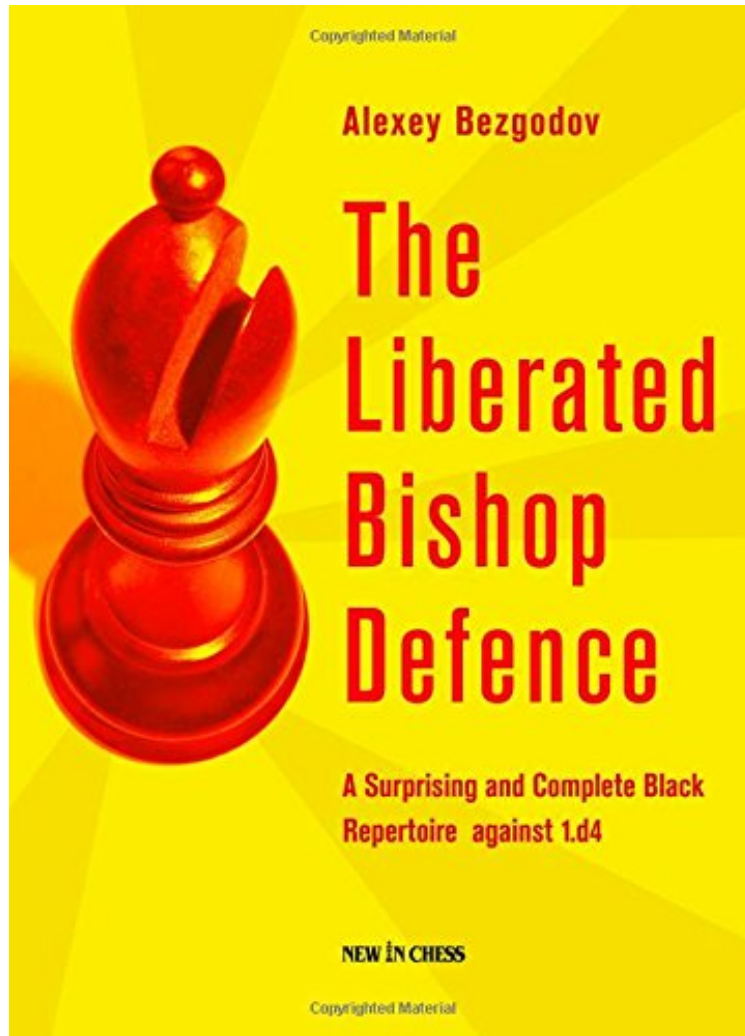


The Liberated Bishop Defence: A Surprising and Complete Black Repertoire against 1.d4

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Alexey Bezgodov : The Liberated Bishop Defence: A Surprising and Complete Black Repertoire against 1.d4 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Liberated Bishop Defence: A Surprising and Complete Black Repertoire against 1.d4:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. The Best Book on the Baltic DefenseBy PHOAfter playing through several games in this book, I will say that I like the author's comments and annotations. From what I have seen elsewhere on this defense, I would say that if you intend to play this defense, then this is the book to have. I think the author is straightforward and objective in his evaluations.However, I was disappointed in the omission of the line: 1.d4

d5, 2.c4 Bf5, 3.cxd5 Bxb1, 4.Qa4+ c6, 5.Rxb1 Qxd5, 6. Nf3 Nd7, 7. Bd2. This (7.Bd2) seems to be a strong move, and I am not sure how it could have been overlooked by the author. I came across a review of this book that I think sums up things very well. You can find it here:<http://www.thechessmind.net/blog/2014/12/30/a-review-of-bezgodovs-the-liberated-bishop-defence.html>I had to knock off a star for the missing line that I mentioned, and I knocked off another star because I think the index of variations doesn't facilitate finding particular lines and the associated games as readily as it should. Nevertheless, despite those two items, the author has done a very good job in presenting this defense to anyone that has a desire to learn it. I don't think you will find a better treatment of it anywhere else.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy arthur collinsGreat, new ideas and if you like the London System it seems like a nice compliment.1 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy joe studyI like this author's books. They are original and objective. Well written.

In many 1.d4 openings, Black has trouble getting his bishop on c8 into play. Former Russian Chess Champion Alexey Bezgodov presents a radical solution to this nagging problem; liberate your bishop right away and put it on f5 on the second move! Play 2...Bf5! against either 2.c4 or 2.Nf3 will surprise your opponent and is also a great way to support your development, because the bishop takes control of the important square e4. If White does not immediately take decisive action, then within a move or two he can relinquish any hopes on an opening advantage. Alexey Bezgodov has found some great antidotes to White's most dangerous reactions in sharp and attractive lines. To test your understanding of his system he has included more than 100 exercises. After studying the fresh ideas and the clear explanations presented in *The Liberated Bishop Defence* chess players of almost every strength will enjoy the flexibility of a surprising, effective and universal weapon against 1.d4.

This is the first detailed work devoted to this complete answer to 1.d4 and Russian Grandmaster Bezgodov uses 100 deeply annotated model games to explain the opening and 103 exercises to test what the reader has learned. (John Donaldson, International master, International Master) Here is your opportunity to score with a novelty! I find 'The Liberated Bishop Defence' an excellent opening book. I would give it a 9.9 (out of 10). Why not 10? Well, the diagram on page 195 isn't correct. (Richard Vedder, FIDE Master, Netherlands) The trend to include exercises has been taken to another level. There are more than 100 of them therein for those who enjoy testing themselves. So there are lots of goodies for the money. I liked the writing style and found the book to be a great deal of fun. The personal touch of the author is everywhere, and the homespun novelties and analyzes are stimulating. (Grandmaster Glenn Flear, author of *Starting Out: Open Games*) Bezgodov analyzes in detail many neighboring variations, so this book is also useful as a reference work. I think that this book could be of great help for many readers (with a rating above 1600). (Dennis Calder, FIDE Instructor) Truly enriches the world of openings. The reader gets a well-constructed repertoire for Black, which is being presented in a way that is easy to understand. (Uwe Bekemann, German Correspondence Chess Federation) About the Author Alexey Bezgodov (1969) is a Russian Grandmaster and writer. He was Russian Champion in 1993 and came shared first in the 1999 Ukrainian Championship. He is the author of *The Extreme CaroKann* (2014), another highly original chess opening book.