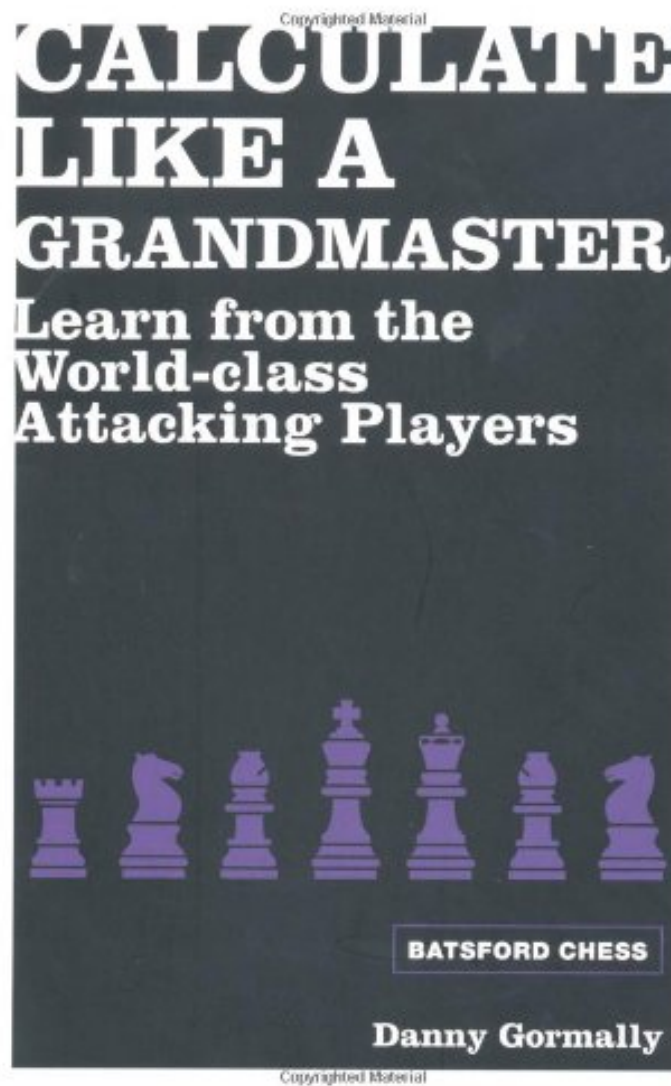


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from the 60's, a bunch from the mid 90's, and 9 from the 21st century), and comments on them with a deft hand. The analysis is perfectly balanced, not too deep and not too shallow, with a LOT of commentary on each game. About half the commentary is about interesting anecdotal comments, speculation about moves and outstanding "verbal" analysis, and half is alternate lines, albeit short to make a point and not exhaustive. The comments and lines are all insightful and valuable, and will be entertaining and enlightening for any player at 1200 and above. This is not mind blowing Kasparov or Dvoretsky level detail, but the games chosen ARE very deep with lots of surprises and turns that leave an opponent with few choices. The chapters are: 1. Tal 2. More Tal 3. Shirov 4. Topalov 5. Morozevich 6. Anand 7. Fisher, Kasparov, Karpov, Carlsen (two gems) 8. Danny

The openings and defences included are: Queen's Indian (2) Modern Benoni Defense Nimzo-Indian Defense Kings Indian Defense (2) French Defense (3) Sicilian (11) Ruy Lopez (2) Semi Slav Defense (2) Catalan Evans Gambit (2) Trompowsky Opening Chiigorin Defense (2)

There are as many unexpected anecdotes and advice gems as there are unexpected moves! Gormally's tone is humble (for a 2500+ rated player), as he wishes out loud he'd gotten a chance to play Kasparov. There is a nice blend of analysis, then funny and insightful "human" side stories about stress, the clock, food, clothing, settings... then VERY good INSIGHTS about the importance and reasoning behind aggressive, risky and unexpected moves. Danny alternates between bitching (he calls them rants) about the lack of money in chess and the humorous addictions of web play. Although he tips his hat to Think Like a Grandmaster, this book is less about "easy formulas" and decision trees and more about seeing behind the curtain with outstanding insights about turning points in each game and what caused them. At first read, just browsing over the games, the analysis doesn't seem all that incisive, heavy or deep. Then you start to read the written commentary. WOW! You now see that you could spend months on the insights in this book, because of the strategic and tactical commentary more than a bunch of possible or missed post mortem variations. At \$13 US, this is a real gem. The style is humorous, sweet and insightful, and above all, entertaining. At the end, even if you only skim the written parts, you get a "been there" feel for details you would have missed if you've never been to a high level tournament. Because of that, this will likely find a wide appeal at all levels of play. 5 Stars, very thoughtful and original ideas!

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About the Author Daniel Gormally is one of the UK's top grandmasters. He represented England in the Chess Olympics in 2006 and has published articles in the world's top chess magazines New In Chess and Chess. This is his first book. He lives in Alnwick, Northumberland.