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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Improved my game knowledge of chessBy Christopher NelsonWell worth the \$2 I paid for this out of print gem from Penguin, and written by one time British chess champion leading theorist, Harry Golombek. You can probably find it even cheaper used, here on . Even though the book was written in 1954, and subsequently updated (with a game or two of Bobby Fischer, etc.!) I've found it perfectly concise and comprehensive for both beginners and intermediate-advanced chess players. If you play a lot of chess but have never read any chess books then I recommend this as a wonderful supplement. Your game will only get stronger with study. Because there are so many chess books available it's hard to figure out what one needs, but for starters, this is excellent because it not only contains a basic introduction to the game, it also includes chapters on openings, the middle game, end game, and a number of famous games from the Nineteenth Century (filled with timeless tactics strategies that show the evolution of the game). All in all, Golombek has written a highly instructive and easy to follow Penguin handbook which, with a little time and effort, will undoubtedly polish your style and strengthen your (chess) mind.Three other chess book recommendations for anyone wanting to go beyond simply "playing" chess but wanting to learn more might also be interested in the following: "Begin Chess" by David B. Pritchard (see my review); "The Art of the Middle Game", Paul Keres Alexander Kotov (also a Penguin Handbook); and finally, "The Pleasures of

Chess", by Assiac (most conversational enjoyable to read of all). Good luck! Enjoy chess.