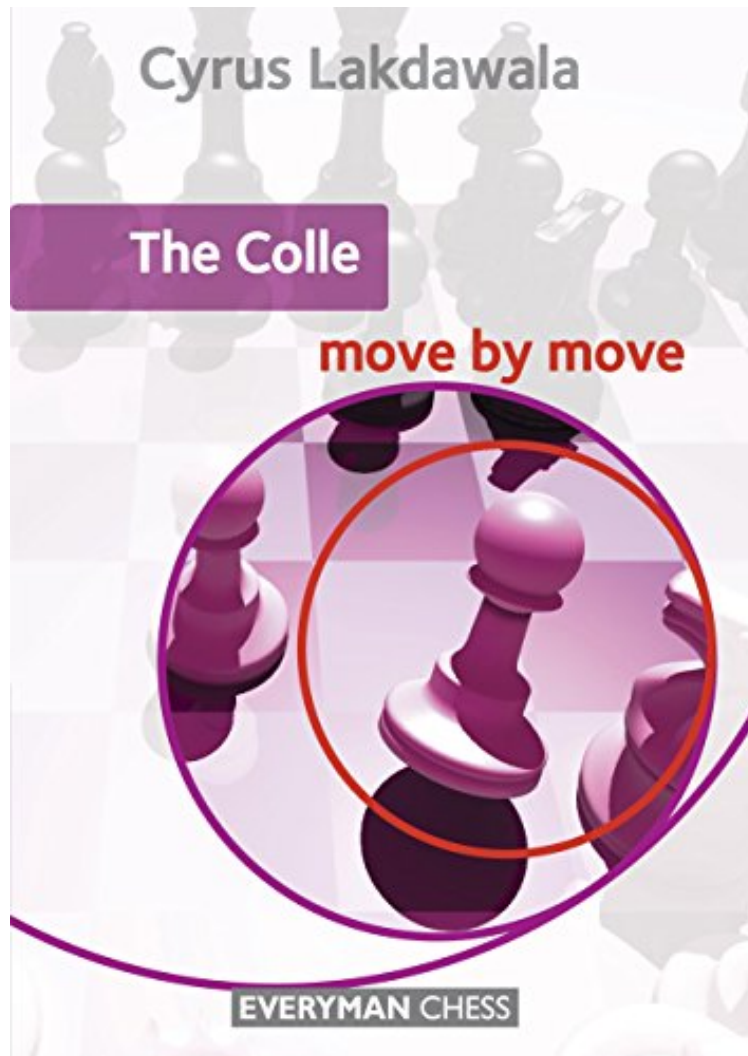


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**Cyrus Lakdawala : Colle: Move by Move** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Colle: Move by Move:

19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Good but confusing at times By Customer My chess rating runs around 2100. I used to play the Colle and was interested in the new improvements since then. Lakdawala has written a VERY entertaining book on an opening he plays regularly. I really like the way he presents the opening. However, most of these are white-to-play-this-and-win plus a positive thinking pep talk (salted with interesting and often funny [to me] metaphors). In other words, Lakdawala does not present a critical analysis of the opening, instead it's a defense. However, there are glimmers of how Black could change the course of the game with different moves, move

orders, and ideas. Not all the games are at the GM level and a computer is mentioned often (despite the introduction ranting against computer analysis and needing a computer proof opening that computers and theory will not dismantle). Typically when I learn a new opening it's helpful to follow the main lines so the confusing thing is the format (which can interfere with the way I process chess information). Typically the format, inserting questions (mostly useful) adds to the sense of understanding. The problem is that there are times when the diagrams and the questions are off the main line. The feeling is one of having to go back to decipher what he's talking about. I do like the fact that most "average" player should be able to follow the lines due to the abundance of diagrams. Please note, despite the 416 pages, there is less on the Colle than I had hoped for... a good percentage of the book is Lakdawala entertaining us with his sense of humor. (e.g. his dog eating grass and ceremonially vomiting it up) This book is not encyclopedic which is good for the new learner and not so good for those who may already have a good sense of the opening and want more depth. Another thing that should be understood, this is an introduction to the whole Colle complex. It covers the traditional idea of playing for e4, or the new so-called Phoenix idea of playing a reversed Slav with b4, or the "brutal" (Ladawala) Zukertort system. In other words, after reading this book you will need to head for one of the books that specialize in one of these lines. While the Colle is essentially a "one-trick" pony (if it doesn't work then white is in trouble), it is a very good and reliable trick that new players have used effectively to stay out of early trouble against superior players. (The London, played well is considered "unbeatable" while the Colle is open to debate.) The reason this book scores so high (for me) is because it also happens to be a tactical manual. Ladawala refers to the various attacking motifs and how to look for and combine them. Some of them are advanced ideas and the newer player may have to search the meaning of some of the ideas mentioned. Still it's a good attacking manual. So if you are fairly versed in chess, looking for a solid opening with explosive attacking potential over the board, and are willing to learn a sense of timing of when something big should happen... give this book a read. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Good Opening Book for Players who Want to Avoid Sharp Dangerous Openings By Steve Allen Lenores I started buying Cyrus' books because he used to be my chess coach about 25 years ago. I like his Colle book because most of the players in New Mexico are not used to this system which means they are likely to misplay the opening. As an older player, I'm over sixty now, I needed an opening repertoire that was more positional and less tactical. It's like a golfer that has to adjust his swing as he gets older so that he can still compete against the younger players. All of his opening books fit the bill in that respect. I would recommend his books to anyone who wants or needs to transition from sharp tactical lines to positional chess. 4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. You will want to play the Colle when you are done with this book! By Club player Well written. Fun, which is not typical of chess books. Author shows how the basic pawn structures can arise out of a variety of move orders. I don't use the Colle as a primary opening anymore, but it can really throw an opponent in certain move orders. I'm looking forward to using it a little more now!

Cyrus Lakdawala studies the popular Colle Opening. He covers both the main lines and the Colle-Zukertort Attack, examines repertoire options for White and answers all the key questions.

As with Lakdawala's other books, this is a very enjoyable read. It is easy to follow, leaves you with a smile on your face, and a keen sense that you know exactly what is going on with Lakdawala there to guide you. Once you have worked your way through the book, you are left with the confidence to play the opening and the suggested lines. Even though I possibly should know better, I am beginning to feel like a sucker for enjoying Lakdawala's books so much. If I were a young player looking to improve my game and understand an opening, I would most likely be picking up his books at the same pace people buy overpriced candy and popcorn at the movie theater, though these books last a lot longer and you do not end up feeling guilty afterward. - ChessCafe.com From the Back Cover