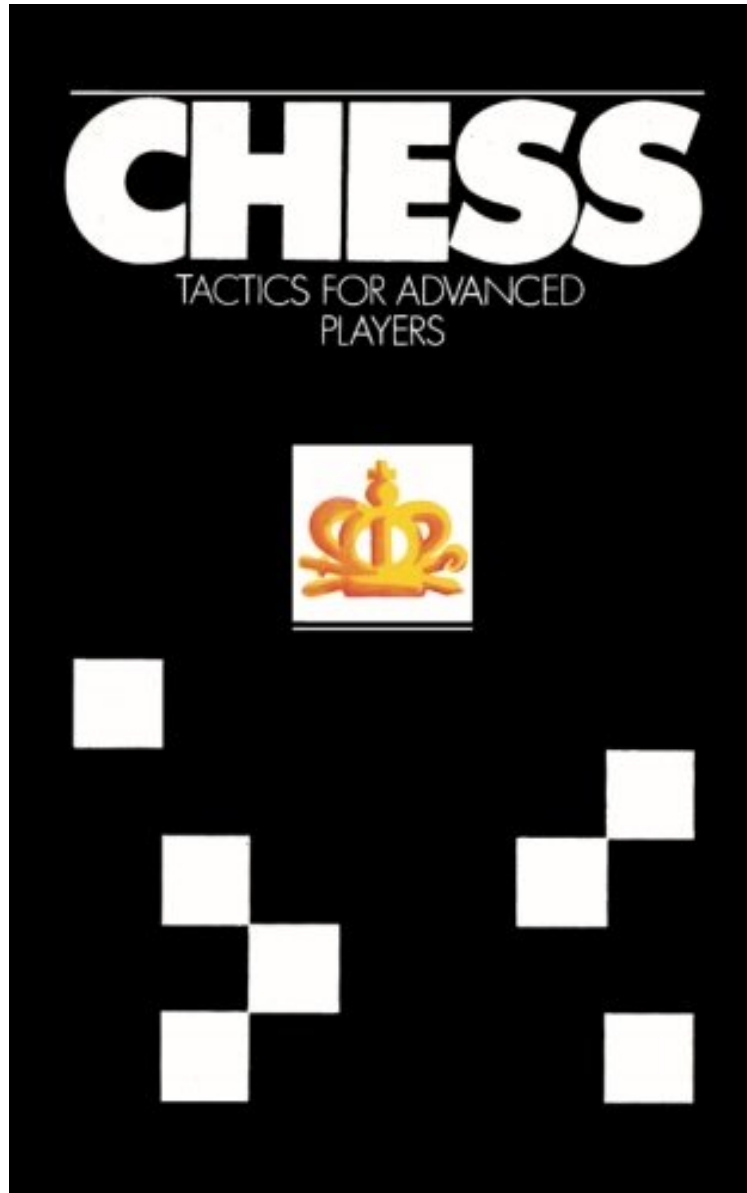


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not-ABy Robert J. BerryAfter 50 years away from serious chess, I hoped this book would sharpen my tactics (tactics = 90% of chess, they say). After one slowww reading (starting another) my performance on chess.com's tactical trainer is 300 points better and MUCH more confident. Post hoc reasoning, maybe. However, I repeatedly recognize themes on the chessboard drilled in by intense grappling with Averbakh's book.Why only 4 stars? The book itself is very poorly presented. The pages are small. The diagrams are small and faint. The type is small, faint, and smudged. While younger readers may forego my magnifying glass, they may discover that the arduous study this book requires is made needlessly more difficult by its format.Very highly recommended, as long as you can get by the careless presentation.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Andrew JacksonGift for grandson, and he likes it very much.

Any chess enthusiast knows how important tactics is in the "royal game" and how crucial it is to make a thorough study of this aspect of the game. But up to now opinion has been divided on the best way of studying tactics. The well-known Soviet international, grandmaster and chess author Averbakh has developed an entirely novel approach, which is expounded in the present work. His main aim was to create a theoretical basis with whose aid the learner can effortlessly study the numerous and manifold tactical problems facing the chess player. Averbakh begins by examining the simplest situations resulting from confrontations between different pieces. He then proceeds to analyze more complex situations and demonstrates the importance of the double attack. With instructive examples he proves that double attacks in the broadest sense are the basis of most tactical operations. This discovery prompted Averbakh to focus his attention on the double attack in the first part of the book. The second part is devoted to combinations. The author delves into the question of what lies hidden behind the mysterious concept of harmony of pieces. The astonishing simplicity of the answer he finds to this question enables him to reduce the bulk of the combinations to a handful of basic elements. From this Averbakh derives a convincing definition of the term "combination" and introduces a new, promising system of classifying different combinations. All this is explained with the aid of numerous practical examples including complete games and chess problems. The book contains special chapters with numerous exercise problems for the reader to test and consolidate his newly-acquired skill. In this way Averbakh's work is both very instructive and easy to understand.

About the AuthorYuri Lvovich Averbakh was born February 8, 1922 in Kaluga, Russia. Grandmaster Averbakh is now the World's Oldest Grandmaster. He is 90 years old and is still active in chess. His first major success was first place in the Moscow Championship of 1949, ahead of players such as Andor Lilienthal, Yakov Estrin and Vladimir Simagin. He became an International Grandmaster in 1952. In 1954 he won the USSR Chess Championship ahead of players including Mark Taimanov, Viktor Korchnoi, Tigran Petrosian, Efim Geller and Salo Flohr. In the 1956 Championship he came equal first with Taimanov and Boris Spassky in the main event, finishing second after the playoff. Averbakh's other major tournament victories included Vienna 1961 and Moscow 1962. He qualified for the 1953 Candidates' Tournament (the last stage to determine the challenger to the World Chess Champion), finishing joint tenth of the fifteen participants. He also qualified for the 1958 Interzonal at Portoro, by finishing in fourth place at the 1958 USSR Championship at Riga. At Portoro, he wound up in a tie for seventh through eleventh places, half a point short of advancing to the Candidates' Tournament. His most famous result, although certainly not his best result, was in one of the strongest chess tournaments in history, Zurich 1953: There he defeated Keres, Najdorf and Euwe.