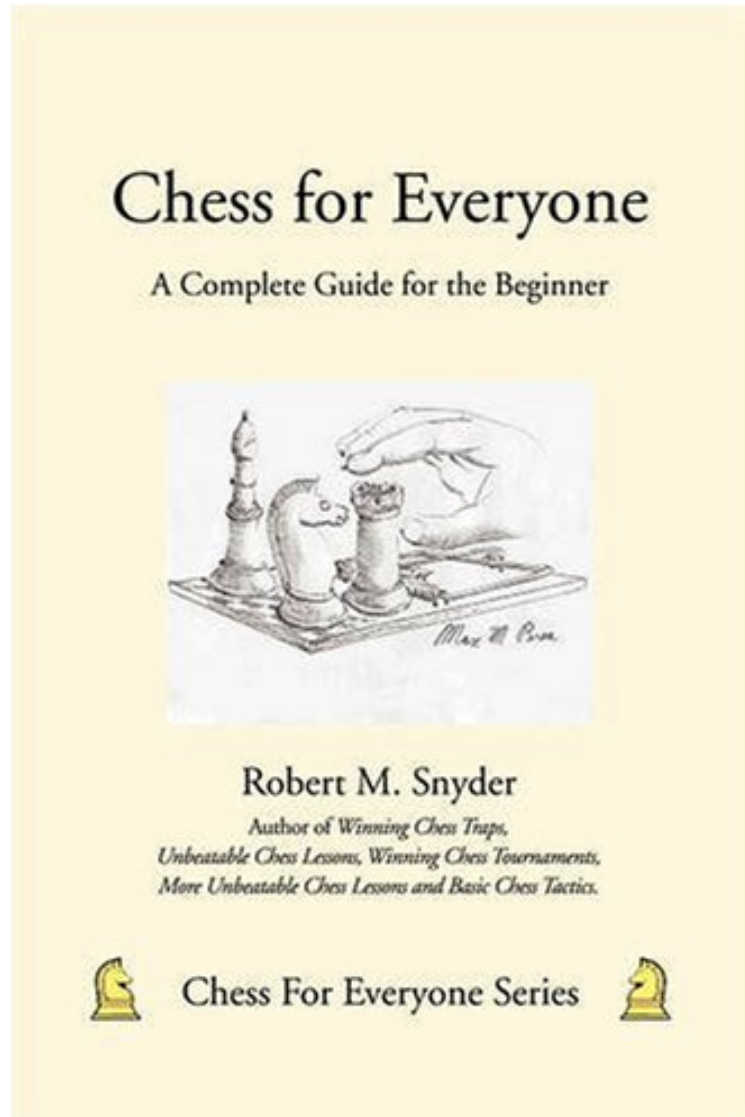


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Robert M. Snyder : Chess for Everyone: A Complete Guide for the Beginner before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chess for Everyone: A Complete Guide for the Beginner:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Exceptional book for the beginner, it appears to be out of printBy Rod BuilderThis is a great book for the beginning player. I really don't know of a better. It is out of print, but easily available from used bookstores. Because of this no money goes to the author. Thus the arguments about supporting him don't seem relevant.7 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Solid, but not greatBy Frank JonYes, this

book will make beginner into a better chess player. It contains most of the important principles, tactics and openings. I myself have become markedly better in the two months since I've decided to "seriously" take up the game by reading this and other books (from around a 1350 to around a 1500 Elo), and I'm actually rereading this one at the moment (mainly to reinforce the first 10 moves of the Ruy Lopez). Nevertheless, I have issues with this book which prevent me from wholeheartedly recommending it. First and foremost, I think the organization is terrible. Each chapter jumps around to various concepts (e.g., opening, tactics, endgame), upon which the author may elaborate in later chapters. He explains at one point why he structured the book in this way, but even with a law degree and a second reading, I have difficulty making sense of it. In my opinion, it would have been much better to spend each chapter focusing on a single area to really reinforce these concepts. This strange organization also leads to concepts of varying difficulty being explained in random order. At three-quarters of the way through the book, the reader is finally introduced to such tactical motifs as the double attack and the discovered check. Maybe it's a sign that I've "outgrown" this book, but I rolled my eyes when the author challenges the reader to "find the discovered check" in a series of examples, after the reader has already spent time learning about the intricacies of, say, the Ruy Lopez. Also, many of the lessons seems trivial in relation to the amount of pages given to them. For instance, I am currently in the midst of reading a tedious section regarding endgames which involve a King vs. a lone pawn and King. Is this a concept worth mentioning? Surely, but within a page or two. In 50 online matches, I have yet to encounter this situation. Perhaps a more experienced player would disagree with me on the importance of this concept, but so far it has not proven useful to me. Similarly, in the same endgame situation, the author takes several pages to discuss the distance a King must be from the lone pawn in order to capture it before it reaches the back rank. If this situation is an inevitability, couldn't beginners just play through and discover on their own whether the game will end in a draw or in a victory for the side with the extra pawn? Why clutter our minds with this superfluous information? I would recommend this book for adults and young adults who are genuine beginners. I think this book was originally intended for children, but I sincerely doubt that many of today's children would bother slogging through it. For anyone who already understands the basic tactical motifs and the first few moves of the Ruy Lopez, I would strongly suggest Logical Chess by Chernev instead. Reading Logical Chess as I follow along on my board has been far more beneficial to my development.

4 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Excellent comprehensive chess book
By Eric Holt
This is an excellent chess book for people of all ages, and is suitable for a complete beginner all the way to a player who is beginning to play competitively. It is quite comprehensive, systematic and readable. The lessons increase in complexity and the chapters alternative between opening, middlegame, endgame, etc. I have been looking for "a single, not-too-big book that my students can use. I have settled on this one. My group has all ages and levels. When some of our players get through this book, then they will be ready for Mr. Snyder's next-level book.

In Chess for Everyone, national chess master and coach Robert M. Snyder introduces chess to the beginner in twenty graduated lessons. Mr. Snyder teaches the basic principles and then builds the student's knowledge in a clear and consistent manner. The reader is given a solid foundation in: Basic rules (piece movements, checkmate, castling, en passant, drawn game and more). Opening principles, traps and a basic opening system. Middlegame strategy (checkmate patterns and tactics). Basic endgame strategy including basic checkmates and King and Pawn endings. Upon completing Chess for Everyone students can continue to expand their knowledge in all areas of the game by reading the other volumes in the Chess for Everyone series.

About the Author Robert M. Snyder is a National Master and chess educator whose students have won thirty-six individual first place titles (a national record) in championship sections at the National Scholastic Championships. His teams have won first place in championship sections at the National Scholastic Championships ten times. He has introduced chess to more than 170,000 students. In 1983 Mr. Snyder founded the Chess for Juniors club, which grew to become one of the largest and most active clubs in the nation. He currently gives instruction to individual students by providing lessons and game analysis through the Internet (www.chessforeveryone.com). Mr. Snyder is also author of Unbeatable Chess Lessons, Winning Chess Traps, Winning Chess Tournaments, More Unbeatable Chess Lessons and Basic Chess Tactics.