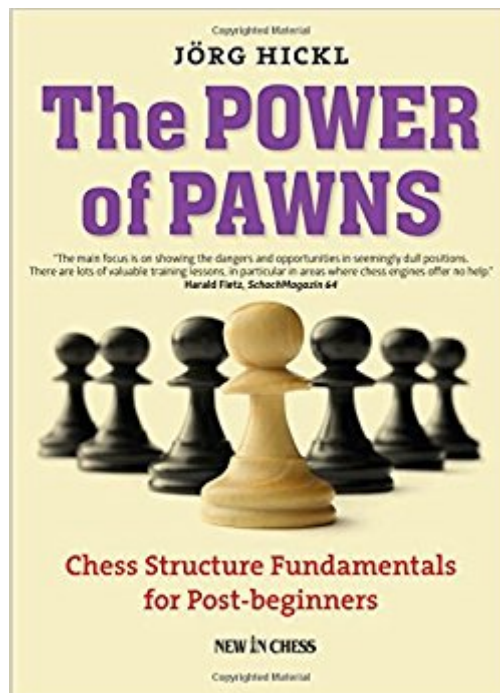




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The Power Of Pawns: Chess Structure Fundamentals For Post-beginners



Synopsis

If you want to improve at chess, you must know the characteristics of typical pawn formations. Understanding the pawn structure is a key tool when you are evaluating a position on the board. One simple pawn move can ruin your position or win the game. Post-beginners should know the basic essentials of chess structures and that is what this modern training manual focuses on. Experienced chess teacher Grandmaster Jörg Hickl helps you to recognize the important characteristics of pawn structures, learn how you can and should develop your pieces, identify how you can improve your position and develop a plan of action. This book provides common sense guidance and Jörg Hickl uses practical examples to explain typical structures, strategies and plans. His tips and exercises are both highly enjoyable and to the point.

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Grandmaster Jörg Hickl (1965) is a former German Champion and a highly experienced chess trainer.

This is a useful follow-up to Hans Kmoch's masterpiece *Pawn Power in Chess* (Dover Chess). Hickl's book is targeted to the average amateur chess player with individual chapters focused on examples of play featuring the basic pawn structures - hanging pawns, isolated pawns, backward pawns, passed pawns, doubled pawns, weak squares and pawn chains. Also included are three chapters focused on pawn play featuring rooks, knights and bishops, respectively. If you want to improve your positional pawn play, this book will definitely prove helpful.

This book is a must for a club chess player. Right before every strategy book. It explains in a clear way the importance of pawn structure and how they define most aspects of the strategy.

Since I am only a 1500 rated player I found this book to be very helpful and easy to understand. Even more important is the book is specific to pawn formations and the author walks you through the more common structures that come up in club/tournament play.

It is a good instructional book about pawn structures with commented games.

Great book about pawn structure and how it can be applied to overall strategy. Themes include isolated pawns, backward pawns, hanging pawns, pawn chains, and how pieces and pawns work together. I believe this book should be a part of every chess player's library, it has been very helpful to me.

I did not put in enough time or effort to fairly evaluate this book. In some cases I am still unable to

tell the difference between a good and bad pawn structure and more importantly how to punish an opponent for having a poor pawn structure..This book could be excellent for someone whose skill level is much higher than mine!

Great book will really help you start planning

I like the fact that the games he analyzes are available in PGN format on the author's website.

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