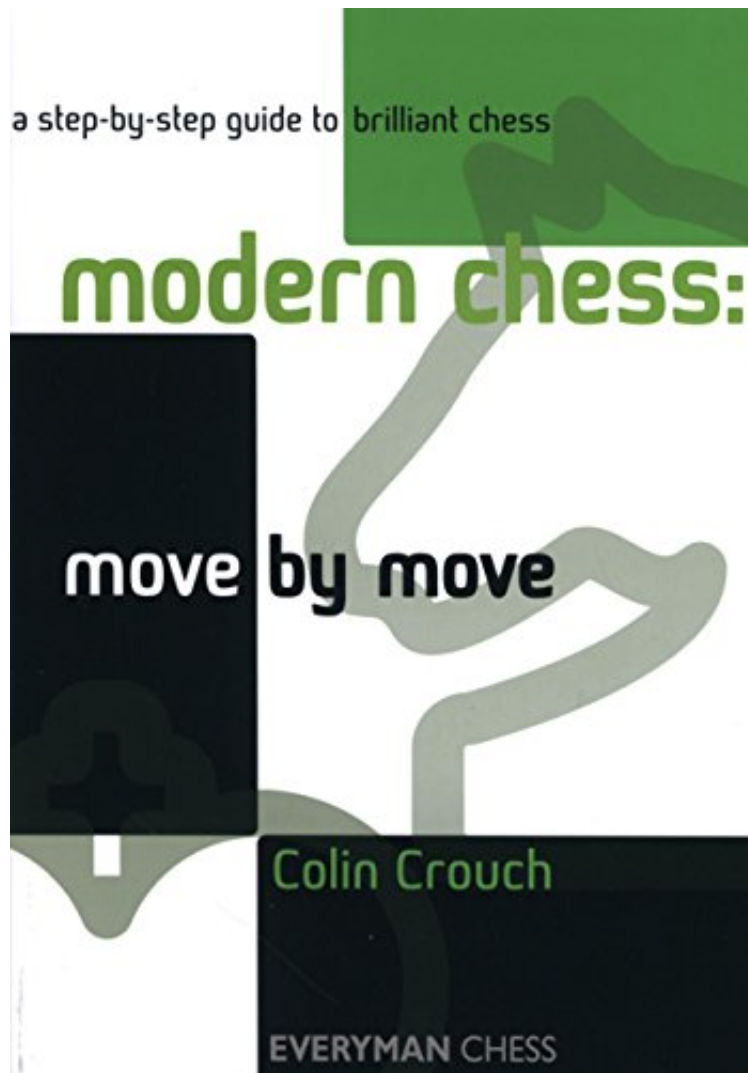


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**Colin Crouch : Modern Chess: Move by Move: A Step-By-Step Guide To Brilliant Chess (Everyman Chess)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Modern Chess: Move by Move: A Step-By-Step Guide To Brilliant Chess (Everyman Chess):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Huge Editor Fail By Christopher Ammons This is the third time I have entered a review for this book, and a third time I have changed my rating. This is one of the worst edited chess books I have read, and chess books are notorious for poor editing. Errors in algebraic notation are found on about

every other page. For many of these errors, it is not easy to understand what the author intended. (I initially felt the editors deserved blame for this, but I changed my mind. Most of the mistakes are so readily apparent that Crouch could have done his own editing and easily caught 90% of them if he only had the time and or motivation to do so.)The text overall is very poorly written. Many sentences and grammatical phrasing that will obviously wrong to any native speaker of English. Who Crouch is writing for is also unclear. In many places he will write at length about a basic concept (i.e. knights before bishops) and a little later give two pages of dense computer-derived lines. The annotations seem structured around showing lines that have been revealed by computer analysis. Most of the book boils down to "showing" interesting computer lines in very complex positions. There is little explanation, and little insight to be gained by the reader. Because the bulk of the text concerns analysis of extremely complex positions (positions which are mostly unclear to 2700+ in over the board play) there is not much of pedagogical value for a player below 2000 rating. I doubt someone with a 2000 rating would gain more by studying this book than a plethora of other very fine chess-books. The one redeeming feature of the book is that this really is a good selection of games. Of the approximate 20 games I went through before tiring of this book, each of them was a brilliant and inspiring game of chess. These games are certainly worthy of study, but are Crouch's dense and essentially un-edited annotations worth the time to go through?

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great and Unique Games Collection  
By R. Tobias  
This is a very well done and somewhat unique games collection. Crouch examines 33 wins, each one by a different 2700+ player. In addition, all the losers are rated over 2600. The games are annotated in amazing depth: the book is large format, yet it still sprawls to over 400 pages! As the title suggests, nearly each move is commented on. (The only exception seems to be that he does not inately comment over and over again on moves like 1.d4, like Chernev in 'Logical Chess Move by Move'.) The notes are directed toward the developing player, with very helpful explanations of how chess has moved on from reliance on generalizations to more concrete, 'rule-independent' play. There is plenty of analysis of alternate lines, and there is quite a bit of opening theory discussed. There are some endgames, but the games largely seem to be decided in the middlegame. The notes are really lucid, the games are all recent vintage, with every single game played from 2005-8. A nice, fairly balanced selection of modern openings is represented, although the Sicilian, Ruy Lopez, Slav and Semi-Slav games take up over half of the book. I believe that he includes a win from every player in the world rated over 2700 during that period! Crouch, a very respected and experienced chess author, is an IM who unfortunately experienced a stroke a few years ago. But rather than give up, he has fought back by using his energies to go over countless recent games in depth, and he has shared the fruits of his labor of love with us. This is a special collection, similar to Chernev, but more advanced and accurate in its analysis and explanations. Chernev is rightly loved, but is useful only for beginners and novices. After you have gone through Chernev (still probably the best at giving very basic chess principles, even if it is too rigid at points), I would go through Steve Giddins' two games collections (50 Essential Chess Lessons, 50 Ways To Win At Chess), and then this book would be a great follow-up to those. If you are still hungry for more, I would then go with Nunn's 'Understanding Chess Move by Move', a book with heavier analysis of variations than all the mentioned books. But if you want to jump to this one first, I wouldn't blame you, as it is a real gem! Enjoy!

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Very Good Effort  
By CheesLover  
This book is a very well balanced between variations and verbal analysis of high level chess games. With the "rising of the machines", most of the authors tend to give endless variations which often are impossible to follow without getting lost in the jungle. Master Crouch have done a very good effort and have made close to perfection in this masterpiece, specially taking into account that he selected very complex games to deal with. This book with no doubt will help to understand chess better, specially to readers with certain level of skill, let's say between 1500-2000 FIDE ELO points.

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reflects the continuing changes in modern chess, and how you can use the lessons learned to great effect in your own games. \*Over 30 brilliant games of chess, annotated move by move\* Learn from Kasparov, Anand, Kramnik, Topalov and other greats\* Covers all aspects of modern chess Dr Colin Crouch is an International Master, an extremely experienced tournament player and a highly regarded chess writer. His previous books for Everyman Chess include Queens Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4!, which has been highly acclaimed for its thoroughness and originality, with one reviewer describing it as the opening book of the year'. He has been a regular columnist for British Chess Magazine and CHESS.