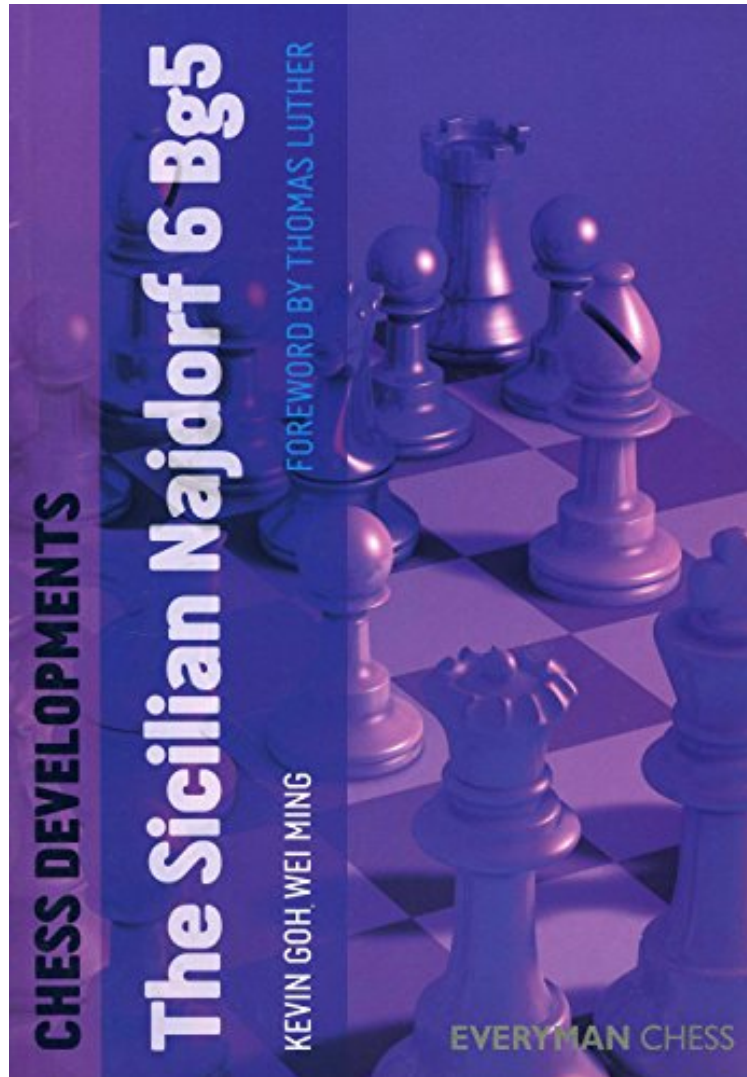


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Where the book really excels is looking at the 6 Bg5 Najdorf from White's viewpoint. The main Black alternatives are given detailed treatment, and the lines given to bust the poisoned pawn with 10 e5 dxe5 11 fxe5 Nfd7 are especially good. (Victor Rumsey British Chess Magazine) About the Author Kevin Goh Wei Ming is an International Master from Singapore. He is a four-time consecutive Singaporean National Champion and has represented his country at four Chess Olympiads.