Prisoner of Birth

With a twisting plot of false accusation and revenge, *A Prisoner of Birth* is an exhilarating novel from bestselling author Jeffrey Archer. If Danny Cartwright had proposed to Beth Wilson the day before, or the day after, he would not have been arrested and charged with the murder of his best friend. And when the four prosecution witnesses are a barrister, a popular actor, an aristocrat and the youngest partner in an established firm's history, who is going to believe his side of the story? Danny is sentenced to twenty-two years and is sent to Belmarsh prison, the highest security jail in the land, from where no inmate has ever escaped. But everyone has underestimated Danny's determination to seek revenge and Beth's relentless quest to win justice . . .

Learn Chess the Right Way

The *Polgar Way to Better Chess! Learn Chess the Right Way* is a five-volume chess puzzle book series aimed at the novice, beginner and intermediate level player, using the unique methods of the award-winning coach and former world champion Susan Polgar. It introduces the most important checkmate and material-winning tactics, as well as defensive techniques to the new chess player. Each of the five volumes will consist of over 500 puzzles. In Volume 3, you will be introduced to 500 must-know defensive techniques. Each chapter will start with a few introductory examples and explanation about to what to look for in the puzzles that follow. In chapter 1, the task is to move an attacked piece. In each puzzle, there is only one good solution by moving the attacked piece to a safe square. In chapter 2, one of the kings is in check. The goal is to find the correct response. In chapter 3, a piece is attacked, but has no good square to which to move. So, rather than moving the attacked piece(s), you will need to look for a way to protect it with another piece. In chapter 4, we focus on defensive ideas against a direct checkmate threat. In chapter 5, one side "defends" by counter-attacking. In chapters 6 and 7, you will be introduced to the game-saving techniques of drawing by stalemate or perpetual check. In chapter 8, the task is to catch a pawn that is about to promote. In chapter 9, a certain piece is about to get "trapped." The task is to prepare for the attack and avoid material loss. Finally, in chapter 10, you can practice solving a variety of defensive ideas, with the goal to avoid or minimize material losses or being checkmated. With over 40 years of experience as a world-class player and coach, international grandmaster Susan Polgar has developed the most effective way to help young players and beginners – *Learn Chess the Right Way*. Let her show you the way to understanding the most common and critical patterns and let her show you the way to becoming a better player.

The Administrator

Discover a compendium of knowledge on the administrator – ESTJ personality type! As you explore this book, you will find the answer to a number of crucial questions: * How do administrators think and what do they feel? How do they make decisions? How do they solve problems? What makes them anxious? What do they fear? What irritates them? * Which personality types are they happy to encounter on their road through life and which ones do they avoid? What kind of friends, life partners and parents do they make? How do others perceive them? * What are their vocational predispositions? What sort of work environment allows them to function most effectively? Which careers best suit their personality type? * What are their strengths and what do they need to work on? How can they make the most of their potential and avoid pitfalls? * Which famous people correspond to the administrator's profile? * Which nation displays the most features characteristic of this personality type? This book is part of the ID16 Personality Types series. ID16 is a

personality typology which draws on the theory developed by Carl Gustav Jung. Typologies formulated on the basis of Jung's theory are widely used in teaching, training, coaching and human resource management, as well as in career and relationship counselling. They also form a basis for numerous programmes supporting personal development and improving interpersonal relationships. The majority of global businesses employ Jungian personality tests as a standard tool in their recruitment procedures and vocational development processes.

Biorefineries

This book offers a comprehensive review on biomass resources, examples of biorefineries and corresponding products. The first part of this book covers topics such as different biorefinery resources from agriculture, wood processing residues and transport logistics of plant biomass. In the second part, expert contributors present biorefinery concepts of different biomass feedstocks, including vegetable-oils, sugarcane, starch, lignocellulose and microalgae. Readers will find here a summary of the syngas utilization and the bio-oil characterization and potential use as an alternative renewable fuel and source for chemical feedstocks. Particular attention is also given to the anaerobic digestion-based and Organosolv biorefineries. The last part of the book examines relevant products and components such as alcohols, hydrocarbons, bioplastics and lignin, and offers a sustainability evaluation of biorefineries.

Defend Like Petrosian

Former Russian Champion Alexei Bezgodov explains for a wide range of players how they can employ the skills of former World Champion Tigran Petrosian to deal with adversity in their own games. The aim of this book is to help amateur players to improve the standard of their defensive play. In many training programs a serious analysis of the art of defense is missing. That is why most club players are much better at attacking than at coping with difficult positions. This book will point the way to finding creative solutions and save lots of points. Written by former Russian Champion Alexei Bezgodov, on a subject that has been neglected in many training programs: defense.

Every Hand Revealed

What If You Were Able To Get Right Inside The Mind Of World-Famous Poker Pro Gus Hansen-- And Learn His Winning Secrets? Now You Can. One of professional poker's most intriguing and fascinating players, Gus Hansen has often been called \"The Madman\" for his crazy, fearless, aggressive style. But you can't dispute the fact that this poker superstar knows how to win--and win big. The holder of the inaugural Poker Superstars Invitational title as well as the only player to win three World Poker Tour tournaments, Gus won his fifth major international title when he became the 2007 Aussie Millions Champion, outlasting 747 players and nabbing \$1.2 million. Now, for the first time ever, Gus analyzes the hands that he played during the tournament and reveals his secrets for winning in Every Hand Revealed. You'll learn: • An extensive, easy-to-follow analysis of the more than 300 hands he played during the Aussie Millions. . . • The radical, yet coolly logical, methods behind Gus's \"madness\" that have helped him to win consistently. . . • Each and every bluff, precise calculation, educated guess, and read of his opponents . . . • How to call large bets with seemingly unplayable hands. . . • When to raise out of position with garbage holdings. . . • How the prize structure should influence your play. . . • And much more! Offering unlimited access to one of the most successful, popular poker players out there, Every Hand Revealed will help you understand some of poker's most coveted secrets--and simply shows you the right way to play the game whether you're a beginner or a poker pro. Now with Gus Hansen by your side, you too can turbo-charge your game and watch it take off! Superstar poker pro Gus Hansen has shaken up the poker world with his loose, aggressive style. Called \"The Great Dane\" as well as \"The Madman,\" the five-time international title-holder transforms his hands with cool logic . . .and flattens his opponents. Voted one of the world's sexiest men by People Magazine, Gus is an avid athlete, backgammon player, and poker commentator for both Danish and American T.V.

Spy School

The Number One Russian bestseller When most people think of the word spy, they imagine gadgets – laser pens and exploding cigarette lighters – but the most important piece of equipment an agent has is their brain. Memory is vital to the work of an agent. The need for total secrecy often prevents them from recording anything, so operatives have to rely on their brains to retain and reproduce an incredible amount of information with absolute accuracy. Inside this book we will teach you how to enhance your memory and sharpen your mind with a range of exercises developed over many years and used to train the most skillful spies the world has ever seen. You will develop skills tested in the most extreme of environments and unlock the full capability of your brain. Full of puzzles, tests tricks and brain hacks, all interspersed with a cold war spy story, the Russian bestselling phenomenon Spy School is now translated into English for the first time. Learn the secrets to a vastly improved memory and see if you have what it takes to be a Russian spy.

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Magic Words

Magic Words: A Dictionary is a oneofakind resource for armchair linguists, popculture enthusiasts, Pagans, Wiccans, magicians, and trivia nuts alike. Brimming with the most intriguing magic words and phrases from around the world and illustrated throughout with magical symbols and icons, Magic Words is a dictionary like no other. More than sevenhundred essay style entries describe the origins of magical words as well as historical and popular variations and fascinating trivia. With sources ranging from ancient Medieval alchemists to modern stage magicians, necromancers, and wizards of legend to miracle workers throughout time, Magic Words is a must have for any scholar of magic, language, history, and culture.

The Modern Spanish

Two Solid, Strategically Complex Ways to Meet the Spanish! The Breyer and Zaitsev Variations of the Ruy Lopez are two of the most dynamic lines played today. Examining them from both White and Black's point of view, Greek grandmaster Vassilios Kotronias discusses their strengths, weaknesses and presents suggested improvements where necessary. The Breyer Variation of the Ruy Lopez is the brainchild of Hungarian hypermodern Gyula Breyer. He suggested the paradoxical knight retreat 9...Nb8 early in the 20th century.

Although its soundness has been confirmed in many grandmaster games for over a century, there is surprisingly little which has been written about it. This book has just changed all that. The Zaitsev Variation was one of Anatoly Karpov's workhorses in his title matches against Garry Kasparov. Formulated by the brilliant theoretician Igor Zaitsev, it can be found in the repertoires of some of the leading grandmasters of our era. As the author notes in his introduction, this is an objective presentation of two excellent opening variations for Black, from which players sitting on either side of the board may profit. The play is strategically complex, tactically rich and will improve you as both a player and connoisseur of the game. Kotronias' clear writing style, coupled with in depth analysis, makes for a splendid opening manual on two of the most topical – and solid – variations of the Ruy Lopez. Vasilios Kotronias has managed to not only teach us (myself included) some important theory and practice of the Breyer and Zaitsev Systems, but also broaden our horizons to our approach to chess in general. His explanations are quite clear and the lines he provides are logical and concrete. This new book is aimed for all ages and chess levels. Welcome to the fascinating world of Breyer and Zaitsev! – Alexei Shirov, from his Foreword

My Best Self-Working Card Tricks

Mystifying, entertaining illusions include "Prediction Wallet," in which the card a spectator has chosen is found in the magician's wallet; "Suspense," in which a card remains dangling in midair, others. 116 black-and-white illustrations.

The Life & Games of Vasily Smyslov

The Life & Games of the Seventh World Chess Champion Vasily Smyslov, the seventh world champion, had a long and illustrious chess career. He played close to 3,000 tournament games over seven decades, from the time of Lasker and Capablanca to the days of Anand and Carlsen. From 1948 to 1958, Smyslov participated in four world championships, becoming world champion in 1957. Smyslov continued playing at the highest level for many years and made a stunning comeback in the early 1980s, making it to the finals of the candidates' cycle. Only the indomitable energy of 20-year-old Garry Kasparov stopped Smyslov from qualifying for another world championship match at the ripe old age of 63! In this first volume of a multi-volume set, Russian FIDE master Andrey Terekhov traces the development of young Vasily from his formative years and becoming the youngest grandmaster in the Soviet Union to finishing second in the world championship match tournament. With access to rare Soviet-era archival material and invaluable family archives, the author complements his account of Smyslov's growth into an elite player with dozens of fascinating photographs, many never seen before, as well as 49 deeply annotated games. German grandmaster Karsten Müller's special look at Smyslov's endgames rounds out this fascinating first volume. [This book] is an extremely well-researched look at his life and games, a very welcome addition to the body of work about Smyslov... – from the Foreword by Peter Svidler

The Grand Prix Attack

The Grand Prix Attack is one of White's deadliest weapons against the Sicilian Defence. It continues to be highly popular with tournament chess players all over the world. While earlier publications mainly focused on tactics, this book finally gives the GPA the coverage it deserves.

A Modern Guide to Checkmating Patterns

Giving mate is the ultimate goal of every chess player. Finding that all-decisive combination is immensely satisfying. But how are you supposed to spot a checkmate when you are sitting at the board with the clock ticking? In this guide International Master Vladimir Barsky teaches the method created by his mentor Viktor Khenkin (1923-2010). It's based on an ingenious classification of the most frequently occurring mating schemes. A wide range of chess players will find it an extremely useful tool to recognize mating patterns and calculate the often narrow path to the kill. All the 1,000 examples (850 of them in exercise format) that

Barsky presents are from games played in 21st century. He has carefully selected the most instructive combinations and lucidly explains the typical techniques to corner your opponent's king. More often than you would expect, positions that look innocent at first sight, turn out to contain a mating pattern. This is not just another book full of chess puzzles. It's a brilliantly organized course that has proven to be effective. Finding mate isn't rocket science, but you need to know what to look for. Vladimir Barsky teaches you exactly that.

1001 Chess Exercises for Beginners

Chess is 99% tactics. If this celebrated observation is true for the master, how much more so for beginners and casual players! If you want to win more games, nothing works better than training combinations. There are two types of books on tactics, those that introduce the concepts followed by some examples, and workbooks that contain numerous exercises. Chess masters and trainers Franco Masetti and Roberto Messa have done both: they explain the basic tactical ideas AND provide an enormous amount of exercises for each different theme. Masetti and Messa have created a great first tactics book. It teaches you how to: - identify weak spots in the position of your opponent - recognize patterns of combinations - visualize tricks. 1001 Chess Exercises for Beginners can also be used as a course text book, because only the most didactically productive exercises have been used.

100 Endgames You Must Know

'New (4th) and improved edition of an all-time classic The good news about endgames is: • there are relatively few endings you should know by heart • once you know these endings, that's it. Your knowledge never goes out of date! The bad news is that, all the same, the endgame technique of most players is deficient. Modern time-controls make matters worse: there is simply not enough time to delve deep into the position. Jesus de la Vila debunks the myth that endgame theory is complex and he teaches you to steer the game into a position you are familiar with. This book contains only those endgames that: • show up most frequently • are easy to learn • contain ideas that are useful in more difficult positions. Your performance will improve dramatically because this book brings you: • simple rules • detailed and lively explanations • many diagrams • clear summaries of the most important themes • dozens of tests.

Self-discovery Questions

"Self-questioning is a powerful technique for self-discovery. The right questions open doors in your mind, leading you to solutions and "aha" moments in your career, your relationships, and your personal growth"
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The Hippopotamus Defence

The Hippopotamus Defence is just what a club player needs. It's a straightforward and clear-cut chess opening that avoids the ever growing body of mainline theory. It's universal: Black can use the Hippo against virtually all of White's choices (1.e4, 1.d4, 1.c4, 1.f4, the Colle, London, Trompowsky, Réti and others). It's not very well known and will surprise many opponents. On top of all that, the Hippo is seriously underestimated: with its characteristic double fianchetto it may look quiet, but inside there lurks a very dangerous animal. FIDE Master Alessio de Santis is one of the world's greatest experts on the Hippo and has written a practical, well-structured and accessible manual. His book can be studied on three levels: after a first flash of 3 to 4 hours you will be familiar with the Hippo's basic moves and key variations, its strategic themes and recurring manoeuvres. In the second and third stage De Santis leads you through the most important concrete lines and introduces the Semi-Hippopotamus to counter some specific White ideas. You can use the Hippo as a surprise weapon or as your main repertoire. The extensive explanations and clear conclusions make this book an easy-to-navigate manual for all club players. If you like to confront your opponents with some unexpected counter-attacks, then you need not look any further.

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