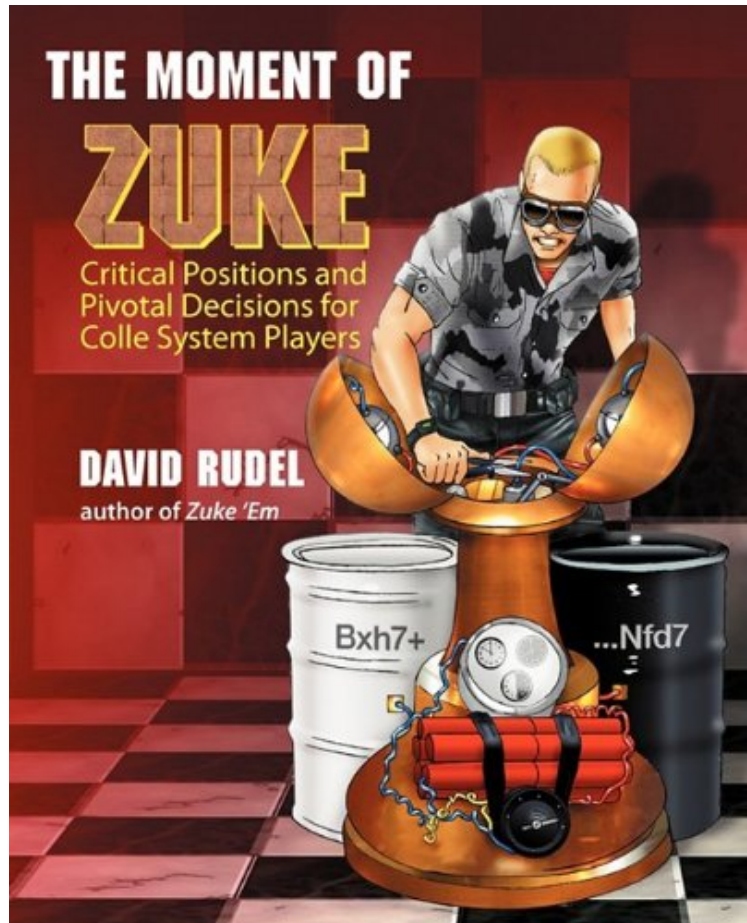


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22 of 23 people found the following review helpful. A United Colle System By A. Murgatroid The Moment of Zuke: Critical Positions and Pivotal Decisions for Colle System Players The Moment of Zuke by David Rudel is an exciting and eye-opening follow-up of Zuke `Em, the author's previous illuminating book on the Zukertort variation of the Colle System. But this new book is more than a sequel. At the center of Rudel's attention in this book are seven pivotal decision-points that arise with varying frequencies in both Colle-Koltanowski (C-K) games and Colle-Zukertort (C-Z) games. The decision-points include such problems as what a Colle player should do when Black plays a queen-side fianchetto defense (i.e. . . . b6 plus . . . Bb7) or places a Knight on e4 or retreats a Knight from f6. Throughout the book, Rudel explains how the C-K and C-Z relate or diverge and, in doing so, helps the reader understand the ways in

which these two variations may be seen as comprising a single system. As in Zuke 'Em, this book is aimed primarily (but not exclusively) at class chess players--those below the level of expert. It is written in a clear and engaging style that includes Socratic dialogues with the reader. The author also enlivens the text by assigning colorful--and thus more easily remembered--labels to various lines of play including, for example, the "Errant Knight," "the Kite of Doom," and "the Knight Assassination Attack." Each pivotal decision-point is presented and analyzed in one of seven modules consisting of the lessons to be learned, a set of well-selected exercises, and a section of solutions to the exercises that includes commentary, analysis, and variations. Rudel emphasizes that each module should be re-read as many times as is needed to grasp the key points presented in the lesson. He anticipates that most students will have some difficulty solving all of the exercises the first time around and urges readers to review the lesson and try again. He expects that after following this procedure, students will see considerable improvement in their ability to solve the exercises and to identify and solve similar problems over-the-board. Players who wish to move quickly into material that gives priority to one or the other of the two main Colle variations will appreciate a valuable chart (p. 10) that presents Rudel's estimates of the relative importance of each module to players who prefer one or the other variation. For instance, C-K players should find Module 2 (analyzing lines arising from an early . . . b6) and Module 7 (analyzing the Classic Greek Gift sacrifice Bxh7+) to be of special importance, although each of these Modules also is of some importance to C-Z players as well. In addition to these two modules that give priority to the C-K, the author also includes an appendix (Tract 2) presenting a novel analysis of the mainline of the C-K. Another appendix (Tract 1) presents a digest of the anti-Colle lines analyzed in Zuke `Em. As is true of its predecessor, The Moment of Zuke has an attractive layout, type-face, and flexible binding. This book admirably suits its purpose and is a "must" for players of either Colle variation. It also is a valuable addition to the literature of chess.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Innovative approach  
By G. Kelly  
Unusual book but effective on what it aims to teach. I highly recommend.  
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A really, really good chess writer.  
By TB  
This Rudel fellow writes a good book! It is thematic based. No pages and pages of variations down to move 36, his book has plenty of illustrations. Plus, he writes what is possible, not just some annotations of own personal games. This is good, because no one gives a hoot about some local chessmaster's personal victories, we want to know how the opening works. At this, Rudel does a great job. Better even than Soltis, who has some good books out there. As a non-grandmaster, Rudel does not have to fear that a rival will criticize a line he recommends, pointing out that in ten moves it fails to some perfect moves by the other side. Therefore he can freely recommend lines that might fail against a grandmaster but will win for a club player. Another good thing, Rudel addresses the question, "Probably 75% of the time you will not get to play something resembling a Colle. What do you do then, Mr. Colle-player?" Lots of authors skip that part. He included several pages of "anti-Colle lines" but truth be told, if I am going to be a Colle player I would like a little more coverage on how to handle that other 75%. That should be 20 thematic pages, not two. I think Rudel has some powerful computers and combines them with a powerful imagination and the ability to boil it all down to some simple themes, that is what makes this a great chess book. Like the Bxh7 sac. When will it work/not work, you ask, what are the signs? He tells you. The book covers both the Zukertort and Koltanowski Colle, which can get a little clumsy, but Rudel thoughtfully starts chapters with an applicability scale, eg, 75% Zuke /25% Kolty, which saves readers time. It also has a short introduction to this own creation, the Colle Phoenix opening, which is a pretty impressive new idea. Rudel has a website, supposedly available to buyers of his books but I don't think it has a lot of action. Now, if you want to play the Colle you need an old fashioned book like Kolty's on how to play it, you need Rudel's book on the Zukertort variation, you need this Moment of Zuke book, his book on handling the Indian defenses, you need the new Phoenix Attack book. Frankly I think he needs to write a book on the London and Stonewall variations co the Colle, too. So we're talking about \$150, just to cover maybe 12.5% of your opening. Chess just got more expensive!

Most good chess games have turning points, decisive moves where momentum and advantage are at stake. The Moment of Zuke helps Colle System players succeed by illuminating the facets critical to these positions and providing plenty of practice material for training. In June of 2008, David Rudel brought a new brand of chess instruction in his debut book, Zuke 'Em - The Colle-Zukertort Revolutionized. His original presentation and style speak to club, class, and improving players in ways not to be found in traditional chess books. The Moment of Zuke belongs in every Colle System player's library, containing seven lessons on common gamechanging situations Colle System players frequently see. Each module contains practice problems and solutions illustrating key attacking ideas for both b3- and c3-Colle System players. Please note that Bxh7+ and The Moment of Zuke share a significant amount of material.

The modules are well presented. Analytical variations are kept short and simple. Clarity is of great importance and the point of the format is to make the material as easily absorbed as possible.... The Moment of Zuke is a very thought-provoking book. David Rudel has certainly tried to do something different to the norm and one gains the distinct impression that the material has been very carefully chosen to aid the learning process. --Marsh Towers Chess David takes the reader to a level of detail and clarity of explanation I've not ever seen before. Let's just say that I'd like to see

every chess author, particularly of books on the openings, provide explanations, examples, and insights to this level of quality. --Greg's Chess Progress  
The book is set up as a teaching book. It has seven modules, each relating to a particular theme. While each module is structured somewhat differently, each is very detailed with plenty of examples and guidelines, along with exercises and solutions with explanations. This is not the dry chess opening book! --J. Kaye's Book Blog  
In what it claims to do, it is nearly [at the level of] "brilliant" ... Quite a variety on the chess book market and an example how to present an opening in a really fresh and entertaining manner. --English Translation of German review from the German Correspondence Chess Federation  
I have looked over David Rudel's new books ' Bxh7+' and 'The moment of Zuke' , published by Thinkers Press. These are excellent training tools for the improving chessplayer. Both books are well-written, logically structured and most instructive. Rudel presents his work in such a way that you cannot fail to learn and to be entertained at the same time. Both books are highly recommended! --  
International Master Andrew Martin