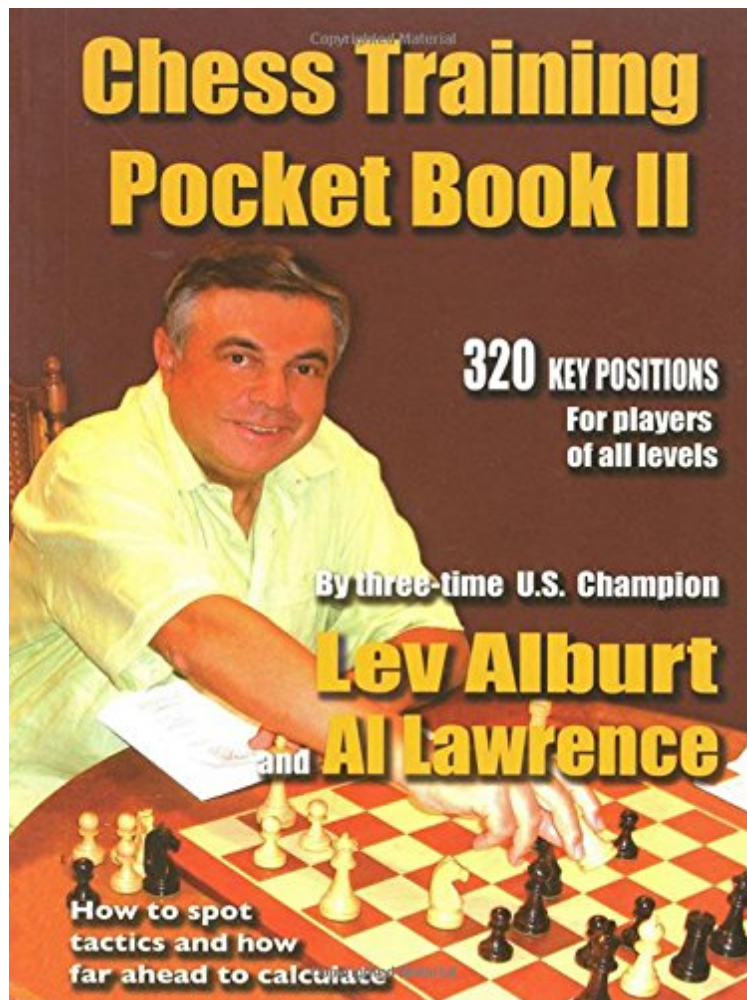


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Completely NewBy James D. StripesI've used the earlier edition of this book for years. It is one of the best available tactical exercises texts because the selection encompasses tactical motifs, strategic plans, and endgame techniques. Having the answers on the facing page is convenient, but requires self-discipline to avert one's gaze from the solution while solving the problems. But the explanations are clear and to

the point--combining lucid prose with critical lines. The essential structure of the new edition remains the same, but the text is cleaner, better aesthetically. I was concerned, however, when ordering this book. I wasn't certain whether I would be getting the same problems as the first edition, but expanded slightly. I was delighted to learn that the book contains 320 new problems. There are several enhancements in the organization. For example, several pages in, all four problems on the page come from one game. The diagrams include both actual positions from the game and theoretical positions that might have occurred. Given a choice between the two versions of "Chess Training Pocket Book," I recommend the second. As for me, I will keep both versions together and ready to hand as I continue my skill improvement.

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By gensmahaut
Excellent book, full of worthwhile insights.

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Solid Sequel
By R. Tobias
This, not surprisingly, is the sequel to the 'Chess Training Pocketbook', which I have also reviewed. It is the same format, with an introductory section of general tips followed by the section of key positions, this time 320 are to be solved, and more importantly, reviewed until they are a part of your long-term knowledge. The same basic tactical, strategic, defensive and endgame principles are again found here, so I would consider this to be a fairly valuable way to extend and deepen your chess foundation. If you have worked diligently through the first book, you will not learn a great deal more general knowledge, as the intro has some overlap w/ volume one. But this is a good book to take w/ you when you are on the go, as it, like the first one, can easily be used w/o a board, and is fairly painless and fun to work through. But just learning positions is not enough, as Albur seems to almost suggest. To really become a strong player, you will have to supplement this with additional chess study material, playing many games at slow time controls, study your games, study master games, and if you are lucky, study with a strong player.

Chess Training Pocket Book II: How to spot tactics and how far ahead to calculate gives you the knowledge and training you need to become a master-strength player. Chess Training Pocket Book II is a sequel to the best-selling Chess Training Pocket Book: 300 Most Important Positions and Ideas. In the same tradition, this follow-up volume will save you years of hit-and-miss reading and sporadic improvement because it gathers together for you the crucial, game-winning knowledge in one easy-to-carry book. It will test, train, and sharpen your thinking skills. Each carefully chosen position offers a crucial building block in your chess knowledge. 324 Illustrations

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