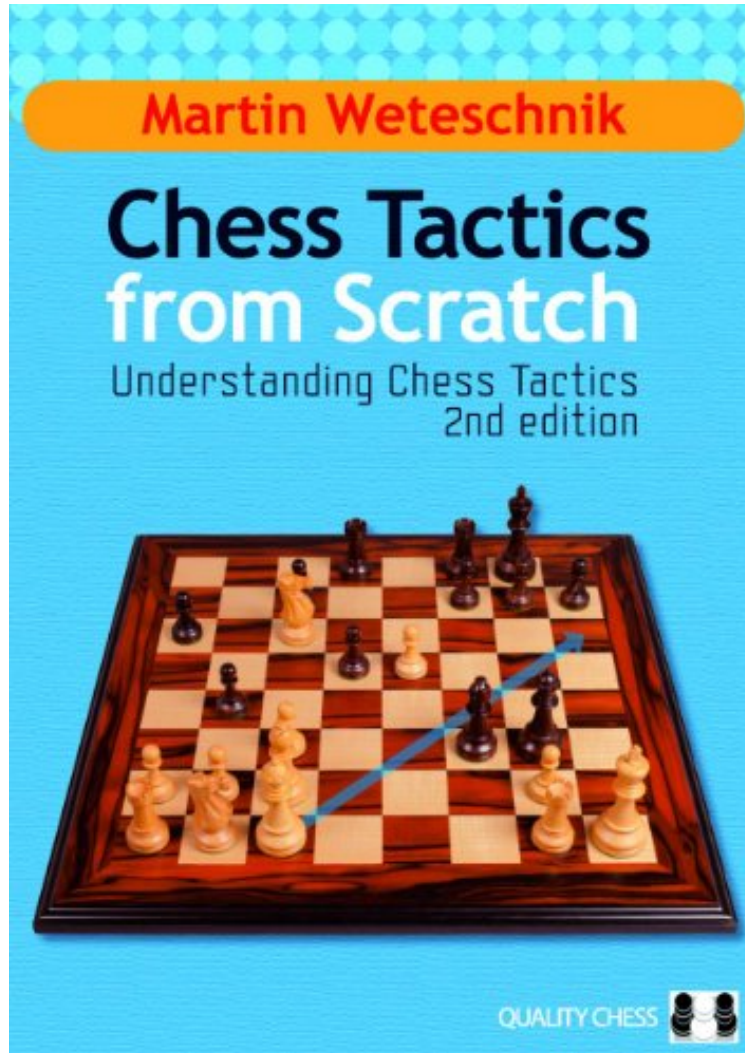


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**Martin Weteschnik : Chess Tactics from Scratch: Understanding Chess Tactics** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chess Tactics from Scratch: Understanding Chess Tactics:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great followup book By Treetown For most chess players, the games are lost due to a tactical oversight and not a critical strategic error. Sure those do also occur but realistically even in games with a strategic flaw it takes some tactical skill to convert that advantage. Martin Weteschnik wrote an earlier book, Understanding Chess Tactics. Though not a GM or "big name" Weteschnik wrote a wonderful book. He shows how one can help improve tactical play in a systematic manner. Many tactic books are collections of positions. Here

Weteschnik shows how one can learn to "see" the patterns - by figuring out target squares and patterns. All of the basic ideas are here, the pin, the x-ray and the fork but also a new term, the re-loader. The first edition is a 5 star book - this version clarifies some of the diagrams and provides little things like whose move it is; there are two new chapters and 300 new positions. As others have noted, this book was originally written the author's native language, German so at times it reads a bit stiff - maybe a more skillful translator would have done a better job - less literal and more in line with the spirit of the work. The publisher Quality Chess Books live up to their names - excellent production value. Clear text, nice paper - the one negative is the translation. 16 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Theory + Testing with game analysis

By Shoedude  
First of all this is a high quality print job all the way. The book has a nice cover, paper, diagrams, feels great to hold, etc. But here's the deal: if you're not one of those who can intuit how to spot 2-3 move combos simply from work solving puzzles (i.e, you aren't an intuitive learner), then this book spoon-feeds you some suggestions. Personally, I feel a hardworking improver shouldn't need all this handholding. Just solve puzzles - and the more the better; memorize the themes and patterns and try to apply them in your games. So this book is basically aimed at the stagnant 1500-1700 player who is not willing (or able) to do the work of solving 30+ puzzles a day. Because if you were actually to do this for months on end, you should eventually figure out how to spot the tactical patterns lurking in the position. In essence the author tells you what you should have learned from solving lots of puzzles, but (for some reason) didn't - hence the title. Incidentally, the book is also a collection of tips from what the author himself (an FM) learned by solving thousands of puzzles! So the bottom line is this is a feel-good book that looks good too. My suggestion is only buy it if you're wanting more theory than practice. If you want expert-level tactics, you'll need to solve a lot of puzzles - this book has 300.

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A good read to get more acquainted with tactics and understand ...

By Castor  
Really insightful! A good read to get more acquainted with tactics and understand their processes. I think understanding together with practice is necessary for someone who is trying to improve anything. I really recommend this book if you are seeking tactics understanding. If you are looking for practice try other books which contain only puzzles or computer based programmes like CT Art.