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Leningrad Dutch

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the dutch chess opening is renowned as a fighting weapon against 1 d4 as 1 f5 immediately sets up an unbalanced struggle then black s kingside fianchetto which defines the leningrad dutch allows pawn storming play in similar style to the king s indian defense mihaïl marin is the ideal author to explain both the strategic ideas and the latest theory leningrad dutch covers lines where white also fianchettoes the king s bishop these lines are the critical test of the leningrad the companion volume dutch sidelines completes black s dutch repertoire

Play the Dutch

2010

grandmaster neil mcdonald tells you everything you need to know in order to play the dutch successfully he provides the reader with a comprehensive repertoire against 1 d4

Play the Classical Dutch

2003

in this book one of the most enthusiastic adherents of the classical dutch explains the workings of his favorite opening and provides black with a complete repertoire against 1 d4 few opponents will be ready to take on the classical dutch since it has received little attention in chess literature in recent decades simon williams shows how black can obtain counter chances against each of white s main options he also provides recommendations against all of white s alternative approaches against the dutch including a variety of sharp possibilities after 1 d4 f5

The Killer Dutch

2002

grandmaster simon williams has played the classical dutch for over twenty years it remains his favourite opening and has featured in some of his greatest individual results including a win over world championship finalist boris gelfand in this book williams examines the classical dutch in great depth he also presents a complete repertoire for black with the dutch defence which is based on his own repertoire he has used successfully at grandmaster level for many years as well as presenting the latest theory and revealing his new ideas in the key lines williams highlights the main tactical and strategic ideas for both sides and covers important issues such as move orders each chapter includes a series of tests at the end so that readers are able to assess how well they have understood the main concepts this book tells you everything you need to know about successfully playing the classical dutch a dutch repertoire against 1 d4 1 c4 and 1 nf3 written by a world renowned classical dutch expert packed with new ideas and critical analysis

Understanding the Leningrad Dutch

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the leningrad system of the dutch defence is an interesting hybrid of the dutch and the king s indian for many years it was viewed with some suspicion in view of the slight positional weaknesses created in black s position however in the 1980s dynamic new approaches were introduced by such players as sergei dolmatov evgeny bareev mikhaïl gurevich and especially vladimir malaniuk these players

showed how an active approach could compensate for these defects and offer black excellent winning chances since then the leningrad has been a popular and effective opening choice for players of all levels

Norwegian Waffen-SS Legion, 1941–43

2005

following the nazi occupation of norway in 1941 the waffen ss began recruiting volunteers to serve in their ranks initially formed into small volunteer units these developed into large divisions by 1943 referred to as legions in nazi propaganda early volunteers were promised that they would not leave scandinavia and that they would serve under native norwegian officers but after the german invasion of the soviet union they were deployed to the leningrad front alongside dutch and latvian units in the 2nd ss infantry brigade these units combined to form the nucleus of a whole regiment within the new 11th ss volunteer panzergrenadier division nordland fully illustrated with detailed artwork depicting the uniforms and equipment of the volunteer soldiers this fascinating study tells the little known story of the norwegians who fought with the ss in world war ii

Leningrad System

2013-08-15

the leningrad system is one of the sharpest and most interesting replies to 1 d4 and since this typical set up is also playable against the flank openings 1 c4 and 1 nf3 it provides the black player with a genuine universal weapon a repertoire for black based on 7 qe8 in the main line of the leningrad system is presented here but since the typical motifs and ideas for both sides are fully explained white players too will benefit from a study of the book book jacket

Studying Chess Made Easy

2019-01-01

it s a fact of chess life that if you want to win you have to put a bit of study in every chess player from near beginner to experienced tournament player needs to learn the openings and keep on top of current theory but studying doesn t have to be dull this indispensable book contains foolproof ways to help the information go in and stay in acclaimed chess author andrew soltis reveals the key techniques why you can t study chess the same way you study school subjects how to acquire the most important knowledge intuition the role of memorizing it s not a bad thing despite what people say how to get the most out of playing over a master s game adopting a chess hero as a means of learning how great players study computers as a study tool how to train someone else

The Technological and Economic Future of Nuclear Power

2021

this open access book discusses the eroding economics of nuclear power for electricity generation as well as technical legal and political acceptance issues the use of nuclear power for electricity generation is still a heavily disputed issue aside from technical risks safety issues and the unsolved problem of nuclear waste disposal the economic performance is currently a major barrier in recent years the costs have skyrocketed especially in the european countries and north america at the same time the costs of alternatives such as photovoltaics and wind power have significantly decreased contents history and current status of the world nuclear industry the dramatic decrease of the economics of nuclear power nuclear policy in the eu the legacy of csernobl and

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Authenticity and Victimhood after the Second World War

2023-10-15

this edited collection explores memories and experiences of genocide civilian casualties and other atrocities that occurred after the second world war

Beau Monde on Empire's Edge

2012-06-20

exploring ukraine s multi ethnic population this book presents a critical response to moscow and russo centric narratives of the soviet union

El Alamein

2019-03-21

el alamein britain s victory in the deserts of north africa in 1942 was the first major reversal of fortunes for hitler s third reich before the battle of el alamein in 1942 the british had never won a major battle on land against the germans nor indeed had anyone else drawing on a remarkable array of first hand accounts this book reveals the personal experiences of those on the frontline and provides fascinating details of how the war was actually fought it also includes analysis of the strategic decisions made by the generals el alamein is the story of exactly how a seemingly beaten and demoralized army turned near defeat into victory in a little over four months of protracted and bloody fighting in the harsh north african desert

World War II Battle by Battle

2020-01-10

this compact gift book takes thirty of world war ii s most significant clashes both the famous and the lesser known and presents their stories in a concise easy to digest format accompanied by beautiful osprey artwork plates in full colour that illuminate a key moment in each battle world war ii was the single greatest conflict the world has ever known fought in theatres all around the globe and many of its battles stalingrad monte cassino the battle of britain are household names while the western front in europe is often what first comes to mind bitter and bloody battles were also fought in eastern europe africa asia and the pacific on land at sea and in the air and their many stories help illuminate both the scale and the varying character of the conflict

Attacking with g2 - g4

2003

the secret of its success may be its anti positional look the pawn thrust g2 g4

is often so counter intuitive that it s a perfect way to confuse your opponents and disrupt their position ever since world champion mikhaïl botvinnik started using it to defeat the elite grandmasters of his day it has developed on all levels of play into an ever more popular and attractive way to fight for the initiative grandmaster dmitry kryakvin owes a substantial part of his successes as a chess player to the g2 g4 attack in this book he shows how it can be used to defeat black in a number of important closed and semi closed defences and flank openings the dutch the queen s gambit the nimzo indian the king s indian the slav and several variations of the english opening with lots of instructive examples kryakvin explains the ins and outs of the attack on the g file the typical ways to gain tempi and keep the momentum and the manoeuvres that will maximize your opponent s problems after working with this book you will be fully equipped to use this modern battering ram to define the battlefield you will have fun and win games

Lessons in Chess Strategy

2015-11-06

following on from his successful book chess recipes from the grandmaster s kitchen valeri beim serves up a further series of lessons on important general chess topics his helpful advice will help you to handle a whole range of typical situations with greater confidence and understanding these include geometry of the chessboard symmetrical pawn structures space advantage central passed pawn in the middlegame static and dynamic features in each chapter there are exercises for the reader with full solutions given

German Northern Theater of Operations 1940-1945 [Illustrated Edition]

2019-12-12

includes 23 maps and 31 illustrations this volume describes two campaigns that the germans conducted in their northern theater of operations the first they launched on 9 april 1940 against denmark and norway the second they conducted out of finland in partnership with the finns against the soviet union the latter campaign began on 22 june 1941 and ended in the winter of 1944 45 after the finnish government had sued for peace the scene of these campaigns by the end of 1941 stretched from the north sea to the arctic ocean and from bergen on the west coast of norway to petrozavodsk the former capital of the karelo finnish soviet socialist republic it faced east into the soviet union on a 700 mile long front and west on a 1 300 mile sea frontier hitler regarded this theater as the keystone of his empire and after 1941 maintained in it two armies totaling over a half million men in spite of its vast area and the effort and worry which hitler lavished on it the northern theater throughout most of the war constituted something of a military backwater the major operations which took place in the theater were overshadowed by events on other fronts and public attention focused on the theaters in which the strategically decisive operations were expected to take place remoteness german security measures and the russians well known penchant for secrecy combined to keep information concerning the northern theater down to a mere trickle much of that inaccurate since the war through official and private publications a great deal more has become known the present volume is based in the main on the greatest remaining source of unexploited information the captured german military and naval records in addition a number of the participants on the german side have very generously contributed from their personal knowledge and experience

Keep It Simple 1.d4

2005-02-28

after the success of his award winning book keep it simple 1 e4 international

master christof sielecki is back his new repertoire based on 1 d4 has a similar profile variations that are straightforward and easy to remember and require little or no maintenance sielecki has created a reliable set of opening lines for chess players of almost all levels the major objective is to dominate black from the opening by simple means you don t need to sacrifice anything or memorize long tactical lines his main concept is for white to play 1 d4 2 nf3 3 g3 4 bg2 5 0 0 and in most cases 6 c4 sielecki developed this repertoire while working with students who were looking for something that was easy to understand and easy to learn this new 1 d4 repertoire may be even easier to master than his 1 e4 recommendations because it is such a coherent system sielecki always clearly explains the plans and counterplans and keeps you focussed on what the position requires ambitious players rated 1500 or higher will get great value out of studying this extremely accessible book

Rethinking the Chess Pieces

2018-11-14

professionals know that during the course of a game the value of chess pieces change and they use this knowledge to decide which pieces to exchange and when international grandmaster andrew soltis the author of bobby fischer rediscovered helps pass this important information on to novices so they can benefit too he investigates why the traditional chart of relative values or computer analysis so often fails to explain why certain trades and sacrifices work and others just don t all the typical decisions a player has to make such as whether to swap two minor pieces for rook and pawn receive detailed scrutiny players will appreciate the insightful analysis

The Fearless Organization

2017-11-30

conquer the most essential adaptation to the knowledge economy the fearless organization creating psychological safety in the workplace for learning innovation and growth offers practical guidance for teams and organizations who are serious about success in the modern economy with so much riding on innovation creativity and spark it is essential to attract and retain quality talent but what good does this talent do if no one is able to speak their mind the traditional culture of fitting in and going along spells doom in the knowledge economy success requires a continuous influx of new ideas new challenges and critical thought and the interpersonal climate must not suppress silence ridicule or intimidate not every idea is good and yes there are stupid questions and yes dissent can slow things down but talking through these things is an essential part of the creative process people must be allowed to voice half finished thoughts ask questions from left field and brainstorm out loud it creates a culture in which a minor flub or momentary lapse is no big deal and where actual mistakes are owned and corrected and where the next left field idea could be the next big thing this book explores this culture of psychological safety and provides a blueprint for bringing it to life the road is sometimes bumpy but succinct and informative scenario based explanations provide a clear path forward to constant learning and healthy innovation explore the link between psychological safety and high performance create a culture where it s safe to express ideas ask questions and admit mistakes nurture the level of engagement and candor required in today s knowledge economy follow a step by step framework for establishing psychological safety in your team or organization shed the yes men approach and step into real performance fertilize creativity clarify goals achieve accountability redefine leadership and much more the fearless organization helps you bring about this most critical transformation

Case Red

2020-12-21

even after the legendary evacuation from dunkirk in june 1940 there were still large british formations fighting the germans alongside their french allies after mounting a vigorous counterattack at abbeville and then conducting a tough defence along the somme the british were forced to conduct a second evacuation from the ports of le havre cherbourg brest and st nazaire while france was in its death throes politicians and soldiers debated what to do flee to england or north africa or seek an armistice case red captures the drama of the final three weeks of military operations in france in june 1940 and explains the great impact it had on the course of relations between britain and france during the remainder of the war it also addresses the military political and human drama of france s collapse in june 1940 and how the windfall of captured military equipment fuel and industrial resources enhanced the third reich s ability to attack its next foe the soviet union

Italian Game and Evans Gambit

2000

the italian game sometimes referred to as the giuoco piano is one of the oldest openings around and also one of the first lines a player learns when he or she is introduced to chess it leads to play that is easy to understand both sides develop their pieces logically and begin attacks on the opposing kings the italian game gives both white and black the opportunity to play either aggressively and in gambit fashion or in a restrained and positional manner one of white s most exciting and attacking options is the legendary evans gambit which has been brought back into the limelight in this modern era by such uncompromising players as world number one garry kasparov alexander morozevich and england s nigel short in this book openings expert jan pinski investigates the different strategies and tactics in the italian game and evans gambit using model games for both white and black pinski provides crucial coverage of both the main lines and offbeat variations this book arms the reader with enough knowledge to play the italian game and evans gambit with confidence written by well known opening theoretician a useful guide for club and tournament players alike all main lines are covered

Kramnik

2015

since he first burst onto the world chess scene in 1992 displaying a maturity of play far beyond his sixteen years vladimir kramnik has been tipped as a future world champion still only in his mid twenties he is now firmly consolidated in the world s top three he has won numerous tournaments in many countries and is one of the very few players regularly to hold his own with kasparov this book kramnik s first describes his life and chess career beginning with his unusual childhood it features more than 50 of his best games deeply annotated plus numerous additional games and game extracts including some from quickplay and blindfold events 7 x 9 3 4 240 pages illustrations

The Real North Korea

2018-07-26

in the real north korea lankov substitutes cold clear analysis for the overheated rhetoric surrounding this opaque police state based on vast expertise this book reveals how average north koreans live how their leaders rule and how both survive

Valley of the Shadow

2022-07-15

following the end of world war ii france attempted to reassert control over its colonies in indochina in vietnam this was resisted by the viet minh leading to the first indochina war by 1954 the french army was on the defensive and determined to force the viet minh into a decisive set piece battle at dien bien phu over the past five decades western authors have generally followed a standard narrative of the siege of dien bien phu depicting the viet minh besiegers as a faceless horde which overwhelmed the intrepid garrison by sheer weight of numbers superior firepower and logistics however a wealth of new vietnamese language sources tell a very different story revealing for the first time the true viet minh order of battle and the details of the severe logistical constraints within which the besiegers had to operate using these sources complemented by interviews with french veterans and research in the french army and french foreign legion archives this book now publishing in paperback provides a new telling of the climactic battle in the indochina war the conflict that set the stage for the vietnam war a decade later

Mind Master

2019-08-12

doing everything admirably well matters very little if you can't finish the job few people know better than viswanathan anand how to think strategically at lightning speed and work under immense pressure to overcome the toughest odds from the time he learnt to move pieces on a chessboard as a six year old vishy as anand is fondly called has racked up innumerable accolades with five world championship titles he is a peerless ambassador of chess and his is one of the most revered names in the sport in mind master vishy looks back on a lifetime of games played opponents tackled and circumstances overcome and draws from its depths significant tools that will help every reader navigate life's challenges what role do tactics and strategy play in the preparation for achieving a goal how can emotions be harnessed to your advantage in tricky situations what do you need to do to stay relevant in the face of rapidly changing realities is unlearning really the only way to learn these are just some of the nuggets vishy touches upon with characteristic wit easy wisdom and disarming candour in this expanded edition of his critically acclaimed memoir a delightful and invaluable exploration into the self that will thrill inspire and motivate readers as few books have done before

An Attacking Repertoire for White with 1.d4

1981

viktor moskalenko is one of the leading chess instructors of our time not only has he coached masters and grandmasters including ukrainian star vassily ivanchuk he has also taught hundreds of classes for amateurs and his best selling books have inspired thousands of ambitious club players all over the world moskalenko's previous and highly popular chess opening books were mainly written for the black pieces now he presents an extremely powerful set of lines for white the guiding principle of his 1 d4 repertoire is be bold and put pressure on your opponent as early as possible moskalenko does not shower you with long computer generated variations but has a keen eye for the essence of positions his talent to find new resources in well known lines results in a host of novelties daring recommendations and cunning tricks when you play his lines and follow his recommendations you will frequently surprise your opponent and build up positions full of swing studying an attacking repertoire for white with 1 d4 is a delight because this is a typical moskalenko book practical accessible original entertaining and inspiring

Principles and Practices of Rice Production

2019-02-21

highly illustrated with colour images and specially commissioned maps throughout this is a unique exploration of the pirate world often romanticised in print and on the silver screen real life pirates were a brutal menace that plagued the high seas in this book angus konstam separates myth from reality tracing the history of piracy through the centuries from the pirates who plagued the ancient egyptians to the viking raids and on to the era of privateers he discusses the so called golden age of piracy and colourful characters such as blackbeard and captain kidd before examining the west s initial encounters with eastern pirates off the chinese coast and the phenomenon of the modern pirate

The Pirate World

2016-10-13

the stories and the games alekhine euwe botvinnik smyslov tal petrosian spassky fischer karpov kasparov for many years jan timman was one of the best chess players in the world he combined his brilliant successes on the board with a passion for writing and meticulously analysing his own games and those of his rivals three times he was a world championship candidate and in 1993 he played in the final of the fide world championship in this fascinating book jan timman portrays ten world chess champions that played an important role in his life and career alexander alekhine 1892 1946 he never met but the story of how in lisbon he bought one of the last chess sets belonging to the fourth world champion is one of many highlights in this book timman has a keen eye for detail and a fabulous memory and he visibly enjoys sharing his insider views including many revelations about the great champions timman s titans not only presents a personal view of these chess giants but is also an evocation of countless fascinating episodes in chess history each portrait is completed by a rich selection of illustrative games annotated in the author s trademark lucid style always to the point sharp and with crystal clear explanations timman shows the highs and lows from the games of the champions including the most memorable games he himself played against them

Timman's Titans

2012

playing as black in a game of chess can be difficult do you simply try to neutralize white s initiative or go all out to complicate the game either way there are many pitfalls and a lot of study may be needed in this book grandmaster eingorn shows that it is possible both to play solidly and to take white out of his comfort zone he recommends ideas and move orders that are a little off the beaten track but which he has very carefully worked out over many years of his own practice the repertoire based on playing 1 e6 is strikingly creative and will appeal to those who want a stress free life as black you will get every chance to demonstrate your chess skills and are very unlikely to be blown off the board by a sharp prepared line all you need is a flexible approach and a willingness to try out new structures and ideas eingorn s subtle move orders are particularly effective if white refuses to pick up the gauntlet as black can then use his delay in playing nf6 to good effect and take the fight directly to his opponent

A Rock-solid Chess Opening Repertoire for Black

2011

a multinational array of top grandmasters explain the difference in thinking

between professional and amateur chess players and how the amateur can bridge the gap it usually takes at least a decade of sustained effort for even the most talented player to reach the grandmaster level this book cannot guarantee to make the reader a chess grandmaster but it is certainly a healthy nudge in the right direction the editors ex british champion gm jacob aagaard and three time scottish champion gm john shaw have recruited a line up of strong grandmasters to share their wisdom

Grandmaster Versus Amateur

2015

utopian hope and dystopian despair are characteristic features of modernism and the avant garde readings of the avant garde have frequently sought to identify utopian moments coded in its works and activities as optimistic signs of a possible future social life or as the attempt to preserve hope against the closure of an emergent dystopian present the fourth volume of the eam series european avant garde and modernism studies casts light on the history theory and actuality of the utopian and dystopian strands which run through european modernism and the avant garde from the late 19th to the 21st century the book s varied and carefully selected contributions written by experts from around 20 countries seek to answer such questions as how have modernism and the avant garde responded to historical circumstance in mapping the form of possible futures for humanity how have avant garde and modernist works presented ideals of living as alternatives to the present how have avant gardists acted with or against the state to remodel human life or to resist the instrumental reduction of life by administration and industrialisation

Utopia

2018-12-03

according to a longstanding interpretation book religions are agents of textuality and logocentrism this volume inverts the traditional perspective its focus is on the strong dependency between scripture and aesthetics holy books and material artworks sacred texts and ritual performances the contributions written by a group of international specialists in western byzantine islamic and jewish art are committed to a comparative and transcultural approach the authors reflect upon the different strategies of clothing sacred texts with precious materials and elaborate forms they show how the pretypographic cultures of the middle ages used book ornaments as media for building a close relation between the divine words and their human audience by exploring how art shapes the religious practice of books and how the religious use of books shapes the evolution of artistic practices this book contributes to a new understanding of the deep nexus between sacred scripture and art

Clothing Sacred Scriptures

2015-06-20

a gripping history of the sas in world war ii supported by a collection of rare images from the sas regimental association the sas are among the best trained and most effective special forces units in existence this book is the incredible story of their origins told in their own words during the summer of 1941 a young scots guard officer called david stirring persuaded mehq to give its backing to a small band of 60 men christened l detachment with a wealth of stunning photographs many from the sas regimental association the book captures the danger and excitement of the initial sas raids against axis airfields during the desert war the battles in italy and those following the d day landings as well as the dramatic final push into germany itself and the discovery of such nazi horrors as belsen an exhaustive account of an elite organization s formative years the sas in world war ii is the fruit of gavin

mortimer s expertise and his unprecedented access to the archives of the sas regimental association incorporating interviews with the surviving veterans it is the definitive account of the regiment s glorious achievements in the years from 1941 to 1945

The SAS in World War II

2011-09-20

combines material previously published as warrior 29 ashigaru 1467 1649 warrior 64 ninja ad 1460 1650 warrior 70 japanese warrior monks ad 949 1603 with a new section on samurai new images and a new introduction and conclusion driven by strict codes of honour and bound by deep allegiances of rank family or religion the elite warriors of medieval japan were bold fighters loyal comrades and deadly enemies with rare material from japanese sources and lavish artwork and photography this book examines the military lives beliefs and battle experience of four formidable warrior types samurai ninja warrior monk and ashigaru foot soldier resulting in a highly authoritative account of japan s warrior elite

Warriors of Medieval Japan

2011

the three times world chess solving champion distils the most useful middlegame concepts and knowledge into 100 lessons that everyone can understand following on from his successful understanding chess endgames john nunn turns his attention to the middlegame the phase of the chess battle where most games are decided yet the one that has received the least systematic treatment from chess writers with the outstanding clarity for which he is famous nunn breaks down complex problems into bite sized pieces in the case of attacking play we are shown how to decide where to attack and the specific methods that can be used to pursue the enemy king positional play is described in terms of the major structural issues and how the pieces work around and with the pawns nunn explains how to assess when certain pieces are better than others and how we can make use of this understanding at the board readers will never be short of a plan whatever type of position arises each lesson features two inspiring examples from modern chess annotated honestly and with a keen focus on the main instructive points both sides ideas are emphasized so we get a clear picture of the ways to disrupt typical plans as well as how to form them

Understanding Chess Middlegames

2005

shows you how to start your chess games as dynamically and accurately as the greatest grandmasters in the world

Chess Openings for Black Explained

2019-02-21

war bows dominated battlefields across the world for centuries in their various forms they allowed trained archers to take down even well armoured targets from great distances and played a key role in some of the most famous battles in human history the composite bow was a versatile and devastatingly effective weapon on foot from chariots and on horseback for over a thousand years used by cultures as diverse as the hittites the romans the mongols and the ottoman turks the middle ages saw a clash between the iconic longbow and the more technologically sophisticated crossbow most famously during the hundred years war while in japan the samurai used the yumi to deadly effect unleashing bursts of arrows from their galloping steeds historical weapons expert mike loades reveals the full history of these four iconic weapons that changed the nature

of warfare complete with modern ballistics testing action recreations of what it is like to fire each bow and a critical analysis of the technology and tactics associated with each bow this book is a must have for anyone interested in ancient arms

War Bows

2016-03-24

this series provides an ideal platform to study chess openings by continually challenging the reader to answer probing questions throughout the book the move by move format greatly encourages the learning and practising of vital skills just as much as the traditional assimilation of opening knowledge carefully selected questions and answers are designed to keep you actively involved and allow you to monitor your progress as you learn this is an excellent way to study any chess opening and at the same time improve your general chess skills and knowledge bird s opening 1 f4 is an ideal choice for freethinking chess players who prefer to rely on their general chess knowledge and intuition rather than having to memorize and keep up to date with mainline opening theory bird s opening is essentially the dutch defence with an extra move and white can choose between a number of different set ups including the reversed leningrad classical and stonewall variations depending on mood and opponents responses in this book international master cyrus lakdawala examines all the important variations of bird s opening including the sharp from s gambit using illustrative games he explains the main positional and tactical ideas for both sides provides answers to all the key questions and tells you everything you need to know about successfully playing 1 f4 essential guidance and training with 1 f4 provides a repertoire options for white utilizes an ideal approach to chess study

Bird's Opening: Move by Move

in the aftermath of the winter war finland found itself drawing ever closer to nazi germany and eventually took part in operation barbarossa in 1941 for the finns this was a chance to right the wrongs of the winter war and having reached suitable defensive positions the army was ordered to halt years of uneasy trench warfare followed known as the continuation war during which finland desperately sought a way out german dreams of victory were dashed and the soviet union built the strongest army in the world in the summer of 1944 the whole might of the red army was launched against the finnish defences on the narrow karelian isthmus over several weeks of fierce fighting the finns managed to halt the soviet assault with stalin forced to divert his armies to the race to berlin an armistice agreement was reached the harsh terms of which forced the finns to take on their erstwhile german allies in lapland featuring rare photographs and first hand accounts this second volume of a two part study publishing in paperback for the first time details the high price finland had to pay to retain its independence and freedom

Finland at War

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