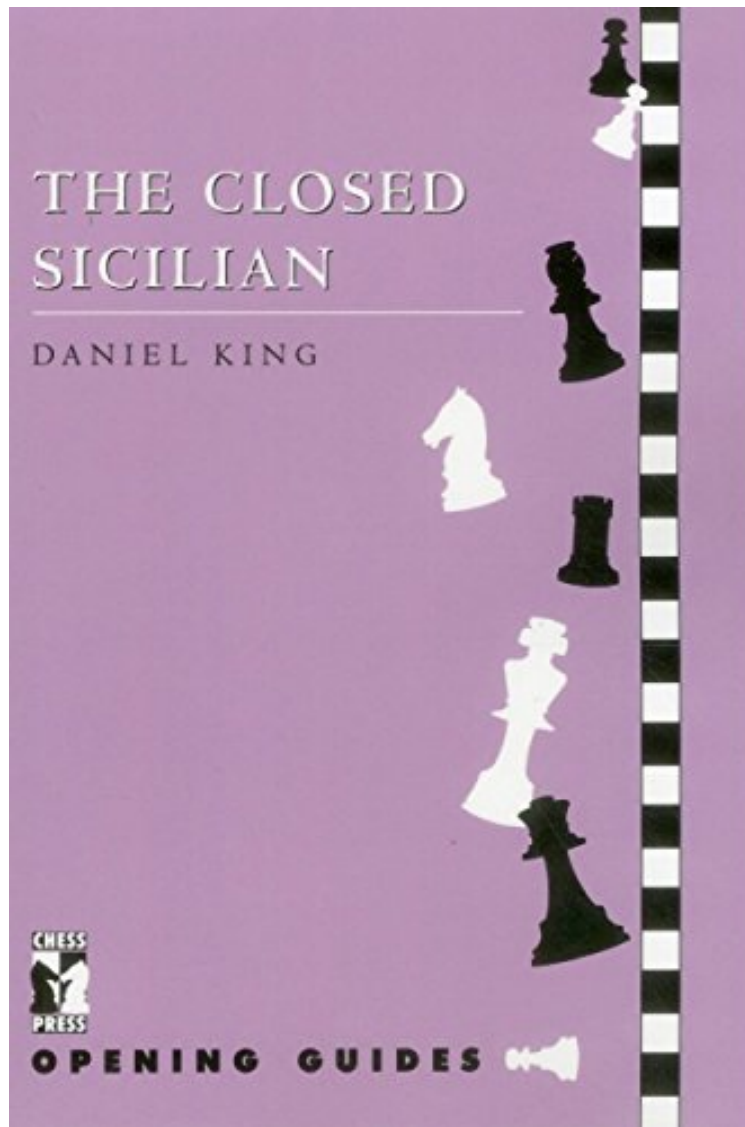


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**Daniel King : Closed Sicilian** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Closed Sicilian:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Job by Daniel King By Brian A. Powell I doubt there is a better treatment of this opening. GM Daniel King teaches the opening through the use of annotated full games. Everything is covered from opening strategy, transpositions, optimal middle game plans, all the way through to typical endgames. It is written for players on the white side, but defenders will find plenty of useful information. The theory of this type of opening doesn't change much. So, the fact that it is a dated is of little consequence. The information is accurate and

relevant. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. outstanding in so many ways  
By Kelly K. Patterson  
Daniel King is quickly becoming one of my favorite chess authors. His love of the game is obvious in all of the books of his I have studied ("Mastering the Spanish" co-written with Pietro Ponzetto and "Winning With The Najdorf") and if you've seen the nice little BBC program "How to Win at Chess" with Raymond Keene you can see he has a nice relaxed conversational style that transposes to his writing. Much like Drazen Marovic, he does not have the 'tangled web sentence structure' found in sooooo many chess books. (Some chess books are so oddly written, and poorly edited in a language sense, that it is like reading a William S. Burroughs 'cut-up' technique.) Very odd structures that only make everything spin in circles all the more. But King has a clear and concise style that helps bring the information across that much easier. While this may not seem like such an important aspect of a chess book since most people would equate a chess book with a math book ... lots of numbers and letters mixed up together that make no sense to the layman. But as with any subject, the clearer the writing, the clearer the message comes across. King gets his message across nice and clear. The other reviewers have covered the chapters and various lines that are handled in this book so I won't go into that. They have laid out the technical side of the book quite fine and except for one review, I support the other reviewers opinions. This is a book that perhaps would be a second or third book in a club player's path on the Closed Sicilian. You'll find plenty of Boris Spassky games used for illumination and rightly so as he is perhaps the finest Closed Sicilian player certainly in the last fifty years. One very nice aspect of this book, and perhaps the others in this 'series' from Chess Press, is that each game discussion includes a diagram about every tenth pair of moves so you could carry it with you and not require a chess board to work with it. I can't do entire games in my head but I can handle a bit of it and this book has enough 'mileposts' so that you can keep track without a chess board on hand. That is a very very nice feature in my opinion. Chess books that you can carry along with you and get plenty out of are somewhat far and few in between at least for the lower level players who, as I mentioned, can't do entire games in their heads. I'd think that is most of the players who would be buying this book. So including all the info from the other reviewers, I've tried to add a bit of the outer areas concerning this book. It's a five-star tome to be sure. I hope King has other openings books in his future since this one and the Najdorf are very fine works and really make your game in these two lines jump up.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars  
By Gabriel Adrian Romanelli  
Excellent!

The Closed Sicilian has always been a great favorite with chess club and tournament players. Here, Grand Master Daniel King explains the strategy and tactics of this dynamic opening variation, using model games for both sides to illustrate the important ideas. Armed with this book, readers will have everything they need to know to play the opening with either White or Black.

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The Closed variation (1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3) has always been regarded as an interesting and dynamic way to meet the aggressive Sicilian Defense. At the highest level, former World Champions Boris Spassky and Vassily Smyslov have employed it on a regular basis, while Vassily Ivanchuk has also used it as a surprise weapon. The Closed Sicilian is ideally suited to club and tournament players, as it does not require the memorising of reams of complicated variations; an understanding of typical themes being more important than theoretical knowledge. In this book, Grandmaster Daniel King explains the strategy and tactics of this popular opening. Through the use of model games for both sides, the author provides a thorough grounding in the key ideas.