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**James Vigus : Chess Developments: The Pirc** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chess Developments: The Pirc:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Gabriel Adrian Romanelliexcellente26 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Continuing coverage of the PircBy Derek GrimmellVigus intends this book as an update to his earlier Pirc in Black and White. Of note for players of the Pirc, he responds to Greet's recommendations (published in 2011) as well as going off in a few new directions. As with the earlier, more comprehensive work, Vigus organizes the contents around 50 stem games, with only one played in 2006 and all the rest played subsequently. He

quotes quite a bit from the practice of the top GM's, including Ivanchuk, Kramnik and Svidler (as Black) and Karjakin, Shirov and Caruana (as White), as well as offering his own improvements and analysis. Although Vigus is definitely an advocate of the Black side of the Pirc, he is also generally pragmatic about the lines where Black faces the greatest challenges. And, as is common for this series, shout-out boxes point to key developments, warnings, interesting ideas, and the like. There are a few key lines where Vigus says there is nothing to add since his earlier book, so this is definitely more of an update than a standalone repertoire. But for the player who wants to make a serious attempt at taking up the Pirc, TPIBAW and the present volume make an excellent and highly up-to-date brace of training manuals.