

# Chess Opening Essentials

*The Ideas & Plans  
Behind ALL  
Chess Openings*

Understanding  
the basics

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- Helps *beginners* to develop a solid understanding of fundamental opening ideas
- Gives *casual players* the ability to choose the opening that suits their style and taste
- A tool for *club players* to test and review their opening repertoire
- A reference book to which *advanced players* keep returning.

Most opening books are either too detailed or too shallow. **Chess Opening Essentials** has exactly the right balance and is an accessible primer and a reference book at the same time. It gives a flavour of how every opening works and explains the similarities with other openings as well as the differences. In addition, it also points at the various middlegame plans that apply *after* the opening has ended.

Grandmasters Dimitri Komarov and Stefan Djuric, and International Master Claudio Pantaleoni do not propagate forcing tactical variations to be memorized mechanically, but explain what you should actually be trying to achieve when playing the opening of your choice. They include the main alternative responses and give clear indications for further study.

**Chess Opening Essentials** helps you to get out of any opening in good shape. This thorough, understandable, and very readable manual gives you a foundation on which to build your repertoire. Beginning and improving chess players should get this powerful book before they buy *any* other chess opening book!

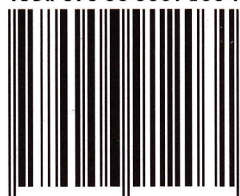
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- **Complete:** explains the plans and counterplans for *both* Black and White
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