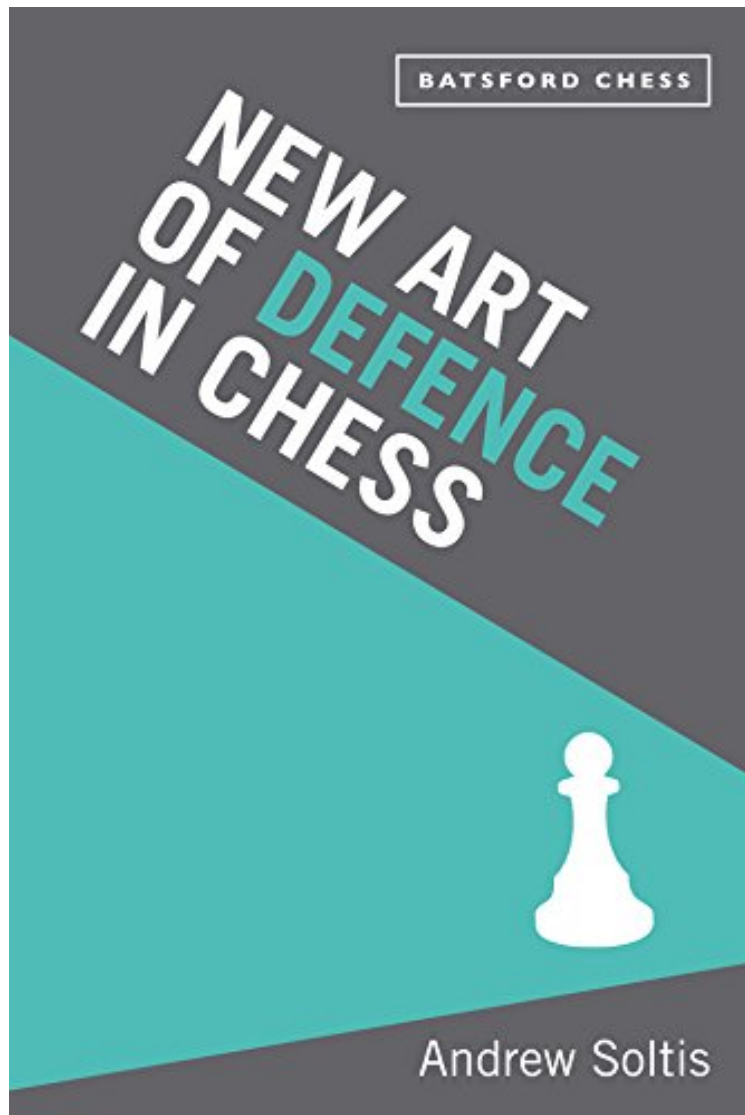


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Andrew Soltis : New Art of Defence in Chess before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised New Art of Defence in Chess:

37 of 37 people found the following review helpful. A new classic!By KaleAndMushroomsI have fond memories of the original Art of Defence in Chess by Andrew Soltis. It was the book that took me to master level. Suddenly, I found that I could win 90% of my games against players below 2100 level simply by letting them attack and timing a counter blow. My original copy is well worn. I've lent it to chess friends and students, and can't recommend it enough. One of

my students managed to get the copy signed by Arnold Schwarzenegger at a book signing! Imagine now my delight when I find a rewrite of the classic using modern games. It's almost too good to be true. This new edition offers more insights into the dynamic nature of attack and defense. I would almost claim that the book really is about positional play, because these are the kinds of factors one must weigh when conducting the game positionally. Other books will teach you things like the static weaknesses of doubled pawns, and books about dynamic factors tend to be geared towards attacking. This book looks at dynamic factors through the eyes of the defender. It's a relevant skill to have in every game, because when one is winning positionally, most players nowadays will launch desperate counter-play, and being able to negotiate the trade offs is essential on the path to winning. While not as advanced as Dvoretsky's work on the subject, this book is perfect for expert players hoping to reach master level.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Robert D. Good training resource.
5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Nice revision of the original book, not really "New" defence, and a bad Kindle edition to boot.
By Common Sense
I own both this book and the original "The Art of Defense in Chess". I found Soltis' assessment that the actual practice of defense in chess has shifted in the interim to be accurate; it's clearly evident from comparing the games of, say, Petrosian in the 1960's, to the games of Anand in the 2000's. The original edition was published in 1986. You'd expect the new edition to draw heavily on new material and leave behind the old games of the 1st edition behind (after using a few as a baseline). After all, there wouldn't be a need for a new edition unless things had changed in the way the game is played, as the title implies. But most of the chapters in the book (Chapter 7, Risk, is the main exception) have more old games (pre-1990) than new. If this is an exposition on the "New Defence", why are the illustrations of "new defence" ideas being made with games from 1903? It's not clear that this is a step forward from Soltis' original in terms of the actual theory of defence. I enjoyed the book and found it useful. It's well-organized and the ideas are easily understood and retained. But I'm not left with the impression it's worth replacing the original book.

A note on publishing chess in e-book format: I found the Kindle edition miserably difficult to read, because the typesetting uses figurine notation, and the characters are outline-only, not solid. Fortunately, no other chess book I've bought in e-book format does this (and for good reason). This transparent appearance (and their size) makes them very difficult to interpret, unless you're willing to hold your tablet less than 12" from your face, or use a font size that's so big there can't be more than 10 words on a line (which I find too disruptive for rapid reading). In addition, the diagrams are not crisp at all, they're fuzzy, as if they'd been scanned from a printed page. You might think it's a defect with Kindle, but my edition of Fundamental Chess Openings, published by Gambit Press, has diagrams that look like they're in HD by comparison. So, the book is good, but not a necessary replacement for the original, and don't buy the Kindle edition unless you have 20/15 eyesight and want it tested.

Many chess books explain how to improve an already-favorable position. This completely revised and updated edition of a classic guide can help when you've lost the advantage. Every player needs an arsenal of defensive techniques, and Andrew Soltis covers them all, along with psychological strategies for achieving victory. Learn how to master counterplay, when to accept sacrifices, how to anticipate short- and long-term threats, how to minimize losses, and much more.

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