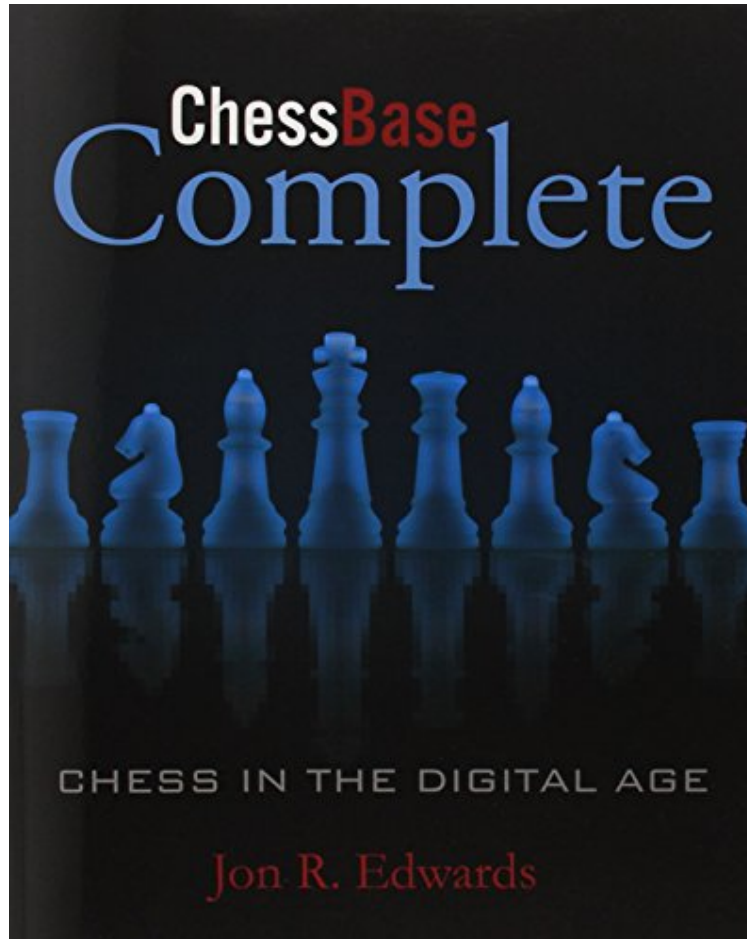


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**Jon Edwards : ChessBase Complete: Chess in the Digital Age** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised ChessBase Complete: Chess in the Digital Age:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Essential for novice ChessBase usersBy A. AliI agree with another reviewer that something similar to this should have been included with the ChessBase package as a manual. But ChessBase hasn't included it and hence the need for this book, particularly for novice users. If you're using ChessBase 12 (soon to be reincarnated as ChessBase 13) and want a slick explanation of how various features of ChessBase 12 can be used for searching, training, annotating, publishing, and playing purposes, then this book's for you. It's not a great book but it's an essential one. ChessBase is what Edwards used to write that phenomenal book, "Sacking the Citadel." Come to think of it, "Sacking the Citadel" provides an extended example of how to use the search features of ChessBase.Postscript: I should add that this book is not a reference manual. The author explains

how he uses the various features of ChessBase for his purposes (training, teaching, searching, etc.). Thus, various key features of ChessBase are often mentioned en passant, in perfunctory form. For instance, Steve Lopez has online notes on how to use the training feature that is more in-depth than what Edwards gives. The title of the book ("ChessBase Complete") is thus a bit of a misnomer. The book is directed more towards novices than power users. 11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Essential to newbie Chessbase users By M. A. Oberly This book has been a long time coming for those of use who aren't fluent in all the uses of Chessbase, a very powerful database for chess players. I don't think I really tried to learn Chessbase until version 12, which came out in the last couple of years. I figured out a few basic functions, but a lot of the handier features were too arcane for me to learn. (there is a manual, and a lot of stuff is in there, but it's written very much like a technical software manual) Mr. Edwards has taken 14 general features (labeled as 'scenarios'), such position searches, opening preparation, training and teaching, playing on the Playchess server using Chessbase, etc, and explained very clearly how to use Chessbase as a tool to accomplish these activities. The book is full of screenshots, which are most helpful, and he does not make assumptions of the reader. Every function is spelled out. I found his sections on setting up databases and manipulating them among the most helpful. I can speak from my own experience, it is easy to get confused and frustrated when trying to learn these things just from the manual. Chessbase is a powerful and fairly complicated piece of software. I'm sure Edwards could easily write a book twice as long explaining many of the useful features. But this is indispensable for the new or confused user. Chessbase is a fairly expensive product as is (especially if you also purchase one of the large databases), it seems to me that buying this book to assist in your learning is a no brainer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Two Stars By Richard H. Dickhaut No, it did not meet my expectations -- it was out of date and misleading.

ChessBase Step-by-Step There's a general recognition among chess players at all levels that the ChessBase software application is critical for serious chess improvement, but many chess players are intimidated by the software. Now, for the first time, former U.S. correspondence champion Jon Edwards has created real-life scenarios that focus upon why the software is so important for chess players of every class, along with clear explanations of how to use ChessBase. The author will show you how, with ChessBase: (1) Opening preparation is quick, comprehensive, fully-up-to-date, and effective; (2) You can quickly locate and review important games in every opening, middlegame type, and endgame; (3) You can instantly see what worldwide engines think about most opening and many middlegame positions; (4) You can instantly see where you and your opponents erred; (5) You can reliably prepare chess books for publication in print or on the web. And much, much more! There is in fact no aspect of using ChessBase which Edwards does not cover. It is all here, and all in one volume! Know simply that ChessBase is instrumental to every aspect of chess. This book explains how the software can help you to improve your play, your learning, your teaching, your writing, or simply your love of and enthusiasm for the game. Jon Edwards explains all that you will need to know with concrete examples and simple instructions. After that, how strong a chess player, how good a chess teacher, how good a chess author you become is truly up to you.

About the Author Jon Edwards has written more than a dozen chess books, notably including *The Chess Analyst* (Thinkers Press, 1999) which chronicles the success in the US championship, *Teach Yourself Visually: Chess* (Wiley, 2006), a photographically based chess primer, and *Sacking the Citadel: The History, Theory, and Practice of the Classic Bishop Sacrifice* (Russell Enterprises, 2011). He lives with his wife in New Jersey.